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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 Michael Yeo

**Deacons**

Bro Benjamin Tan  
Bro Jerry Cheong

**Preacher**

Bro Ernest Lau

**Administrator**

Sis Goh Ser Ern

The Church of Christ Presents

## Answers to Life's Greatest Questions

### Topics :

28 Nov (Thu)  
**Who am I?**  
(Roger Campbell)

29 Nov (Fri)  
**Where Did I Come From?**  
(Jonathan Burns)

30 Nov (Sat)  
**Why Am I Here?**  
(Tim Hayes)

1 Dec (Sun)  
**Where Am I Going?**  
(Billy Bland)



### Tracting Session

Date: 16 November, Sat

Time: 4.30pm

Meeting Point:

Blk 125 Hougang Avenue 1

Venue : 20 Lim Ah Pin Road S(547839)  
Date : 28 Nov - 1 Dec (Thu -Sun)  
Time : 7:45pm (28-30 Nov)  
9:30am (1 Dec)



# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

**1Co 2:2 *For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.***

Paul knew Corinth. He knew it was a sin city. He knew about its wealth, wickedness, culture, and Greek philosophies. He knew the minds of the Jews and the Greeks who were living in Corinth: *"For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom"* (1 Cor 1:22). But Paul would have none of those things. He did not come to Corinth to philosophise; he came to preach Jesus. He had made up his mind that he would know nothing among them save Jesus Christ and Him crucified.

Paul's message was about Christ. Christ was the centre of all his preaching. His only concern was that Christ should be the only person the Corinthians needed to hear. Paul resolved not only to expound on Christ as the grand object of his knowledge and attention, but a "crucified" Christ. The Greeks had heard so much from their own philosophers; now, they needed to hear about Jesus and His crucifixion.

This should be the resolution of every preacher of the gospel – to preach Christ. Christianity is about Christ, and Christ is Christianity. Christ is the reason we are Christians. Christ is the only Person that can save men from their sins. Gospel preachers must preach the gospel: the gospel of Christ. They should make Christ crucified the grand object of their message.

Indeed, the preaching of the cross is the only kind of preaching that we should be hearing from the pulpit. But sadly, the denominations want to preach everything except Christ and His crucifixion. And the hearers want to hear something else. They want something more than the gospel of Christ. They want to listen to "smooth things" (Isa 30:10). They want something that tickles their ears (2 Tim 4:3). They prefer to listen to myths, fairy tales, rumours, and other stories rather than the truth (2 Tim 4:4).

Worship is about God and not self. Worship is an honour that we give to God. It is a solemn service; it is never a noisy entertainment. When Moses came down with Joshua



from Mount Sinai after receiving the two tablets containing the Ten Commandments, they heard loud noises from the camp below. Joshua thought it was the sound of a war. Moses said it was singing. It must have been some kind of rock music for it was so loud that Joshua thought there was a war going on. Well, Moses did not like it when he saw what was going on. The people were singing, shouting and dancing. In his anger, he broke the two tablets of stone (Exo 32:17-19).

The Old Testament form of worship was solemn and with reverential fear; it was never entertaining. The object of worship was always God. It was never a noisy entertainment.

