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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

Deacons
Bro Henry Leow
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preachers
Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator
Sis Goh Ser Ern



Celebration of the Spring

Date: 3rd February 2018

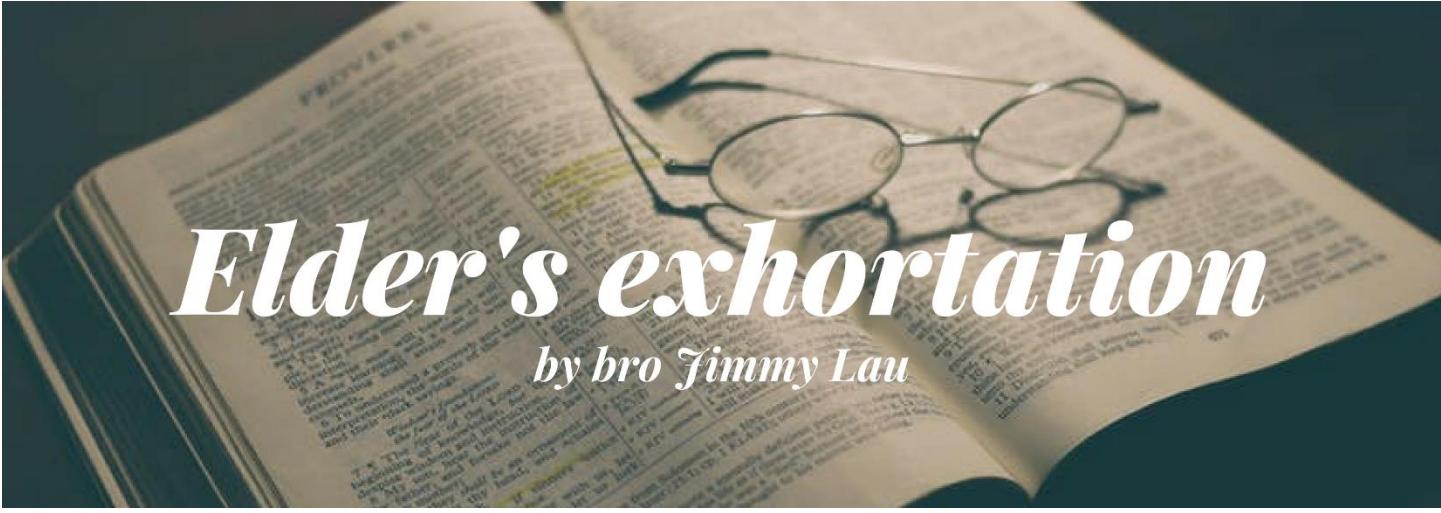
Time: 2:30 - 5:30pm

Venue: 10E Leith Road

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

1. Pineapple tart making
2. Spring cleaning tips sharing
3. Qualities we can learn from man's best friend; the dog
4. Afternoon tea to follow after to end the session

*p.s. kindly indicate your attendance
for ladies only*



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

2Ki 18:6 *For he clave to Jehovah; he departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which Jehovah commanded Moses.*

King Hezekiah was the best in his line. Immediately upon becoming king, at the young age of twenty-five, he started a religious reformation. He removed all the high places and idols in the country. It was his own father who had desecrated Jehovah's temple and corrupted worship in Judah; Hezekiah changed all that and made it right with God again.

He was a great king; greater than almost all. The scripture speaks favourably of him: "*After him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him*" (2 Kgs 18:5b). It was the highest recommendation and approval that a man could receive from God. It means he didn't just score an 'A' in his report card; he was excellent. He excelled above all others; even those before and those who would come after him.

And the reason for his excellent character is that "*he trusted in the LORD God*" (vs 5a). To trust God takes more than just a verbal profession that one believes in God. Many in this world say they love Jesus and they believe in Jesus; but in works they deny Him. They don't listen to His words. They don't believe what He says nor obey His commandments.

Hezekiah was different: "*For he clave to the LORD, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the LORD commanded Moses*" (2 Kgs 18:6).

"Hezekiah's faith in God was not a mere idle profession. It did not consist in the mere belief of certain historical facts. It did not consist in the mere assent to certain doctrinal truths. It did not consist in the mere observance of certain outward forms and ceremonies. It was a real faith. It extended to his whole life. "He did that which

"was right in the sight of the Lord, according to all that David his father did" (verse 3). "He clave unto the Lord, and departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which the Lord commanded Moses (verse 6)" (HOMILIES BY C.H. IRWIN, Pulpit Comm).

It is good to be excellent, but most of all to be excellent for godliness. Hezekiah sets forth one aim in his life and that is, to trust in God and cleave to Him. The word "cleave" means to "hold fast, stay close, stick to, and cling to". That's what Hezekiah did when he trusted in God: he stayed close to God.

"Religion is the dedication of the heart and life to God...How expressive and instructive are some of these quaint old phrases! "He clave unto the Lord." Hezekiah set before him one great aim at the commencement of his life, and that was to please God. Whatever it might cost, he made up his mind to keep close to God." (HOMILIES BY C.H. IRWIN, Pulpit Comm).

