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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



17 FEB | SUNDAY | 1.30PM | LAP

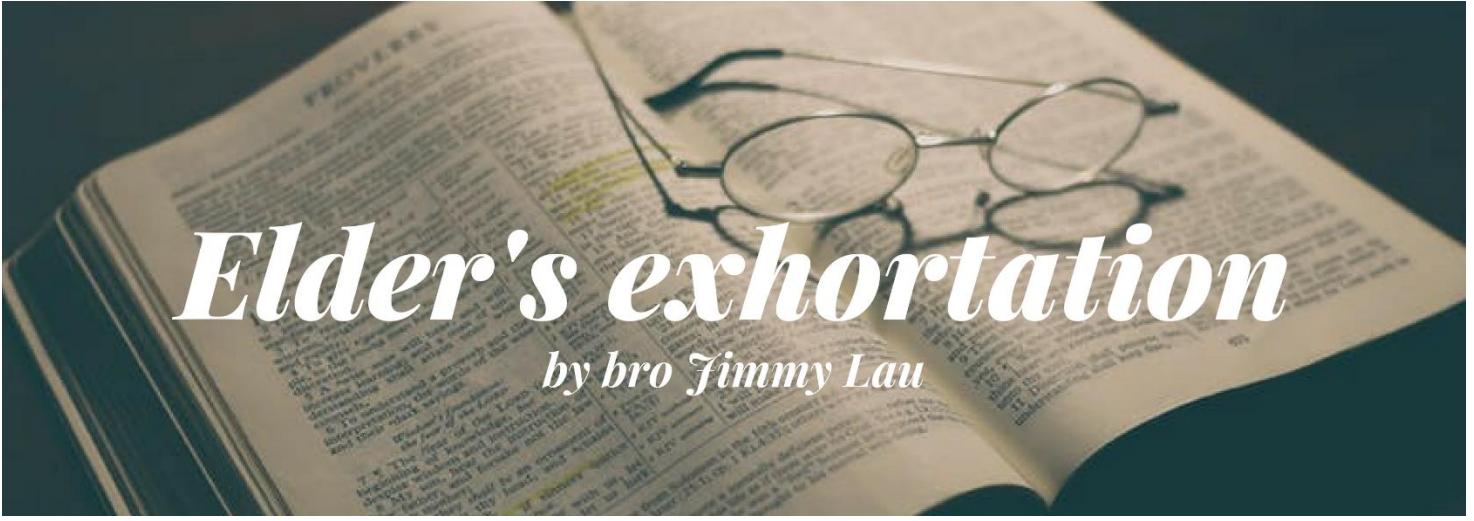
## HIGHLIGHTS:

PERFORMANCES & GAMES

BENTO LUNCH (OPTIONAL): \$4

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# *Elder's exhortation*

by bro Jimmy Lau

***Jdg 16:15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth.***

How are the mighty fallen? Every man has a weakness. It could be an explosive temper or a lust for power. The Chinese narrow it down to four cardinal sins: eating, drinking, women, and gambling. It was women for Samson. He was a womanizer. He had no qualms in joining himself to harlots (Judg 16:1).

Samson fell in love with a woman in the valley of Sorek, named Delilah. She was a temptress. The lords of the Philistines approached her and made this proposal to her: "*Entice him, and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him, that we may bind him to afflict him: and we will give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of silver*" (Judg 16:5). Delilah loved money; she got onto the work immediately. Three times she asked Samson for the secret of his strength, and all three times he gave her a false answer. Not bad, Samson!

But Delilah didn't give up so easily. She had confidence in herself. She knew she would win. She was a seductress, and a very good one. She could count her trophies; she always won. Who could resist her body? Using her powers of seduction and deception, Delilah persistently wore down Samson with her repeated requests until he finally told her his secret.

Man verses woman; man is defeated. It does not matter how strong a man is but when you put a woman before him, he is finished. Samson's lust for Delilah blinded him to her lies and her true nature. He wanted so badly to believe she loved him, that he repeatedly fell for her deceptive ways. After the third attempt at luring out his secret, why didn't Samson realise something was fishy? By the fourth enticement, he crumbled. He gave in.

Why didn't Samson see it coming after the third attempt by Delilah? Why didn't he learn? Why was he so blind? Yes, he was blinded by love. And he is not the only one. The world of espionage and business often use women as baits. Business deals are signed with one hand holding a pen and the other a woman. Secrets are revealed in the beds of seductresses.

