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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)

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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

4th Anniversary Special
4 MAY, SAT @ 10AM - 12.30PM
LIM AH PIN CHURCH OF CHRIST

AN ALL-SINGAPOREAN JACK NEO FILM
梁志强全民电影

There was a time when tomorrow was uncertain
曾经，我们认为没有明天



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Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Rom 1:7 To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul had never been to Rome, but from the long salutations he gave at the end of the letter, he knew quite a number of Christians who resided there. He also knew of the problems that the Christians were facing. He knew of the sins that were committed. But he did not hesitate in declaring that they were all “beloved of God” and “saints.”

These two terms, “beloved of God” and “saints” describe the status of every Christian. We are imperfect, but in spite of our imperfections, we are still the “beloved of God” and “saints.” Every Christian is a “beloved of God” and “saint.”

1. Beloved of God

Christians are God's beloved. You may ask, “Doesn't God love all?” (John 3:16). Yes, He does. But there is another question, “Are all His beloved?” There is a group of people whom we can address as “my dearly beloved.” Many are clearly acquaintances. Many more are strangers. And the rest are enemies. Yet, we are commanded to love every one of them, even our enemies (Matt 5:44).

Universally, God loves everyone. Yet, in a very deep and real manner, only those who are in Christ are the beloved of God. Christians are the beloved of God because they responded to His love. Many reject the love of God; they don't want God. They reject the sacrifice that God has done for them; they reject Jesus as their Saviour. God loves them but He cannot save them because they have rejected the conditions for salvation.

We are God's beloved. Let us remain as God's beloved, for a Christian can so sin as to depart from God's beloved fold. **“If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love”** (John 15:10).

2. Saints

All Christians are called saints by the New Testament writers. Saul was going around persecuting the disciples of Christ (Acts 9:1). Ananias said he was persecuting the saints (Acts 9:13). Saints are disciples of Christ. Disciples of Christ are Christians (Acts 11:26). Therefore, all Christians are saints.

Anyone who is consecrated to a holy life is a saint. Paul wrote, “called *to be* saints.” The words “*to be*” are in *italics*, meaning they are not in the original text but inserted by the translators. The Young’s Literal Translation translated it correctly: **to all who are in Rome, beloved of God, called saints.**

Christians are called saints. This is a designation and not a vocation. It means it is a title, a description of the beloved of God. It describes the character of the beloved of God. We are “saints” on this earth, and not something we achieve in the future as the Roman Catholics erroneously teach.

The word “saint” describes a character which is holy. All Christians are separated unto holiness. The word “saint” serves to remind us that we are designed to be pure amidst a sinful world and a sinful generation. It serves to remind us that we are to become dead to the world and its sins: **“How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?”** (Rom 6:2).

“Saints, and only saints, are beloved of God with a special and peculiar love. ..Those that are called saints should labour to answer to the name; otherwise, though it is an honour and a privilege, yet it will be of little avail at the great day to have been called saints, if we be not really so.” (Matthew Henry Comm).

The word “saint” contains the idea of separation from the world. He is one who has been sanctified, that is, separated from the wickedness of the world to live a life of holiness to God: **“Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness”** (Rom 6:18).

We are beloved of God and we are saints. They describe a special people who are called by God through the gospel to inherit eternal life. The world will distinguish us from others because they know saints are holy people. And they are right to call Christians “holy people.” Let us be holy. We are saints!



FROM SPIRITUAL BABY TO MATURITY

By sis Lim Poh Im

“But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life” (Romans 6:22)

When I was newly baptised, I expected myself to be spiritually perfect, or at least, near perfect overnight. I thought that by being baptized, I have renounced all my sins and henceforth, I will be free from sins. How utterly disappointed I was. As I continued to worship God and study His precepts, I learnt that baptism is a new birth, that is, I was born into God’s family, the church. As a baby in Christ, my past sins have been forgiven and washed away. It is the beginning of my journey with my Lord.

