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LAP BULLETIN

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Worship Schedule

SUNDAY

9.30 am
Worship
(English)

11.15am
Bible Class
(English)

3.45pm
Bible Class
(Mandarin)

5.00pm
Worship
(Mandarin)

7.00pm
Worship
(English)

THURSDAY

7.45pm
Bible Class
(English/Mandarin)

Elders

Bro Jimmy Lau
Bro Lee Tian Seng
Bro Michael Yeo

Deacons

Bro Benjamin Tan
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern



BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

献血运动 Kempen Derma Darah இரத்த தான இயக்கம்

Organised by Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ

Date: 6 April 2019 (Saturday)

Time: 11am to 5pm

Venue: Main Hall
@ Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ

20 Lim Ah Pin Road
Singapore 547839



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Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Mal 2:7 *For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.*

The priesthood of Malachi's days was slackened in their work. They had corrupted the law; they had departed from the law and had caused many to stumble (Mal 2:8). By their example they gave the priesthood a bad name. As a result, they were looked upon with contempt by the people; the people despised them (Mal 2:9). Their life was a shame to the priesthood order.

God sent out a reminder to them to remind them of their responsibilities as priests of God. He laid out the responsibility of the priests and there are three:

1. Keep knowledge of God.
2. Seek the law of God.
3. Be a messenger of God.

1. Keep Knowledge Of God.

It was the priest's duty to guard the Law of God. They were to safeguard it from being corrupted. Instead, they were the ones who corrupted the Law.

Today, we have the responsibility to guard the truth against errors. We are told to preach only sound doctrines (Tit 2:1). Sound doctrines are doctrines that are incorrupt, healthy, pure, and true. We are also told to defend it from corruption and false doctrines (Jude 1:3).

It is the duty of all of God's people to know his law, but it is the priest's duty to know it more than others. Likewise, elder, preachers, and bible class teachers must know the word of God more than their hearers and students. They are to "*keep knowledge*" for those who at any time may "*seek the law*" at their mouths. They must "*be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope*" (1 Pet 3:15). They must be able to teach at any moment.

2. Seek The Law Of God.

We should never be satisfied with the knowledge we have. We must continue to seek God's word. We have to keep growing in the knowledge of God (2 Pet 3:18). We must be diligent in studying the word of God (2 Tim 2:15). We ought to meditate upon God's word day and night (Psa 1:2).

It is even more important for preachers of the word to continue to seek the word of God that they may grow in His knowledge. Getting a diploma from a bible college is not the end of education; it is only the beginning. It is only ten percent of the work done; the other ninety percent of knowledge depends on self study. A preacher must always seek to improve in his knowledge of the word of God.

And, not just about the word of God; God's ministers need to be abreast, and to keep abreast, with all that is thought and known in their day. They must keep abreast of the false teachings that are circulating around the globe, the new denominations that are springing out around them, and the current issues that are affecting the church. They must keep in touch with the news and happenings around the world because to reach out to souls, one needs to know more than just the word of God.

3. Be A Messenger Of God.

The priests were God's messengers. They taught the people the Law of God. We are God's messengers. We are to tell the world the good news about Jesus and salvation. *"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?"* (Rom 10:14).

Your friends may never know about Jesus unless you tell them about Him. God did not send the angels to preach the gospel; He sent men to do it (Mark 16:15). An angel sent the evangelist Philip to preach to a eunuch; he didn't do it himself (Acts 8:26). We are to go into the world to preach the gospel.

Let us be a ready scribe like Ezra: *"For Ezra had prepared his heart to seek the law of the LORD, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and judgments"* (Ezr 7:10). Ezra was ready to give an answer. He was ready to teach at any moment. He was ready to communicate the word of God to any one and at any time. And he was able to do it because he had prepared his heart to seek the law of God.

Ezra prepared his heart to seek the law of God; have we prepared our hearts to do likewise? Are we spending enough time meditating on the word of God? *"For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts"* (Mal 2:7).

Let us be good messengers of our Lord Jesus.

From the Brotherhood



The Origin of the Bible

Adapted from Wayne Jackson

(<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/1560-origin-of-the-bible-the>)

One of the best known laws of the universe is the law of cause and effect. Simply stated it is this: **every effect must have an adequate cause.**

Now let this law be applied to the Bible. The Bible is an effect. It was caused by some source. Really, there are but two possibilities:

- The Bible originated from a purely human source.
- Or the Bible, while employing human writers, is nevertheless ultimately of divine origin.