After the failed third attempt, Delilah said to Samson: "**How canst thou say, I love thee, when thine heart is not with me?**" (Judg 16:15). She continued it for many days until he couldn't take it and told his secret to her. Why? It was because he was so captivated by the power of love; at least that was what he thought; he thought it was true love. Actually, it was a hundred percent true lust. It doesn't take a love expert to know it was lust and not love.

Samson lusted after women. Solomon lusted after many foreign women (1 Kings 11:1). David lusted after Bathsheba (2 Sam 11:2-4). Judas lusted after money (Matt 26:15). Diotrephes lusted for power (3 John 1:9).

**"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world"** (1 John 2:16).

Every sin springs from a lust. "**But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death**" (James 1:14-15).

If one loves women; they will be his downfall. If it is money or power; they will bring him down. We need to check our lusts and bring them into subjection. If we don't control our lusts, they will become our masters and we become slaves to them. Samson did not bring his lust for women under his control and was, in the end, defeated by his very own lust.

The end of lust is death. "**For the wages of sin is death**" (Rom 6:23). Let us keep our bodies in subjection and not succumb to the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Let us learn from the story of Samson that great man can fall. "**Wherfore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall**" (1 Cor 10:12).





## CHOICE

*by sis Lim Poh Im*

*....Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*" (Joshua 24:15)

Choice is a simple and short word but it carries with it a very heavy weight, a weight between right and wrong and between life and death. I was once talking with my boss about God and he asked, "If there is a God, why did He put a tree in the Garden of Eden so that man will sin after eating of its fruit?" I told him that God made man with a mind of his own, and therefore gave man a choice; the choice to obey God for his own good or the choice to disobey God and bring destruction to himself. I also told him that since he is a parent, he should understand the importance of giving choices to his children. While he advises them for their good, he has to give them the freedom to choose but will continue to encourage them to make the right choices in life. A loving God who loves His children will desire them to make the right choice to obey Him for their own good (Genesis 2:16,17).

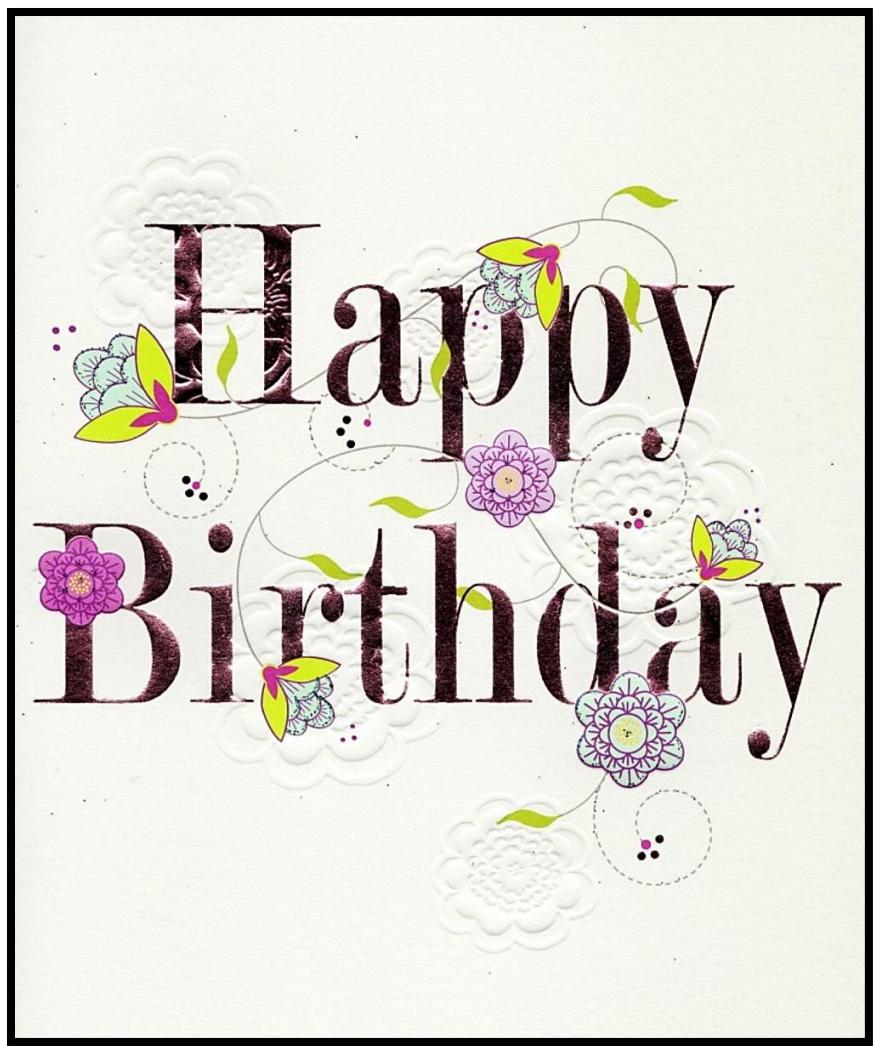
Our choices in life determine our destination. However, the best choice in life is to follow in God's direction. This direction can only come through obedience to God (Romans 6:16). While we often take God's direction lightly, we forget that His direction is best for our well-being in this life and for the life to come. It will prepare, protect, purpose and prosper us in this life for an everlasting life of joy in eternity with Him, safe from all ills.

