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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

Deacons

Bro Henry Leow
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern



Joh 2:5 *His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it.*

Jesus was at a marriage feast in Cana of Galilee. When the supply of wine was exhausted, His mother came to inform Him. It was on this occasion that she said unto the servants: "*Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it*" (John 2:5).

It was also an open declaration of the authority of Jesus. Mary recognised that there is authority in the word of Jesus: "*Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it!*" There is to be no arguing and questioning of the words of Jesus: just obey and do it.

This same course of action can assure the salvation of souls today. Jesus came to show the way to the Father. He said: "*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*" (John 14:6). There is no other way to salvation except through Jesus and therefore, it is important to us that "*Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it!*"

God has always demanded obedience. He has given us the inspired word that we may know His commandments to be saved and to walk as children of God. But men tend to ignore the word of God which is given for their salvation (2 Tim 4:3). They do not like to follow the way of the Lord. They will not do what the Lord has commanded in His word.

Our Lord Jesus demanded obedience from us. Jesus sounded this warning: "*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into*

the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt 7:21). And, *"And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"* (Lk 6:46).

Noah is a perfect example of faith and obedience. God told Noah to build an ark. God gave him the dimensions and how the ark was to be built. God also chose the material for building the ark (Gen 6:14-16). Noah obeyed every single command that God had given him: *"Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he"* (Gen 6:22).

Noah could have argued with God. He could have changed some of the dimensions. He could make it five storeys high instead of three. He could have added more windows instead of one as instructed by God. He could change the wood to something harder than gopher wood as commanded by God. He would have improved the design of the ark if he had done those things mentioned. But Noah did none of those things. He followed God's pattern and design in every detail.

God could have saved Noah and his family without an ark. But God told him to build an ark for the saving of his house. It was God's method to save Noah and his family. Noah did exactly as was commanded: *"Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it!"*

Noah and his family were saved because they obeyed what God had commanded. But today, though many will acknowledge the Lord as their Lord, they will not obey His commandments. They question His commandments and they will "improve" on the way to heaven and the pattern of acceptable worship.

Noah would not question God's method for saving the earth. Denominations question the methods of God for salvation and would change the way of worship. They question God's method of saving men. Our Lord has commanded: *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved"* (Mark 16:16). They question the need of baptism and they conclude it is not necessary. They say God can save a man without baptism.

It is true that God can save a man without baptism just as He could save Noah without an ark. But God chose to save Noah and the animals with an ark. And likewise, God chose to save a man by baptism (1 Pet 3:21; Acts 22:16).

We must have trusting faith that will accept and obey: *"Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it!"* Salvation is by God's method and God's way only. *"Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it!"*

From the Brotherhood



The Pain of Lingering Regrets

By Wayne Jackson

(<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/885-pain-of-lingering-regrets-the>)

Nathan Hale elevated the term “regret” to a new high in 1776. Hale, a lad of twenty-one years, was a captain in the colonial army. He was arrested by the British as a spy and sentenced to hang. His courageous, final words were: “I only regret that I have but one life to lose for my country.”

More often than not, however, “regret” has a troubling connotation.

Normally, “regret” may be defined as a distress of mind, or a painful memory, over something that happened in the past. It often reflects the contemplation of a circumstance that lies beyond the possibility of repair. On the other hand, the somber term can signify a situation that is not beyond the scope of correction. It may simply suggest that, as yet, the grievance is not remedied.

John Greenleaf Whittier expressed the concept of regret poetically:

*“Of all sad words of tongue or pen,
the saddest are, ‘It might have been.’”*

As one contemplates various shades of regret, that on occasion disturb one’s peace of mind, several categories may engage his attention. Some examples of such are illustrated in the Bible.

The Regret of Personal Consequences

There is a type of regret that vexes the soul intolerably due to a horrible sin that one has committed; and yet, the perpetrator cannot rid his life of the consequences

associated therewith. A man may commit a murder, and be sent to prison for the crime. He may regret his **plight**, but have little or no **moral remorse** for his heinous deed.

The rich man, featured in the Lord's illustrative narrative that deals with covetous self-interest, doubtless regretted his post-mortem environment — a place of horrible torment (Luke 16:19ff). Yet there is not a solitary word escaping his lips that reveals any level of godly regret.

Had he neglected his neighbor? Yes he had. Had he dishonored his God? Unquestionably. But as far as the record goes, he cared nothing for the disgrace of either transgression. He merely was distressed about his anguished, irrevocable condition.

The Regret of Personal Guilt

Equally pitiable is the sort of regret that could be assuaged somewhat if the victim of the sorrow would seek the assistance of God.

