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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

### Deacons

Bro Henry Leow  
Bro Jerry Cheong

### Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin  
Bro Ernest Lau

### Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

 VISIT TO SINGAPORE  
CHANGI AIRPORT

1 SEPTEMBER 2018, SATURDAY  
9AM TO 12:30 PM

For registration please contact  
Ser Ern. 

You are cordially invited to our Bible Seminar on

LIBERALISM  
IN THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST

presented by  
the young adults of LAP COC

 20, Lim Ah Pin Road  
 29th Sept 2018 (Sat)  
 9:30AM to 3:30PM  
(lunch will be provided)

see overleaf for  
more details

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**FELLOWKIDZ**

Date: 8 Sep, Sat  
(last session of the year)  
Time: 11am - 5pm  
Venue: sis Christine's house  
(Blk 216C Compassvale Drive  
#08-566 Singapore 543216)

WHAT IS LIBERALISM?  
*presented by Joel Lee*

LIBERALISM AND THE  
LACK OF BIBLE AUTHORITY  
*presented by Issac Chua*

THE THREAT OF LIBERALISM  
*presented by Paul Lim*

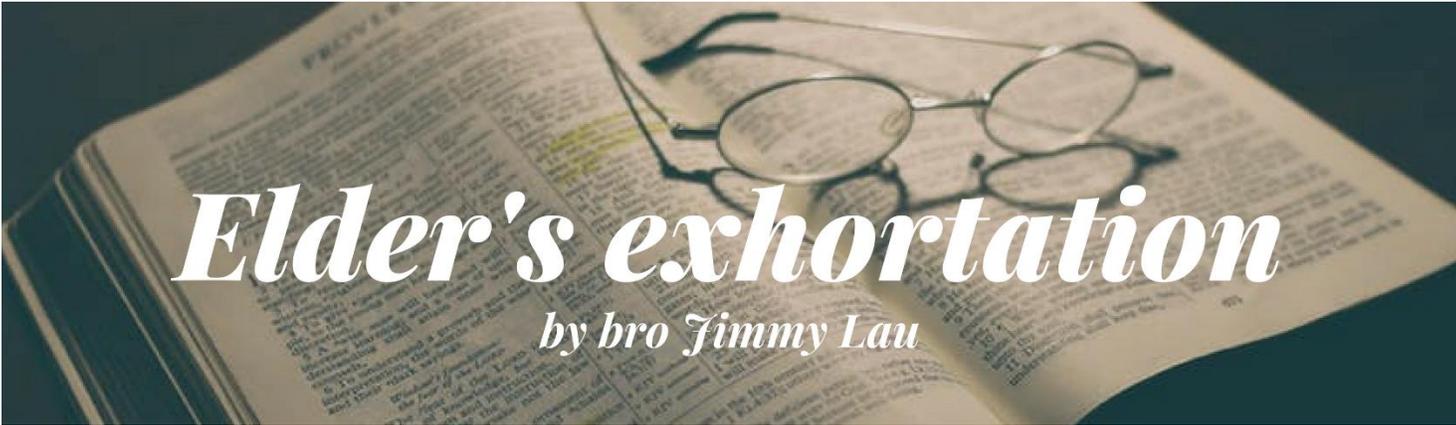
HISTORY OF LIBERALISM  
*presented by Alvin Lin*

IDENTIFYING LIBERAL CHURCHES  
*presented by Ernest Lau*

CAN WE FELLOWSHIP WITH LIBERALS?  
*presented by Timothy Ng*

20, Lim Ah Pin Road   
29th Sept 2018 (Sat)   
9:30AM to 3:30PM   
(lunch will be provided)

Please register by 9th Sept at  
bit.do/BS18



# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

***Joh 17:23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.***

The most magical number is ONE. ONE is a perfect number. Imagine if you drop a beautiful vase and it becomes two or more; that's not very nice, right? But wow, it is still in ONE piece; what a relief! When you go on an adventure trip, your parents would want you to come back home in ONE piece. It means, not anything less than ONE such as coming home with a broken arm or leg.

In marriage, it is important for two to become ONE: *"Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh"* (Gen 2:24). A successful marriage is built on Oneness, that is, two persons having ONE heart and ONE mind.

A machine is perfect or complete when it has all its parts and is in good order when there is no portion of it wanting. It has many parts but they move together as ONE. When one part is broken, the Oneness is broken and the machine breaks down and stops functioning.