God's direction should not be assumed as only one of the choices in life but rather His direction is the one and only direction that rewards the obedient who choose to walk in faith rather than by standards set by the world. This is because we cannot see the

future and our omniscient God will safely lead us to our “mansions over the hilltop”. Because we choose to obey Him, we will walk in the right path that prepares us for the eternal home. His protection in a world of chaos, struggle and pain will come as a welcome hope to those who choose to obey Him.

Because of our choice to obey God, our lives are enriched with purposeful living, not in blind greed, lust or hate but rather in true joy, hope and faith. A purposeful life uplifts the soul to a life well-lived in this world welling up to eternal life with our loving Father. An unbelieving world needs to depend on human strength, worldly wisdom and shrewdness to gain prosperity but this comes naturally to those who choose to obey God. All things that belong to God are for those who are heirs of God together with Christ through obedience (Romans 8:17). The obedient does not need to force sweat and blood to gain prosperity, as this is a blessing from God to those who honour and obey Him.

We will do well to remember that there is nothing more foolish than choosing to forfeit ourselves from the Source of every blessing by disobedience. Remember that God’s direction is only for the obedient. The choice is yours.



<i>February</i>	
Shum Chee Ming	1
Ong Siew Siew	2
Wong-Teo Ailin, Dawn	4
Katie Zoey Ho	4
Tan Wei Ling, Eileen	6
Foo Jock Chin, Jane	7
Leow Wen Xin, Naomi	9
Ng-Quek Lie Hui, Patricia	9
Poo Ruixian, Rachel	10
Axel Timothy Chee	10
Chua-Lau Kia Sang	15
Lin Min Xuan, Jeshua	18
Lee Tian Seng	19
Wang Teng Wee, Adeline	20
Yeo Siew Wah, Michael	20
Tan Yan Ling	25
Thyna Mancia	28

# WEEKLY NEWS

## Collection of angbao for our Mission Workers

We appreciate our mission workers – **bro Bob Xiang (China)**, **bro George Zhang (China)**, **bro John Yo (Taiwan)**, **bro Wang (Taiwan)**, **bro Glen Tattersall (Australia)**, **bro Hai (Vietnam) & bro Lamhot (Indonesia)**. Boxes will be made available for you at the pulpit area till **TODAY** to give angbaos to show your appreciation to them during this festive season.

## Travels (*Pray for travelling mercies*)

- Bro Peter & sis Pooi Fun** are away in Malaysia where Peter is teaching and preaching for the Section 17 congregation in their Evangelism Sunday programme.
- Bro Isaac & sis Wenyu** in Dubai till today.

## Guests last week

- Sis Pearl Jean (*Lavender COC, Singapore*)
- Bro Paul & sis Ivy (*sis Baby's family*)
- Lorna & Sheena Tolentino (*sis Stephanie's family*)
- Adriel Yeo (*sis Julia's nephew*)
- Kelvin Kuan (*sis Eunice's friend*)
- Michael (*bro David Sum's friend*)
- Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)