How this journey will move will depend on my hungering for His words, just like a baby hungering for milk to grow up. If I diligently study His words, I will grow in my belief which will lead to Christian maturity. If I stop hungering for His words, my growth will be stunted and I may even be in danger of falling from the faith. But in what areas should I prepare myself to grow? Let us look at the steps to growth:

Firstly, we need to know Bible doctrines well to be grounded in the faith. Ephesians 6:14-18 taught us to put on the whole armour of God, abounding with prayers and being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication. Why? So we will grow in the grace and knowledge of God, settled and immovable in the doctrines of Christ, walking in the Spirit rather than in the flesh (Romans 8:6).

Secondly, we need to develop the fruit of the Spirit. This may be an upward climb because of the difficulty to uproot the worldly ways and thoughts in our lives. There is only one fruit of the Spirit but the scope is wide covering love, joy, peace, patience,

kindness, goodness and faithfulness. Only with this fruit can we renounce self in all that is well pleasing to God.

Thirdly, we need to radiate outwards in our outreach to others, both in the church and in the lost world. This is most effective when we follow the example of our Lord (Luke 2:52). As we walk in the path of faith, our hearts will be tender towards others' well-being. For our brethren, we desire to reach out in showing care and for our non-Christian family and friends, our hearts' desire is for them to enjoy the rich blessings we enjoy as children of God.

Fourthly, as maturing Christians, we look forward to our eternal home as our ultimate abode with God forevermore. It is a home where there is no night, no tears, no pain nor sorrow. This world with all its filth will therefore look very unattractive as compared to the beauty of heaven. We no longer look to this world's riches for our own personal gain but rather as a means for us to serve God effectively in our stewardship.



Birth of baby Kaius

Our heartiest congratulations to **bro Nicodemus & sis Christine** on the birth of their baby boy, Kaius Nathaniel Oey, on 16 Apr. Please continue to pray for the health of both mother and child as they recuperate at home.

Bereavement

Our condolences to the family of **bro Liang Soon**, who passed away on 21 April. Please pray for the bereaving family as they grieve over the loss of their loved one.

Health (Pray for speedy recovery)

- **Sis Candice's** recovery from acute bronchitis
- **Sis Irene Kwek**, former LAPCOC member and sister of bro Vincent Kwek from JCOC, had a fall and fractured her left leg. She was admitted to Sengkang General Hospital block 2, ward 26, room 9, bed 2.

Guests last week

1. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen (*sis Swee Inn's sister*)
2. Stephanie Gostelow (*bro Martyn's wife*)
3. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
4. Adriel Yeo (*sis Julia's nephew*)
5. Gan Sok Ting (*bro Reuben's friend*)
6. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)
7. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)

Travelling (Pray for safety)

1. **Sis Mary Ann** will be travelling to the Philippines from 2 May to 11 May and **bro Alvin** will be travelling to the Philippines from 3 May to 8 May. They will be visiting with sis Mary Ann's family and worshipping with the brethren at Vasra Diliman church of Christ and Commonwealth church of Christ on 5 May, where bro Alvin will be preaching and teaching.
2. **Sis Candice** will be travelling to Tasmania for lectureship from 1-6 May and to Melbourne from 6-9 May.
3. **Bro. Jong Wah, sis Nancy, sis Doreen & sis Yuet Ming** in China till today.
4. **Bro Jimmy & sis Kim Tian** in China till 4 May.
5. **Bro Kwan** in China till 7 May

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Tracting Session

Date & Time: 18 May, Sat @ 4.30pm
Meeting Point: Blk 359 Hougang Avenue 5
Join us in spreading the good news around the neighbourhood!

Evangelism Sunday

Date & Time: 26 May, Sun @ 9.30am
Topic: Have You Considered Jesus?
Speaker: Bro Lee Tian Seng
Invite your family & friends to hear the good news!



Advance Care Planning:
Planning Ahead For You &
Your Loved Ones

Saturday 11 May 2019

10am-11.30am

20 Lim Ah Pin Road
Church of Christ
Singapore 547839

 **Living Matters**



Am I Standing In The Gap?