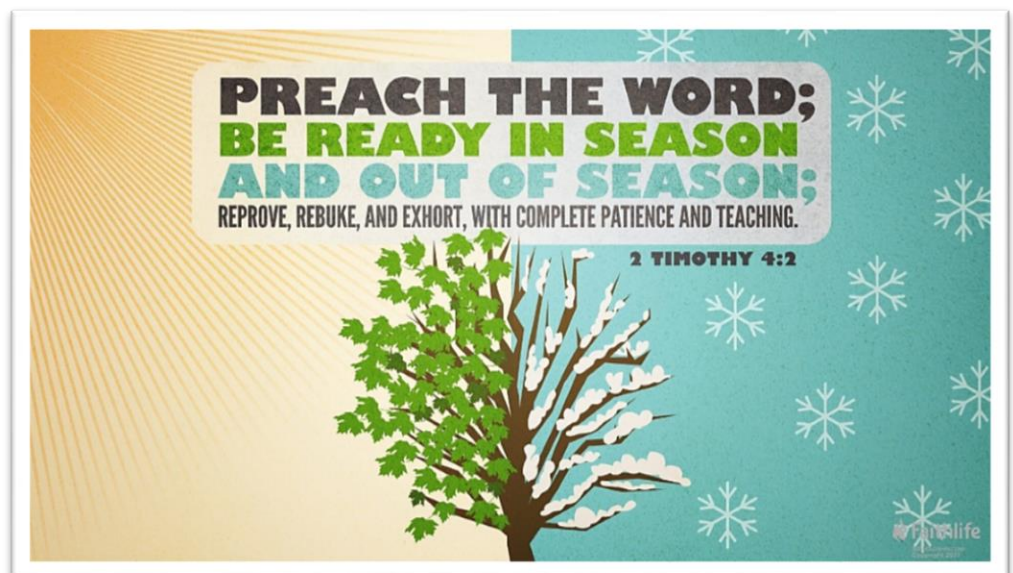
Denominations have perverted the worship of God and made it into an entertainment. Worship became self-centred and not God-centred. Preaching is set aside. The gospel message has been replaced with other forms of talk shows and speeches. It does not matter if their “pastor” has been found charged and guilty of stealing money from the church treasury; they love him nonetheless because he is such a good talker.

If the apostles had not preached the doctrine of the cross, and had not made Christ crucified the great theme of their ministry, you and I would never have heard of Christianity at all. We will not be saved from our sins.

What do you want to hear from the pulpit? Do you want to hear preaching that is from the word of God or from the words of men? Are you in the worship to see a show or to listen to God’s word? Do you want to know more about Jesus and His love or do you prefer to know about some Hollywood or soccer star?

Preachers, what are you preaching on Sundays? Are you preaching about Christ and His crucifixion? The commandment is for you to preach the word (2 Tim 4:2). Preach the word that can edify the saints and help them draw closer to God. Preach the word of salvation that the unbelievers can come to know about Jesus and His dying love for them.

Brethren, what do you want to know? Do you want to know about Jesus and Him crucified? Let Christ be the centre of all the preaching we would want to hear.



# From the Brotherhood



## Stress and Young People

*Adapted from Mike Vestal*

*(<https://polishingthepulpit.com/stress-and-young-people/>)*

Although there is some disagreement among experts as to precisely why, there is an abundance of evidence which indicates young people are experiencing a seemingly unprecedented level of stress. Psychologist Daniel Keating noted: “Depression, anxiety, and feeling overwhelmed are not all the same thing, but they do share a common feature: experiencing a level of stress that is beyond an ability to cope, with a negative impact on health and on the ability to function well in many situations” (Keating, Daniel. [www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/stressful-lives/201711/why-are-teen-so-stressed-and-what-can-be-done-to-break-the-cycle](http://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/stressful-lives/201711/why-are-teen-so-stressed-and-what-can-be-done-to-break-the-cycle)). One wonders how aware many church leaders and congregations are of the seriousness of the situation. Even more, one wonders what specific actions are being taken by church leaders to help minister to youth dealing with this issue. Admittedly, parents have a primary responsibility, but this does not mean that our young people should not find support, strength, and encouragement within the body of Christ.

Some of the major factors contributing to the stress of youth include (1) fear; (2) uncertainty; (3) lack of control; (4) competition, and (5) feelings of being socially “disconnected” or alone. For each of these factors, there’s help and hope to be found in Christ, His gospel and His people! It simply is a must that Christians do what we can to help improve “the spiritual immune system” of young people. And this is because if Satan gets their hearts, bodies, and minds, he will get their souls too! (Eph. 4:27; 2 Cor. 2:11).