A prime example is that of Judas, the treacherous disciple who betrayed the Son of God. After his act of betrayal was consummated, Judas was struck with the reality that his wicked intrigue would result in the “condemnation” of Christ. Thus, he “repented himself” (metamelomai — to have regret, remorse), and brought back the thirty pieces of silver for which he had sold out the Savior (Matthew 27:3ff).

It scarcely can be said, however, that the wayward apostle “repented” in the noblest sense of that term. His subsequent suicide, though dramatic, demonstrated the superficiality of his feelings toward Christ (see: Bromiley 1985, 590).

Judas' regret could (and should) have impelled him to a higher plateau of spirituality, a change of life, wherein he could have found pardon and relief. For whatever reason, he refused that option.

There are many today who harbor regrets that stalk them mercilessly, but in their stubbornness they resist every offer of divine grace. One can only pity the person who resolutely languishes under the burden of a malignancy for which there is a cure, but a cure that is refused.

Healthy Regret

There also is that type of regret that lingers still, even after one knows that he cannot undo the wrongful deeds of his past, and he is confident that God has forgiven him. This is a healthy regret; one that **motivates** to action.

Prior to his conversion, Paul had been a determined persecutor of the Christian Way. He was a missionary of mayhem who sought to destroy the church of God (Acts 9:1ff; 23:9-11; Galatians 1:13; 1 Timothy 1:13). But those bloody days were not without lingering regrets, even after his soul had been refreshed with cleansing (Acts 22:16).

In his epistle to the Ephesians he chastised himself as “the least of all the saints” (3:8). He confessed to the Corinthians that he was “the least of the apostles,” not worthy of the favor bestowed upon him—due to his days of violence against the church (1 Corinthians 15:9). His anguish was expressed to Timothy in his claim of being “chief” of sinners. The present tense form, “of whom I **am** chief,” tells a story on its own; indeed, even in concert with his gratitude for Christ’s mercy.

But the indomitable apostle did not wither away, indulging himself in self-pity and unproductive anxiety. Rather, he channeled his memories into a fiery zeal that would take him some 12,000 miles of rigorous travel in three missionary campaigns and sundry other preaching adventures on behalf of the gospel of Christ. He resolutely endured persecution, and was made stronger for it (2 Corinthians 11:24ff; 12:9-10).

The Lessons of Regret

What, then, can we learn from this brief study? Two things principally. Whatever regrets lurk in our shadows, that may to a degree be fixed — fix them! Right whatever wrongs you can. And seek God’s pardon in his appointed ways — whether as sinner (Acts 2:38), or saint (Acts 8:22).

If you have done everything biblically possible to remedy past mistakes, resolve that even though regrets linger, you will not let them control you and disable you. Determine that you will use them as a springboard to a higher good than you might have accomplished otherwise. Such would be God’s will for you.

WEEKLY NEWS

Bereavement

Our deepest condolences to **sis Jenny & family** over the passing of her mother on 19 April. The wake is held at Blk 140, Potong Pasir Ave 3, Singapore 350140. The cremation will take place tomorrow at 11 am at Mandai Crematorium Hall 3. Please keep sis Jenny and her family in your prayers as they grieve over the passing of their loved one.

Travels

(Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro John Moore, sis Carla, bro Peter, sis Pooi Fun, bro John Goh & Four Seas College students** in Malaysia. They will be back today.
2. **Sis Fong Yoke, sis Doreen & sis Carol** in Perth till 23 Apr
3. **Bro Shawn** in Europe till 25 Apr
4. **Sis Eunice** in Indonesia till 26 Apr
5. **Bro Tian Geng** in USA for work till 28 Apr
6. **Sis Yan Ling** in New Zealand till 28 Apr
7. **Bro Danny & family** in UK till 30 Apr

Guests last week

1. Bro John & sis Carla Moore
(Dripping Springs COC, USA)
2. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen *(Canada)*
3. Sis Julia Ng *(Wahfu COC, Hong Kong)*
4. Bro Yu Kong *(Melaka COC)*
5. Sis Lee Yok Hoon *(Melaka COC)*
6. Bro Paul & sis Ivy *(sis Baby's family)*
7. Kenny Kee *(sis Debbie's husband)*
8. Gan Sok Ting *(bro Reuben's friend)*
9. Triston
10. Nanette Cuplang

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!



SPECIAL SERIES OF STUDIES ON:

“THE BOOK OF REVELATION”

April 23 & 24 (9.30am – 2.30pm)

April 25 (9.30am – 11.30am)

“BIBLICAL GUIDANCE & AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING”

April 25 (11.30am – 2.30pm)

April 26 & 27 (9.30am – 2.30pm)



Speaker:
John Moore

A native of Dripping Springs, Texas, John has served as an evangelist, teacher, preacher and minister of the gospel for over 30 years. He and his wife, Carla are working with Bear Valley Bible Institute International, and serve as the Directors of Bible Land Passages Project, a ministry dedicated to training preachers, defending the faith, and guiding souls to Jesus.

