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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

CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS

"THE GREATEST LIFE EVER LIVED"

Speaker: Alvin Lin

27 May 2018, Sunday | 9.30am |

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Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Joh 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.

Jesus was standing beside Jacob's well in Samaria. From His vantage point the Saviour could see the fields of waving grain about Him and He knew that it would be harvest time. It was an opportunity for the Master to bring home an important lesson to His disciples. Looking upon the groups of people coming to the well for water, Christ saw another harvest all ready for the reaping.

He said to His disciples: "*Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields: for they are white already to harvest*" (John 4:35).

"Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields." Jesus could see what His disciples failed to see. Jesus was speaking of a spiritual harvest. He saw the Samaritans were candidates of the kingdom. Whereas, the disciples were blinded by their deep prejudice towards the Samaritans and did not think they were candidates of the kingdom. They didn't think the Samaritans would respond to the Saviour's message. They were wrong! (John 4:41-42).

Jesus was saying: "Lift up your eyes! Look around. The field is white for the harvest." What a message for workers in the cause of Christ today! Many times, our vision is blocked by the obstacles we create ourselves. We think the souls are not ready. We think the time is not ripe. We think we can reach out to them at a later date. We think they would not be receptive to the gospel message. Many times, we have been proven wrong because we think the harvest is still four months away.

While we procrastinate, souls are slipping into eternity and are lost eternally. While we wait and see, denominations are sending out thousands of missionaries to foreign lands. And while we sit idle, the devil is busy harvesting the souls of men.

The Samaritan woman was so excited about hearing from Jesus that she shared the good news with the entire village of Sychar. The result was all of them went out of the city to find Jesus (John 4:30). They heard and they believed (John 4:41). The harvest came in early.

The harvest is where the people are. Wherever there are people, there is an opportunity to reap a harvest; don't wait. Lift up your eyes; the harvest is around you. The only reason you are not harvesting is because you are not telling anyone the good news about Jesus.

What was Jesus implying in these words: *"Say not ye, There are yet four months"*?

1. Don't make excuses: *"Say ye not."* In Haggai's days, the Jews were making excuses for themselves for not building the temple of God: *"This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built"* (Hag 1:2).

One of the favourite excuses we make is that they won't listen. Have we tried talking to that person about Jesus? Have we tried inviting our friends to church? If it is true that they won't listen, then, why is it that the mega churches and the denominations are able to reach out to them and convert them?

2. Don't procrastinate: *"There are yet four months."* Many say: "The gospel meeting is four months away; I will wait when it is nearer to tell my friends." Christ is saying the harvest is now and anytime. We don't have to wait for a gospel meeting to do evangelism because souls are passing on to eternity every day. *"Behold, now is the day of salvation"* (2 Cor 6:2).

Christ wants us to lift up our eyes and look around us? Can we see lost souls? He is saying: "Stop making excuses and stop procrastinating. Get to work for the harvest is around you."



Blind Faith

by Dave Miller, Ph.D. (<http://apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=11&article=444>)

A common misconception among atheists, humanists, and evolutionists is that those who reject evolution in order to hold to a fundamental, literal understanding of the biblical documents are guided by "blind faith." Robinson articulated this position quite emphatically when he accused Christians of abandoning rationality and evidence in exchange for intellectual dishonesty and ignorance of the truth (1976, pp. 115-124). Many within the scientific community labor under the delusion that their "facts" and "evidence" are supportive of evolution and opposed to a normal, face-value

understanding of the biblical text. They scoff at those who disagree with them, as if they alone have a corner on truth.

The fact of the matter is that while most of the religious world deserves the epithets hurled by the “informed” academicians, those who espouse pure, New Testament Christianity do not. New Testament Christians embrace the biblical definition of faith, in contrast to the commonly conceived understanding of faith that is promulgated by the vast majority of people in the denominational world.

The faith spoken of in the Bible is a faith that is preceded by knowledge. One cannot possess biblical faith in God until he or she comes to the knowledge of God. Thus, faith is not accepting what one cannot prove. Faith cannot outrun knowledge—for it is dependent upon knowledge (Romans 10:17). Abraham was said to have had faith only after he came to the knowledge of God’s promises and was fully persuaded (Romans 4:20-21). His faith, therefore, was seen in his trust and submission to what he knew to be the will of God. Biblical faith is attained only after an examination of the evidence, coupled with correct reasoning about the evidence.