Date: 10th - 13th June (Mon - Thurs)
Venue: Berjaya Waterfront Hotel
Registration starts now!
Collection of fees starts 7th April

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

Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

May 2019

Sunday	5 May	12 May	19 May	26 May	
Worship Sermon	Abigail: The Peace Maker	Nehemiah: The Concerned Builder	Esther: The Selfless Queen	Have You Considered Jesus?	
	Ernest Lau	Kwan Tai Choom	Jimmy Lau	Lee Tian Seng	
Adult Class	Standing in the Ways (Jeremiah 6:6)	Standing Fast (1 Corinthians 16:13)	Standing Together (Philippians 1:27)	Standing Perfect (Colossians 4:12)	
	Benjamin Tan				
Young Adult Class	Parable of the Sower	Parable of the Tares	Parables of the mustard seed and leaven	Parables of the treasure, pearls, net	
	Young Men				
Foundation Class	A Study on the attributes of God Ong Jun Wei				
Upper Primary Class	Need Brings Opportunity	Power In Prayer	Too Much Honor	A New Helper	
	Sau Ching				
Lower Primary Class	God Plagues Egypt, Part 2	Sing and be Happy	We learn to be Thankful	Bread from Heaven	
	Guek Hoon				
Nursery Class	Samson's Early Life	Samson and Delilah; His Imprisonment and Death	Ruth	Hannah Prays for a Son	
	Jasmine Lim				
Cradle Roll	God made the Day-time and the Night-time Suzie				
Thursday	2 May	9 May	16 May	23 May	30 May
Adult Class	"I AM the Bread of Life: Part 1" (John 6:22-40)	"I AM the Bread of Life: Part 2" (John 6:41-71)	"Jesus Deals with Unbelief" (John 7:1-24)	"Mixed Reactions to Jesus' Teaching" (John 7:25-53)	"Jesus and the Adulterous Woman" (John 8:1-11)
	Ernest Lau				Alvin Lin
Children Class	Paul and Silas in Prison; Philippian Jailor Converted	Paul Preaches in Athens on Mars Hill	Love	Joy and Peace	Long-Suffering
Primary	Seow Hui				
Nursery	Melissa				



Thursday Bible Class

**"I AM the Bread of Life:
Part 1" (John 6:22-40)**

by bro Ernest Lau

Next Sunday Sermon

Abigail: The Peace Maker

by bro Ernest Lau

Birthdays this week

29 Apr (Mon) – Susan Goh

2 May (Thu) – Sara Yang



Please send any news &
prayer requests to
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Rezoning

We are presently in the process of applying to have our premises rezoned for worship. Please pray for the success of this project!

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
- **Bro Wee Sin's** recovery from surgery for his right shoulder tendon
- The health of **Justina** (sister-in-law of sis Tuan Sang)

Pregnancy

- 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		28-Apr-19	5-May-19	12-May-19
Song Leader		Alvin Lin	Jeremy Kwan	Joel Lee
Opening Prayer Leader		Charlie Teo	Lee Tian Seng	Benjamin Tan
Preacher		Michael Yeo	Ernest Lau	Kwan Tai Choom
Lord's Supper Text		Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9
Lord's Supper Servers	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Axel Chee	Yew Tian Geng	Gordon Loo
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Lim Poh Teng	Wong Sek Hoong	Henry Chee
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	John Goh	Danny Poo	Soo Kok Leong
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	James Mira	Farand Lim	Marc Wee
	<i>Assistant</i>	Alvin Foo	Melvin Tan	Cornelius Lee
<i>Foundation Class</i>		Justin Kwan	Ng Chee Beng	Ong Jun Wei
Announcer		Paul Lim	Jimmy Lau	Amos Yang
Greeters		Wang Tingwei Sharyl Lau	Shum Chee Ming Lim Poh Im	Teo Kim Tian Wang Ting Pei
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Ernest Lau	Jeremy Kwan	Benjamin Kwan
Speaker		Jeshua Lin	Lee Tian Seng	Alvin Lin
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Ling Leong Dak	Benjamin Tan	Nicodemus Oey
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Jeshua Lin	Reuben Lim
Opening Prayer Leader			Peter Chin	James Mira
Teacher			Ernest Lau	Ernest Lau
Closing Prayer Leader			Benjamin Tan	Ong Jun Wei