## UPCOMING EVENTS MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP HOME MADE GLUTINOUS RICE

23 FEB | SAT | 2.30PM - 5PM |  
SIS KIM TIAN'S HOUSE



# Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

## February 2019

Sunday	3 Feb	10 Feb	17 Feb	24 Feb
<b>Worship Sermon</b>	Standing in the Gap to Teach	Standing in the Gap to Give	Standing in the Gap to Help Others	Standing in the Gap to Work
	<b>Kwan Tai Choom</b>	<b>Alvin Lin</b>	<b>Michael Yeo</b>	<b>Ernest Lau</b>
<b>Adult Class</b>	Choices that Determine Destiny <b>Alvin Lin</b>			
<b>Young Adult Class</b>	Why do good people suffer?	How can I cope with suffering?	How can suffering help me grow?	How can I help others who are suffering?
	<b>Jun Wei</b>			
<b>Foundation Class</b>	Christian Living - Christian Attitudes <b>Timothy</b>			
<b>Upper Primary Class</b>	Salvation In Christ's Name	Brave Servants	Barnabas, A Good Example	Giving Is Important
	<b>Tingwei</b>			
<b>Lower Primary Class</b>	We learn Kindness	We learn about Love	We learn to be Honest	We learn to Forgive
	<b>Kim Tian</b>			
<b>Nursery Class</b>	Mount Moriah: Abraham Offers Isaac	Nahor: The Search for Isaac's Wife	Isaac the Peacemaker	Sharing: Jacob and Esau
	<b>Daryl</b>		<b>Ser Ern</b>	
<b>Cradle Roll</b>	The Best Book and the Best Gift <b>Rhui Yin</b>			
Thursday	7 Feb	14 Feb	21 Feb	28 Feb
<b>Adult Class</b>	"The Cleansing of the Temple" (John 2:12-25)	"The New Birth" (John 3:1-10)	"The Importance and Necessity of Faith" (John 3:11-21)	"The Second Testimony of John the Baptist" (John 3:22-36)
	<b>Ernest</b>			
<b>Children Class</b>	Jesus' Baptism and Temptations	Jesus Chooses Twelve Apostles	Beatitudes	Be Careful What You Think
<b>Primary</b>	<b>Fong Yoke</b>			
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Sharyl</b>			



# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Thursday Bible Class

### "Jesus' First Miracle"

(John 2:1-11)

by bro Ernest Lau

## Next Sunday Worship

### Standing in the Gap to Teach

by bro Kwan Tai Choom

## Birthday of the week

31 Jan (Thu) -

Benjamin Tan & Ting Pei

1 Feb (Fri) - Chee Ming

2 Feb (Sat) - Siew Siew



Please send any news &  
prayer requests to  
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### Overseas:

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

### Health

- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Molly's* health
- *Sis Shermin's grandmother's* health
- *Bro Wei Xiang* from his fractured arm
- *Sis Candice* from her neck pain, injuries to her elbow & leg

### 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		27-Jan-19	3-Feb-19	10-Feb-19
<i>Song Leader</i>		Amos Yang	Benjamin Kwan	Issac Chua
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>		Jerry Cheong	Michael Yeo	Benjamin Tan
<i>Preacher</i>		Ernest Lau	Kwan Tai Choom	Alvin Lin
<i>Lord's Supper Text</i>		Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29
<i>Lord's Supper Servers</i>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Axel Chee	Gavin Cheah	Yew Tian Geng
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Wong Sek Hoong	Andy Lin	Benedict Yo
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Danny Poo	Lau Jeng Sang	Henry Chee
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Martyn Gostelow	Reuben Lim	Joel Lee
	<i>Assistant</i>	Jose Cardoza	Alvin Foo	Gordon Loo
	<i>Foundation Class</i>	David Sum	Ng Chee Beng	Justin Kwan
<i>Announcer</i>		Alvin Lin	Charlie Teo	Paul Lim
<i>Greeters</i>		Constance Lau	Eunice Chua	Wu Wenyu
		Lim Poh Im	Ludina Carrido	Wang Ting Pei
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<i>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</i>		Ernest Lau	Benedict Yo	Jeremy Kwan
<i>Speaker</i>		Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau
<i>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</i>		Martyn Gostelow	Lim Poh Teng	Henry Leow
<i>Thursday Service @ 7.45pm</i>			<b>31-Jan-19</b>	<b>7-Feb-19</b>
<i>Song Leader</i>			Jimmy Lau	Jeshua Lin
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>			Peter Kwan	Low Chong Ping
<i>Teacher</i>			Ernest Lau	Ernest Lau
<i>Closing Prayer Leader</i>			Nicodemus Oey	John Goh