The God of the Bible is a God of truth. Throughout biblical history, He has stressed the need for the acceptance of truth—in contrast with error and falsehood. Those who, in fact, fail to seek the truth are considered by God to be wicked (Jeremiah 5:1). The wise man urged: “Buy the truth, and sell it not” (Proverbs 23:23). Paul, himself an accomplished logician, exhorted people to love the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12). He stated the necessity of giving diligence to the task of dealing with the truth properly (2 Timothy 2:15). Jesus declared that only by knowing the truth is one made free (John 8:32). Luke ascribed nobility to those who were willing to search for and examine the evidence, rather than being content to simply take someone’s word for the truth (Acts 17:11). Peter admonished Christians to be prepared to give a defense (1 Peter 3:15), which stands in stark contrast to those who, when questioned about proof of God, or the credibility and comprehensibility of the Bible, triumphantly reply, “I don’t know—I accept it by faith!”

Thus, the notion of “blind faith” is completely foreign to the Bible. People are called upon to have faith only after they receive adequate knowledge. In fact, the Bible demands that the thinker be rational in gathering information, examining the evidence, and reasoning properly about the evidence, thereby drawing only warranted conclusions. That, in fact, is the essentiality of what is known in philosophical circles as the basic law of rationality: one should draw only such conclusions as are justified by the evidence. Paul articulated exactly this concept when he wrote: “Prove all things; hold fast that which is good” (1 Thessalonians 5:21). John echoed the same thought when he said to “test the spirits” (1 John 4:1). These passages show that the New Testament Christian is one who stands

ready to examine the issues. God expects every individual to put to the test various doctrines and beliefs, and then to reach only such conclusions as are warranted by adequate evidence. Man must not rely upon papal authorities, church traditions, or the claims of science. Rather, all people are obligated to rely upon the properly studied written directives of God (2 Timothy 2:15; John 12:48; 2 Peter 3:16). Biblical religion and modern science clash only because the majority of those within the scientific community have abandoned sound biblical hermeneutics and insist upon drawing unwarranted, erroneous conclusions from the relevant scientific evidence.

The Bible insists that evidence is abundantly available for those who will engage in unprejudiced, rational inquiry. The resurrection claim, for example, was substantiated by “many infallible proofs,” including verification through the observation of more than five hundred persons at once (Acts 1:3; 1 Corinthians 15:5-8). Many proofs were made available in order to pave the way for faith (John 20:30-31). Peter offered at least four lines of evidence to those gathered in Jerusalem before he concluded his argument with “therefore...” (Acts 2:14-36). The acquisition of knowledge through empirical evidence was undeniable, for Peter concluded, “as you yourselves also know” (Acts 2:22, emp. added). John referred to the auditory, visual, and tactile evidences that provided further empirical verification (1 John 1:1-2). Christ offered “works” to corroborate His claims, so that even His enemies did not have to rely merely on His words—if they would but honestly reason to the only logical conclusion (John 10:24-25,38). The proof was of such magnitude that one Pharisee, a ruler of the Jews, even admitted: “[W]e know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him” (John 3:2).

Nevertheless, there are always those who, for one reason or another, refuse to accept the law of rationality, and who avoid the warranted conclusions—just like those who side-stepped the proof that Christ presented, and attributed it to Satan (Matthew 12:24). Christ countered such an erroneous conclusion by pointing out their faulty reasoning and the false implications of their argument (Matthew 12:25-27). The proof that the apostles presented was equally conclusive, though unacceptable to many (Acts 4:16).

The proof in our day is no less conclusive, nor is it any less compelling. While it is not within the purview of this brief article to prove such (see Warren and Flew, 1977; Warren and Matson, 1978), the following tenets are provable: (1) we can know (not merely think, hope, or wish) that God exists (Romans 1:19-20); (2) we can know that the Bible is the verbally inspired Word of God, and intended to be comprehended in much the same way that any written human communication is to be understood; (3) we can know that one day we will stand before God in judgment and give account for whether we have studied the Bible, learned what to do to be saved, and obeyed those instructions; and (4) we can know that we know (1 John 2:3).