How can one determine which of these views is correct?

The only way is to examine the Bible itself and see whether or not it bears those marks of identification which would be expected of a book that originated with God. What would be expected of a divine volume?

Affirmed

If God gave the Bible, we would expect Him to tell us so. The fact is, the Bible claims to be the Word of God literally thousands of times (cf. Jer. 1:9; Acts 1:16), and Christ Himself endorsed this very view of Scripture (see Mt. 22: 31).

Harmonious

If God is the source of the Bible, since He is perfect (Mt. 5:48), and not the author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33), we would expect it to be perfectly harmonious.

Though composed over sixteen centuries, the Scriptures are perfectly harmonious. While some have charged the Bible with contradictions, such an allegation will not stand.

Exalted

Since God is holy (Isa. 6: 3), we would expect the Bible to have an exalted moral tone. That is exactly what one finds. Its precepts — “love your neighbor as yourself” and “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” (see Mt. 22:39; 7:12) — have amazed millions of people down through the ages. No philosophy can boast of such morals.

Irreplaceable

If the Bible is from God, we would not expect that any group of men, regardless of their genius, could produce a volume that would surpass that ancient document. Though the Scriptures have been completed more than nineteen centuries, no one has been able to author a book that would make the Bible obsolete. This is inexplicable!

Perpetual

If the Bible is from the timeless God, we would expect it to be perpetually relevant. This is the case. Other books are shortly out-dated, but the Bible is as fresh and up-to-date as when it came from the pens of the inspired writers.

Honest

If the Bible were of divine origin, we would expect it to accurately portray the character of man. This is exactly what it does do. Though man was created upright in God’s own image (Gen.1:26), by sin he has progressively separated himself from his Maker (Isa. 59:1,2). He has become exceedingly corrupt (Jer. 17:9), and hence stands in dire need of help. Man could not have authored the Bible if he would, and would not have penned it if he could!

Specific

Finally, if the Bible is of God, we would not expect it to be simply a vague philosophical and abstract treatise, but rather, to give specific information of what man’s purpose is and how he may achieve that purpose.

Thrillingly, the Bible reveals that man’s purpose on earth is to serve God (Isa. 43:7; Eccl. 12:13). It reveals the mission of Christ to save man from his wickedness (Lk. 19:10), and urges us to be responsive to His redeeming message of grace (Heb. 5:8,9; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38).

Let us hear its message.

WEEKLY NEWS

Business Meeting

The results of the meeting are pinned on the noticeboard.

Special Collection

We have collected SGD\$5500.55 for the Central North church of Christ (Perth, Australia) building fund last Sunday. Thank you all for your generosity.

Travelling (Pray for safety)

1. **Bro Alvin Chan & family** in London till 1 Apr
2. **Bro Kwan & sis Sew Hua** in Skudai COC (JB) till today, where bro Kwan will be conducting a bilingual gospel meeting.

Health

Please pray for **bro Wee Sin's** recovery from surgery for his right shoulder tendon. If all goes well, he is expected to be discharged on this afternoon.

Guests last week

1. Gary V Wheeler (*Spring Creek COC*)
2. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
3. Peh Guang Rong (*sis Yan Ling's husband*)
4. Stephanie Gostelow (*bro Martyn's wife*)
5. Adriel Yeo (*sis Julia's nephew*)
6. Kelvin Kuan (*sis Eunice's friend*)
7. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Health Seminar on Dementia (Mandarin)

Date & Time:
13 Apr, Sat @ 10am-12nn
Venue: LAP Main Hall

Area Cleaning

Date & Time:
13 Apr, Sat @ 1-3pm
Venue: LAP
More hands make light work!

Singing Fellowship

Date & Time:
14 Apr, Sun @ 1.30-3pm
Venue: LAP Main Hall
All are welcome! Come praise our God in song.

Ladies Fellowship (Tea & Time in God's Word)

Date & Time:
20 Apr, Sat @ 2pm - 3.30pm
Venue: LAP Main Hall
Please register with sis Eunice if you are interested to attend.

Health Seminar (Advanced Care Planning)

Date: 11 May, Sat
Venue: LAP Main Hall
Please mark your calendar!