John also serves on the advisory board of World Video Bible School and he is the narrator and author of both the book and video, “Searching for Truth” and the narrator and instructor of “Learning To Use The Greek New Testament” — a thorough study of New Testament Greek presented in 35 lessons on 13 DVDs. Since 1986, he has preached in gospel meetings in over 18 states, and has conducted or participated in yearly campaigns in various foreign countries including Jamaica, Tobago, Malaysia and Singapore.

Date: April 23 – 27, 2018 (Mon-Fri)

Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Venue: Lecture Hall, Four Seas College

Singing Fellowship

Date: 6 May, Sunday

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: Church Building

All are welcome to attend!

Senior Fellowship

Date: 12 May, Saturday

Time: 9.30am – 12.15pm

Venue: Punggol Waterway Park/SAFRA Punggol

Please inform bro Alvin or sis Ser Ern if you are interested to attend.

Ladies Fellowship

Encouragement Gestures

Date: 12 May, Saturday

Time: 2:30pm - 5:30pm

Venue: Sis Kim Tian's place

(Blk 546 Pasir Ris St. 51 #10-19 S510546)

Programme highlights

Basic Cardmaking

Encouraging Session

5 O'clock Tea

Material Fee: \$5/pax

*Kindly make payment to sis Ser Ern by **6 May** to indicate your attendance.*

诚意邀请您参加

第13届
亚洲华文圣经研讨会

日期 5月31日-6月2日 • 2018年(周四至周六)
地点 SWISS GARDEN HOTEL (吉隆坡 马来西亚)

主办单位
马来西亚 巴生基督教会

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Family Camp 2018

Date: 4 – 7 June, Monday - Thursday

Venue: Berjaya Waterfront Hotel

Theme: *Christians & Communications*

Cost:

\$190/adult

\$150/child with bed

\$90/child without bed

*Please sign up on the events noticeboard in the hall by **6 May**!*

Fishers Of Men Course

(Person-to-Person evangelism course)

Course duration:

10 Aug – 21 Oct (11 weeks, 34 hours course)

Instructor: Bro Barry Hatcher

*Please register your attendance on the sign-up sheet on the events noticeboard and indicate your preferred timing and venue by **6 May**.*

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class Marriage is Not for the Immature

by bro Andy Lin

Birthday of the week

25 Apr (Wed) – Yen

27 Apr (Fri) - Jaslyn

Please send any news &
prayer requests to
limahpincoc@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong
- *Sis Farah & bro Siang Yee* in London, UK, for studies
- *Bro Long Jun* in China
- *Bro Nigel* in Dubai
- *Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris* in San Francisco

Health

- *Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's* health
- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Peiyi's & sis Molly's* health
- *Sis Molly's brother's* health
- *Bro Roberto's* migraine
- *Sis Doris'* recovery from her trigger finger surgery
- *Bro Capi's mother's* health
- *Sis Siew Siew's mother's, sis Shu Fang's mother's, sis Doris' mother's, sis Shermin's grandmother's & sis Sarah's grandmother's* health
- *Lisa, bro David & sis Jenny's daughter,* from giddiness & headaches

Pregnancy

- Sis Lydia (Jun'18), sis Jasmine Chan (Jun'18), sis Debbie (Jun'18)

NSF

- Bro Kevin, bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		22-Apr-18	29-Apr-18	6-May-18
Song Leader		Joel Lee	Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin
Opening Prayer Leader		Kenneth Quek	Victor Lee	Timothy Ng
Psalms Text		Psa 62:1-12	Psa 63:1-11	Psa 64:1-10
Preacher		Michael Yeo	John Moore	Amos Yang
Lord's Supper Text		Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Jeshua Lin	Yew Tian Geng	Zachary Ling
	Prayer: Bread	Wong Sek Hoong	Chua Kian Hong	Farand Lim
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Alvin Chan	Ling Leong Dak	Michael Yeo
	Prayer: Offering	Ong Jun Wei	Andy Lin	Martyn Gostelow
	Assistant	Gordon Loo	Melvin Tan	Shawn Wong
Foundation Class		Benjamin Tan	Arthur Yap	Justin Kwan
Announcer		Benjamin Kwan	Timothy Ng	Jimmy Lau
Greeters		Malaphone Inthilath Lois Chee	Constance Lau Wu Wenyu	Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jeremy Kwan	Timothy Ng	Kevin Lee
Speaker		Wong Sek Hoong	Benjamin Tan	Henry Leow
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Alan Poon	Jerry Cheong	Alvin Chan
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan
Opening Prayer Leader			Low Chong Ping	Kenneth Quek
Closing Prayer Leader			Benjamin Tan	Jimmy Lau