What can be done? We could blame our culture, or claim that young people today are too fragile or weak. But this thinking does nothing to help improve matters. It does not appear that the factors contributing to stress among young people are going away anytime soon. What can we do to help? (Phil. 4:9) Here are four suggestions. Keep in

mind that the more specific and concrete ways we positively implement these, the better. And they need to be done on both an individual and congregational level.

First, we must teach and model ***faithfulness*** (Matt. 22:36-40). If we're going to raise a generation of young people like Daniel, we better help them know how to have a vibrant relationship with God while living in Babylon! (Cf. Dan. 1:8; 1 Tim. 4:16). Second, we must teach and model ***resilience***. Resilience will help better equip them to overcome the toxic effects of stress. If parents and churches constantly display a negative "the sky is falling" type outlook, this will not help. We must truly believe in the providential care of God (Rom. 8:28). We must believe we are "more than conquerors" through Christ (Rom. 8:37). Third, we must teach and model ***mindfulness***. By this, I mean that we must help them live properly in the moment. In Philippians 3, Paul exhibits a marvelous ability to properly think in terms of the past, present and future. Do we? Young people need to better see this quality in us. Fourth, we must teach and model ***care***. Appropriate care is given to the body, the mind and the soul. This involves the appropriate application of exercise, nutrition and rest in all three areas.

Christians have a marvelous opportunity to show and tell young people of the joy and peace that is to be found in Jesus (Gal. 5:22-23). We cannot remove all the factors that might cause stress in their lives, but we can help them love and trust the One who can see them through them – Jesus.



# Happy Birthday!

November			
3	Joann & Wei Jie	24	Susan Ng
4	Barbara	25	Angel
8	Charlie	26	Jong Wah
11	Mary	27	Chong Ping
13	Shermin	28	Lilian
18	Kim Choo	29	Dexter
20	Chin Siang, Peck Lian, David Sum & Farah		



# WEEKLY NEWS

## Bereavement

Our deepest condolences to **sis Suan Kiang & family** over the loss of her mother on 22 October. Please pray for the bereaving family as they grieve over the loss of their loved one.

## Baby Joy!

Our heartiest congratulations to **bro Isaac & sis Wenyu** over her pregnancy! Please keep sis Wenyu in prayers for her smooth pregnancy & safe delivery.

## Travelling (Pray for safety)

1. **Bro Peter & sis Pooi Fun** in Malaysia till tonight. Bro Peter is teaching and preaching at the Section 17 congregation in Petaling Jaya, Malaysia this morning.
2. **The mission trip group (Jerry, Susan, Andy, Henry Chee, Lois & Anna)** in Vietnam till 29 Oct.
3. **Bro Tian Geng** away for work trip till 2 Nov

## Guests last week

1. Sis Selvi Tafe  
(*Omaha Central COC, US*)
2. Bro Menard Dator (*LCOC*)
3. Sis Jenny (*LCOC*)
4. Bro Paul & sis Ivy  
(*family of sis Baby*)
5. Sis Mabel
6. Martina (*sis Mergie's family*)
7. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
8. Alexis Lim (*bro Samuel's wife*)
9. Glaiza Tolentino  
(*sis Stephanie's cousin*)
10. Rona (*Glaiza's friend*)
11. Joycelin Tok  
(*bro Gideon's friend*)
12. Shang Loh (*sis Farah's friend*)
13. Shalen (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)
14. Sulis (*sis Baby's helper*)
15. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS

## TANG YUAN APPRECIATION

COME ROLL WITH US  
2 NOV, 2019 (SAT)

10:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

LIM AH PIN CHURCH OF CHRIST

NATURAL INGREDIENTS

HEALTHY DESSERT

GREAT FELLOWSHIP

# Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

## November 2019

Sunday	3 Nov	10 Nov	17 Nov	24 Nov
Worship Sermon	Building the Gaps in the Church			Gospel Meeting
	Generation Gap	Culture/Racial Gap	Income Gap	
	Kwan Tai Choom	Peter Chin	Jimmy Lau	
Adult Class	Living One's Faith in Relation to the World	Living One's Faith in Prayer & Confession	Introduction & Outline to the Book of Jude	
	Isaac Chua			
Young Adult Class	Sermon on the Mount Young Men			
Foundation Class	Gospel of Mark Ernest Lau			
Upper Primary Class	The Lord's Supper	Love, The Better Way	The Tricks of Satan	Timothy, A Good Example
	Jasmine Yew			
Lower Primary Class	Father Sees into the Future	Jesus' first trip	Lost: A boy in Jerusalem	Talking to God
	Kia Sang			
Nursery Class	Simon the Sorcerer	Philip Teaches the Ethiopian	The Apostle Peter	Peter Heals Aeneas and Raises Dorcas
	Eunice/Lydia		Seow Hui	
Cradle Roll	Baby Jesus Suzanne			
Thursday	7 Nov	14 Nov	21 Nov	28 Nov
Adult Class	"Jesus Betrayed and Denied" (John 18:1-12; 15-18; 25-27)	"The Jewish Trials of Jesus" (John 18:12-14; 19-24)	"The Political Trials of Jesus" (John 18:28-40; 19:1-15)	Gospel Meeting
	Ernest			
Children Class	Were There "Prehistoric" Men? Adam, The First Man	Exploring the Wonders of the Human Body	First Sin	First Family
Primary	Sharyl			
Nursery	Eunice			



### Thursday Bible Class

**"The Lord's Prayer"**

**(John 17:1-26)**

*by bro Ernest Lau*

### Next Sunday's Sermon

**"Bridging the Gap in the Church: Generation Gap"**

*by bro Kwan Tai Choom*

### Birthdays this week

*30 Oct (Wed) –*

Melissa & Peiyi



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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 Kenneth Liong & sis Iris* in San Francisco
- *Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, bro Jeshua* in UK
- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong

## Health

- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Poh Im's* health
- *Bro David Sum's father's* recovery from spine surgery
- *Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's* recovery from fractured ankle
- *Bro Roberto's son's* recovery from kidney stones
- *Bro Kenneth Quek's* recovery from his knee surgery

## Pregnancy

- Sis Olivia (Dec/Jan), sis Jasmine Chan (Mar), sis Wenyu (Apr)

## NSF

- Bro Titus, bro Shawn, bro Zachary, bro Wei Xiang

## Major Examinations

- Those taking 'O' & 'A' levels

# MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		27-Oct-19	3-Nov-19	10-Nov-19
<b>Song Leader</b>		Jimmy Lau	Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Peter Chin	Victor Lee	Low Chong Ping
<b>Preacher</b>		Ernest Lau	Kwan Tai Choom	Peter Chin
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Zachary Ling	Titus Goh	Gordon Loo
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Soo Kok Leong	Kenneth Quek	Ong Jun Wei
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Chua Kian Hong	Melvin Tan	Lau Jeng Sang
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Reuben Lim	Henry Chee	Martyn Gostelow
<i>Server</i>		Alvin Foo	David Sum	Dave Tapiru
<b>Announcer</b>		Charlie Teo	Michael Yeo	Benjamin Tan
<b>Greeters</b>		Sharyl Lau Wang Ting Pei	Constance Lau Ellen Hernandez	Naomi Leow Christine Phang
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Ernest Lau	Jeremy Kwan	Benjamin Kwan
<b>Speaker</b>		Lee Tian Seng	Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Ling Leong Dak	Martyn Gostelow	Nicodemus Oey
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
<b>Song Leader</b>			James Mira	Ernest Lau
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>			Henry Leow	Jerry Cheong
<b>Teacher</b>			Ernest Lau	Ernest Lau
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>			Ong Jun Wei	Chua Kian Hong