By abandoning the Bible as a literal, inerrant, infallible standard by which all human behavior is to be measured, the scientist has effectively rendered biblical religion, biblical faith, and New Testament Christianity sterile—at least as far as his or her own life is concerned. Once the Bible is dismissed as “figurative,” “confusing,” or “incomprehensible,” one has opened wide the doors of subjectivity, in which every man’s view is just as good as another’s. The more sophisticated viewpoint may be more appealing, but it remains just as subjective and self-stylized.



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Health

Please pray for health & recovery of the following:

1. **Bro Isaac** who sprained his back
2. **Sis Alice** who suffered a closed fracture
3. **Lisa's** surgery on 7 May
4. **Sis Peiyi's** scope results on 8 May
5. **Sis Molly's** results on 10 May

Travels (Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro John, sis Susan, bro Jun Wei & sis Ser Ern** are travelling to Taiwan from 10-20 May.
2. **Bro Martyn** in Canada till 13 May

Guest Last Week

1. Bro John & sis Carla Moore
(Dripping Springs COC, USA)
2. Bro Andy Ling
(Kota Kemuning COC, M'sia)
3. Sis Deborah Tan
(Tai Ping COC, M'sia)
4. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen
(Canada)
5. Kenny Kee
(sis Debbie's husband)
6. Gan Sok Ting
(bro Reuben's friend)
7. Triston

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Singing Fellowship

Date: 6 May, Sunday (TODAY)

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: Church Building

All are welcome to attend!

Senior Fellowship

Date: 12 May, Saturday

Time: 9.00am – 12.15pm

Venue: Punggol Waterway Park/SAFRA Punggol

Please meet at LAP at 9am (for those taking transport) or meet at 9.30am – 9.40am at Sam Kee LRT control station. Please be on time.

Ladies Fellowship

Encouraging 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 (Coffee, Tea & Waffles)

Material Fee: \$5/pax

Kindly make payment to sis Ser Ern by TODAY to indicate your attendance.

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

A booth will be set up in the Young Adult Classroom for collection of fees TODAY & next Sunday.

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 **TODAY**.*

Please Join Us!

Appreciation Day!

诚挚邀请您来参加我们的感恩日

12th May • 3-7pm • 5月12日下午3-7点
Skudai Church of Christ (士古来基督教会)

Skudai COC would like to invite you to join us for our appreciation day, in which we express our gratitude to God, various congregations and members who have supported and encouraged us in our purchase, renovation and move to the new premises. There will be a short message followed by refreshments.

We hope to see you there so that we may thank you in person!

士古来基督教会希望邀请您参加我们的感恩日，让我们表示感谢，感谢神，感谢各方的支持，感谢所有参与的弟兄姐妹和朋友们！简短的感谢致辞后有茶点招待。

我们希望能当天见到您，让我们可以亲自感谢您！



RSVP: Please text me if you can join
(skudaicoc@gmail.com)

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class Yours Can Be A Successful One

by bro Andy Lin

Birthday of the week

7 May (Mon) – Mae

8 May (Tue) – Timothy

10 May (Thu) – Eunice

11 May (Fri) – Wee Sin



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prayer requests to
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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		6-May-18	13-May-18	20-May-18
Song Leader		Alvin Lin	Isaac Chua	Amos Yang
Opening Prayer Leader		Timothy Ng	Jerry Cheong	Victor Lee
Psalms Text		Psa 64:1-10	Psa 65:1-13	Psa 66:1-10
Preacher		Amos Yang	Ernest Lau	Danny Poo
Lord's Supper Text		1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29
Lord's Supper Servers	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Zachary Ling	Gideon Quek	Gordon Loo
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Farand Lim	Charlie Teo	Soo Kok Leong
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Michael Yeo	Henry Chee	Henry Chee
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Joel Lee	Alan Poon	Timothy Ng
	<i>Assistant</i>	Shawn Wong	Jose Cardoza	Leonard Chia
Announcer		Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin	Lee Tian Seng
Greeters		Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming	Ludina Carrido Susan Cheong	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Kevin Lee	Jonathan Yang	Amos Yang
Speaker		Henry Leow	David Chua	Alvin Lin
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Alvin Chan	Lim Poh Teng	Ling Leong Dak
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			10-May-18 Jeshua Lin	17-May-18 Ernest Lau
Opening Prayer Leader			Peter Kwan	Peter Chin
Closing Prayer Leader			Reuben Lim	Danny Poo