Our Lord Jesus know the importance of being ONE. He had twelve disciples. One was going to betray Him. Now, He had eleven. They had an important mission waiting for them. The success of the mission is depended on them moving and acting as ONE. They must stand together and be of ONE heart and ONE mind: *"that they may be made perfect in one"* (John 17:23).

The disciples had only ONE mission and it is to preach Christ and the message of salvation. They were of ONE heart and mind when they went out to preach to the world about Jesus. The effect of this oneness was that the believers became ONE too. They were united in the same heart and mind: *"And they, continuing daily with one*

*accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,"* (Acts 2:46).

Why must Christians be ONE? Our Lord answered: *"That the world may know"* (John 17:23).

You know immediately when a family is not ONE. They have loud quarrels every night and day. Then you see one of the couple missing from the home. It could even be the child not coming home. That family is divided. You don't want your family to be like them.

You know also when a family is closely knitted as ONE. You can see their love and care for each other. You see how their children honour and love their parents. You see the siblings often come together and have fun together. You want your family to be like them.

The church is even a bigger family with diverse characters. But, we have to be of ONE heart and ONE mind. This does not come automatically; we have to pursue it. We have to work to achieve it. Paul wrote: *"Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment"* (1 Cor 1:10).

Can it be done? Of course, it is possible. The early Christians show us it can be done: *"And the multitude of them that believed were of **one heart and of one soul**"* (Acts 4:32).

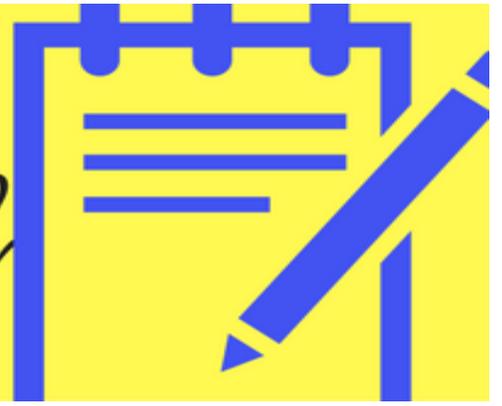
Notice the words of Christ: *"that they may be made perfect in one"* (John 17:23). Paul echoed the same sentiment as Christ: *"that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment"* (1 Cor 1:10).

The church is imperfect if it is not ONE. It is imperfect when the members are of different mind and judgment. How will the world see a church if it is not ONE? Disunity!

Christ prayed for unity in the disciples. He prayed for Oneness. David wrote: *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"* (Psalm 133:1).

We are many members but we are ONE body in Christ (Rom 12:5). Let us be ONE heart and mind.

# From the Brotherhood



## Social Media

*Adapted from Peter Ray Cole*

*(<http://gospelgazette.com/gazette/2018/aug/page13.html#article2>)*

Social media (Facebook, Twitter, Blogs, etc.) has become a part of daily life for many. In a desire to stay connected to a faster-than-ever-paced world, many are checking in socially and even obtaining their news updates from a variety of electronic devices and an increasing number of social media outlets. Much of social media is neutral: it is neither good nor bad. How an individual participates, however, determines the moral outcome. Social media can be used in a positive way, for example, to keep Christian Youth Camp attendees connected throughout the school year, providing immediate support and spiritual encouragement even though many miles and even state—sometimes national—lines separate them. Many times, Christians will use their World Wide Web access to evangelize (Mark 16:15; Matthew 28:18-20), webhost a Bible study or write a blog about developing the characteristics of the Virtuous Woman (Proverbs 31). While social media helps to connect friends and families across the miles and provides opportunities for evangelism, it also poses some difficult challenges. Without careful navigation, however, social media interactions can lead to undesired consequences and even result in sin.

Sometimes it becomes difficult to maintain the *in-the-world-but-not-of-the-world* mentality. This common phrase is adapted from the account of Jesus praying for His disciples in John 17:14-19. In these six verses, we learn that Jesus did not want His followers to be caught up in the enticing aspects of the temporal world. This level of commitment in our lives requires tremendous focus and attention to detail which cannot be maintained consistently with a lackadaisical mindset. Social media exacerbates [intensifies] a careless attitude in two primary ways. First, it provides an instant sense of self-gratification. With the click of a button, people from everywhere in the world instantly see and respond to what has been posted. Suddenly, an individual can feel like he or she is not connected to the world unless constantly checking in, “liking” a post or reposting the latest Tweet. When this occurs, there is

most likely a shift from the intent for spiritual good toward the desire to feed an ego that is driven by self-indulgence (James 4:10; 1 Peter 5:6).