June Camp 2019

Date: 10-13 June, Mon-Thu
Venue: Berjaya Waterfront Hotel

Fees:

\$200 (Adult-twin sharing)
\$170 (child w bed), \$100 (child w/o bed)
**Child - age 4-11*

*Our registration team (sis Yan Ling & sis Mary Ann) will open a booth for collection of fees on **7 April**. Please approach sis Ser Ern for any queries/clarification.
Please mark your calendar & apply your leave!*

Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

April 2019

Sunday	7-Apr	14-Apr	21-Apr	28-Apr
Worship Sermon	Abraham: The Pleading Interceder <i>Ernest Lau</i>	Moses: The Reluctant Leader <i>Benjamin Tan</i>	Phinehas: The Swift Punisher <i>Alvin Lin</i>	David: The Giant Slayer <i>Michael Yeo</i>
Adult Class	Standing in the Gap	Standing Before	Standing Still	Standing in Awe <i>Benjamin Tan</i>
Young Adult Class	Gambling	Dancing / Clubbing	Suicide	Gossiping <i>Benjamin Kwan</i>
Foundation Class	A Study on the Godhead <i>Ernest Lau</i>			
Upper Primary Class	A Nobleman Learns of Jesus	A Persecutor Becomes A Preacher	God Loves Us All	Seeing God's Grace <i>Clara</i>
Lower Primary Class	Moses is Born	God speaks to Moses	Moses and Aaron	God Plagues Egypt, Part 1 <i>Kia Sang</i>
Nursery Class	Review of Israelites' Conquest of Canaan; Division of Land Under Leadership of Joshua	Purpose of the Judges; Overview of Lesser Known Judges	Deborah and Barak	Gideon <i>Rhui Yin</i>
Cradle Roll	Creation <i>Seow Hui</i>			
Thursday	4 Apr	11 Apr	18 Apr	25 Apr
Adult Class	"Jesus Heals at the Pool of Bethesda"	"All Judgment is Given to Jesus"	"The Witnesses of Jesus"	"Feeding the 5,000/Walking on Water" <i>Ernest Lau</i>
Children Class	Christians are Mistreated; Stephen is Killed	Saul of Tarsus Persecutes the Church, then Becomes a Christian	Paul Escapes over a City Wall	Lydia Becomes a Christian
Primary	<i>Kim Tian</i>			
Nursery	<i>Rhui Yin</i>			

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Thursday Bible Class

"Jesus Heals at the Pool of Bethesda" (John 5:1-18)

by bro Timothy Ng

Next Sunday Sermon

Abraham:

The Pleading Interceder

by bro Ernest Lau

Birthdays this week

4 Apr (Thu) – Juek Tiang

5 Apr (Fri) –

Arthur & Hwee Chin

6 Apr (Sat) – Ser Ern

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prayer requests to
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, bro Siang Yee, sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Kevin** in New York for studies

Health

- **Sis Suan Kiang's & sis Linda's** health
- The health of **Justina** (*sister-in-law of sis Tuan Sang*)

Pregnancy

- Sis Christine (Apr'19), sis Mae (May'19), sis Deborah (Aug'19)

NSF

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus, bro Shawn

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		31-Mar-19	7-Apr-19	14-Apr-19
Song Leader		Joel Lee	Justin Kwan	Amos Yang
Opening Prayer Leader		Lim Poh Teng	Charlie Teo	Paul Lim
Preacher		Peter Chin	Ernest Lau	Benjamin Tan
Lord's Supper Text		Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
Lord's Supper Servers	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Titus Goh	Zachary Ling	Cornelius Lee
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Jeremy Kwan	Chua Kian Hong	Reuben Lim
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Soo Kok Leong	Henry Leow	Alvin Chan
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Farand Lim	Alan Poon	Gordon Loo
	<i>Assistant</i>	Melvin Tan	Ng Wei Jie	Jose Cardoza
<i>Foundation Class</i>		Lau Jeng Sang	David Sum	Yew Tian Geng
Announcer		Ernest Lau	Lee Tian Seng	Alvin Lin
Greeters		Sharyl Lau Wang Ting Pei	Mary Ann Catalos Ellen Hernandez	Naomi Leow Christine Phang
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Alvin Lin	Benedict Yo	Benjamin Kwan
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Wong Sek Hoong	Alvin Chan
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Nicodemus Oey	Lim Poh Teng	Martyn Gostelow
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Reuben Lim	Ernest Lau
Opening Prayer Leader			Charlie Teo	Danny Poo
Teacher			Timothy Ng	Timothy Ng
Closing Prayer Leader			Henry Leow	Lee Tian Seng