Second, social media thrives on controversy and drama. It is very difficult to read tone and inflection or to determine if someone was serious or joking. With the potential for miscommunication, our perceptions and emotional responses often make it challenging to be “swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath” (James 1:19). Lashing out through the safety and distance of their electronic device, people can attack, bully, lie and bring reproach upon the church by posting comments they would likely never say in person. Instead of connecting people together, social media often isolates and then creates paranoia. Face-to-face interaction, email or even Facebook’s “Messenger” to find clarification are cast aside because controversy and snide or overly dramatized remarks get more “hits,” “likes,” “shares” and “reposts.” All of this ties directly into the idea of self-gratification. When you’re more concerned about the Internet’s opinion of you than the Lord’s prayer for you, there is a serious problem.

Relationships are complicated; social media adds an additional layer of complexity. We must make sure that our electronic conversations are graceful and seasoned with salt (Colossians 4:6). Being self-aware of our emotions and taking time to think instead of responding rashly may help us avoid undesired consequences. Before posting, we should ask ourselves: (1) Does this message emulate Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1)? (2) Could this message bring reproach upon the church (Philippians 2:15; 2 Samuel 12:14)? (3) Does this message pass the test of the principles found in Ephesians 4:29-32? Navigating the quagmire of social media can be difficult, and as Christians, we must be mindful that we are the light of the world—even on the Internet (Matthew 5:14).



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Chan Ruiqi, Alvin	5	Viet Anh Nguyen (Capi)	14
Yew Tian Geng	5	Stephanie Tolentino	15
Wong Sek Hoong	6	Kwan Jing Han, Jeremy	18
Gavin Cheah Jia Sheng	6	Winstow Chow	19
Lee Zhao Jie, Joel	8	Giang-Koo, Carol	27
Leow-Tan Siew Tin, Doris	8	Soh Sieh Ying, Linda	29
Goh Yu Wei, Titus	9	Lim Beau Anne, Amberlyn	30
Chee Ai Foon, Annie	11		

# WEEKLY NEWS



## **Guest Last Week**

1. Bernie Chia, Lee Suan Teng & Betty Chua (*bro Chong Ping's family*)
2. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
3. Peh Guang Rong (*sis Yan Ling's husband*)
4. Alexis Lim (*bro Samuel's wife*)
5. Stephanie Gostelow (*bro Martyn's wife*)
6. Tan Jiayi (*sis Michelle's friend*)
7. Jonalyn F Poalaget
8. Lea Lopez De Castro
9. Shalen Manuel (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)
10. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)
11. Lani (*bro Soon Heng's helper*)

## **Special Collection for victims in Laos**

We have collected **SGD\$4472** for the victims of the flood caused by the Laos Dam Collapse last Sunday. Thank you all for your generosity.

## **Travelling**

1. **Bro Tian Geng & sis Jasmine** in UK till 27 Aug
2. **Bro Nicodemus & sis Christine** in France till 27 Aug
3. **Bro Jimmy, sis Kim Tian and sis Constance** in Melbourne till 31 Aug

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

### **Blood Drive @ JCOC**

Date: 15 Sep, Sat  
Time: 11am – 5pm  
Venue: Jurong COC (120 Boon Lay Drive Singapore 649924)

Please 'reserve' your blood and register at the link: [www.bit.ly/jcoc-bdd](http://www.bit.ly/jcoc-bdd)

### **'Fishers of Men' Course**

Day: Every Friday till 19 Oct  
Time: 7pm – 10pm  
Venue: LAP Auditorium  
Instructor: Bro Barry Hatcher

### **Combined Ladies Fellowship**

Date: 22 Sep, Sat  
Time: 5pm – 8pm  
Venue: TBC  
Highlights: Lantern Making, mooncake-eating and riddle solving

***Please inform sis Eunice if you are interested to attend.***

## UPCOMING EVENTS!

O C T    20 - YOUTH HOMEZONE  
N O V    28 NOV - 1 DEC -  
          FSC LECTURESHIP  
          29 NOV - 1 DEC -  
          GOSPEL MEETING @ LAP  
D E C    4 -6 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**Oct-Dec**

# Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

## September

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2-Sep</b>	<b>9-Sep</b>	<b>16-Sep</b>	<b>23-Sep</b>	<b>30-Sep</b>
<b>Worship Sermon</b>	<i>Free topics</i>				Evangelism Sunday
	<b>Kwan Tai Choom</b>	<b>Alvin Lin</b>	<b>Ong Eng Boon</b>	<b>Charlie Teo</b>	<b>Jimmy Lau</b>
<b>Adult Class</b>	Steps of Salvation <b>Soo Kok Leong</b>				
<b>Young Adult Class</b>	Ephesians <b>Benjamin Kwan</b>				
<b>Foundation Class</b>	Involvement in the Work of the church – Evangelism <b>Alvin Lin</b>				
<b>Upper Primary Class</b>	God's People Return Home	Rebuilding The Temple	The Temple Is Finished	Ezra Goes To Jerusalem	Sin Among God's People (Again)
	<b>Tingpei</b>				
<b>Lower Primary Class</b>	Philip, a good servant	The good news of Jesus	He saw a great light	Barnabas, the friend	A soldier learns of Jesus
	<b>Bernice</b>				
<b>Nursery Class</b>	A Leper Is Made Well	A Crippled Man At A Pool	Jesus Feeds Four Thousand	Jesus Washed The Disciple's Feet	Jesus Tells His Disciples To Love One Another
	<b>Melissa</b>				
<b>Cradle Roll</b>	Baby Jesus <b>Suzanne</b>				
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6-Sep</b>	<b>13-Sep</b>	<b>20-Sep</b>	<b>27-Sep</b>	
<b>Adult Class</b>	What A Good Father-Mother Team Can Mean To Children	What Good Sons And Daughters Can Mean To Parents	What A Good Home Can Mean To A Congregation	What A Good Congregation Can Mean To A Home	
	<b>Alvin Lin</b>				
<b>Primary Class</b>	Making Wise Decisions	Choosing the Right Friends	Trusting in God	Loving Others	
	<b>Peck Lian</b>				
<b>Nursery Class</b>	Jesus Calms the Storm	Mary and Martha	Lazarus	The Good Samaritan	
	<b>Yuet Ming</b>				

# NEWS



**Thursday Bible Class**  
**Being A Good Sibling**  
*by bro Andy Lin*

**Birthday of the week**

27 Aug (Mon) – Bernice

30 Aug (Thu) – Sharyl

31 Aug (Fri) - Suzanne



Please send any news &  
 prayer requests to  
[limahpincoc@gmail.com](mailto:limahpincoc@gmail.com)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Overseas:**

- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Ernest & sis Stephanie** in Palau
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Kevin** in New York for studies

**Health**

- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Molly's & bro Soon Heng's** health
- **Bro Chee Beng & sis Susan's mother's** recovery from an appendicitis surgery
- **Bro Gideon's** recovery from his jaw operation

**Pregnancy**

- Sis Stephanie (Dec'18)

**NSF**

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		26-Aug-18	2-Sep-18	9-Sep-18
<b>Song Leader</b>		Isaac Chua	Amos Yang	Justin Kwan
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Charlie Teo	Michael Yeo	Victor Lee
<b>Psalms Text</b>		Psa 73:1-14	Psa 73:15-28	Psa 74:1-12
<b>Preacher</b>		Peter Chin	Kwan Tai Choom	Alvin Lin
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Shawn Wong	Yew Tian Geng	Axel Chee
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Jerry Cheong	Wong Sek Hoong	Lim Poh Teng
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Danny Poo	Ling Leong Dak	Farand Lim
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Alan Poon	Ong Jun Wei	Andy Lin
	<i>Assistant</i>	Melvin Tan	Titus Goh	Gavin Cheah
<b>Announcer</b>		Lee Tian Seng	Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Kwan
<b>Greeters</b>		Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Grace Ler Lois Chee	Constance Lau Wu Wenyu
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Alvin Lin	Jonathan Yang	Jeremy Kwan
<b>Speaker</b>		Reuben Lim	Benjamin Kwan	Kenneth Quek
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Lim Poh Teng	Ling Leong Dak	Martyn Gostelow
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm		30-Aug-18		6-Sep-18
<b>Song Leader</b>		Alvin Lin		Benjamin Kwan
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Peter Chin		Lee Tian Seng
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>		John Goh		Danny Poo