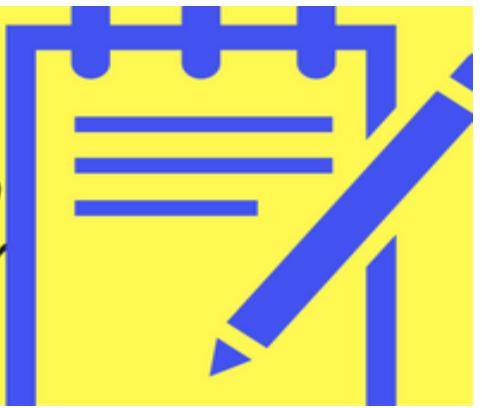
Are we keeping close to God? Are we cleaving to God? The reason why many are unfaithful or lukewarm is because they are not cleaving to God: "*Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you*" (Jas 4:8a).

What does it take to draw nearer to God? It takes the entire being in us. Many have only a verbal profession. They can sing beautifully, "O, How I Love Jesus", "Nearer My God To Thee", "I Want To Be A Worker For The Lord". They never show it in action. Our Lord has this to say on such worshippers: "*This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me*" (Matt 15:8).

When Hezekiah "*clave unto the LORD, he departed not from following Him*" (2 Kgs 18:6). He was either beside or behind God. God was never out of His sight. He stayed close to God. The picture is of a child sticking closely to his parents, afraid that he would lose them.

Let us cleave to God and be good followers like Hezekiah. Let us make up our minds to stay close to God. "*But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night*" (Psalm 1:2).

From the Brotherhood



One Question, Three Different Answers

Adapted from Eric Lyons, M.Min.

(<http://apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=11&article=646>)

Three times in the book of Acts, Luke the physician recorded non-Christians asking what they needed to do to be saved, and three times a different answer was given. The heathen jailor from Philippi asked Paul and Silas, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?,” and was told: “Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (16:30-31). The Jews on Pentecost asked the apostles, “Men and brethren, what shall we do?,” and were instructed to “repent and be baptized” (2:37-38). A few years later, Saul (later called Paul—Acts 13:9) asked Jesus, Who appeared to Saul on his way to Damascus, “Lord, what do you want me to do?” (9:6; 22:10). After being told to go into Damascus to find out what he “must do” to be saved, Ananias, the Lord’s servant, commanded Saul to “[a]rise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord” (22:16). The question that many ask is: “Why are three different answers given to the same question?” Are these answers contradictory, or is there a logical explanation for their differences?

The reason that three different answers were given to the question of salvation is because on each occasion the questioners were at different “locations” on the road to salvation. The rationality of such answers can be illustrated by considering what a person is told in reference to his physical distance from a certain city. If a friend calls me to ask how far it is from his house in Jackson, Tennessee to my parents’ house in Neosho, Missouri, I would inform him that he is 475 miles from Neosho. If he calls me back the next day, notifying me that he is now in Little Rock, Arkansas, and asks about the distance to Neosho, I would give him a different answer. He now would be 260 miles from Neosho. If, later that evening, he called me one last time and asked how far Fort Smith is from Neosho, again I would give him a different answer—130 miles. No rational person would accuse me of contradicting myself, since each question was asked from a different reference point. Three different answers were given, but all three were correct. Likewise, the New Testament records three different answers given to the question, “What must I do to be saved,” because the sinners who asked these questions were at different places of understanding on the road to salvation.

The Philippian jailor was commanded to believe in Christ, because he had not yet heard and believed the saving message of Jesus (Acts 16:31-32; Romans 10:17). It would have been pointless for Paul and Silas to command the jailor to repent and/or be baptized when he had not yet even heard the Gospel. If today, a Muslim, Hindu, or Buddhist, asked a Christian the same question the Philippian jailor asked Paul and Silas, the same answer would need to be given. Before ever teaching a Muslim about the essentiality of repentance and baptism, he first must express belief in Jesus as the Son of God. If this step (i.e., believing) is never taken on the road to salvation, the other steps are meaningless. [NOTE: The Bible reveals that after Paul and Silas “spoke the word of the Lord” to the jailor and his household, they believed and “immediately” were baptized (Acts 16:33). By implication, Paul and Silas must have taught the jailor and his family about the essentiality of baptism after stressing the need to “believe on the Lord Jesus Christ” (cf. Acts 8:35-36,38). Question: If water baptism has nothing to do with salvation, then why were the jailor and his household immersed in water not long after midnight (cf. Acts 16:25,33)?]

The Jews on Pentecost had already heard Peter’s sermon when they asked their question about salvation (Acts 2:37). Peter knew that they already believed, and that such belief came from hearing the message he preached (cf. Romans 10:17). The Jews had passed the point of belief (being “pricked in their heart”), and were told to “repent and be baptized” in order to obtain salvation (cf. Mark 16:16).

Still, someone might wonder why Ananias told Saul neither to believe nor repent when he informed him about how to have his sins washed away. The reason: Saul already was a penitent believer in Christ by the time he came in contact with Ananias. Saul did not need to be told to believe or repent, since he had already done so. He knew the Lord existed, having spoken directly with Him on the road to Damascus, and he expressed a penitent attitude by praying to God and fasting for three days (Acts 9:9,11). At this point, Saul lacked only one thing: he needed to be baptized (Acts 22:16).

The reason these sinners were told three different things regarding salvation was because they were at different starting points when given the various answers. It is as if the jailor were in Jackson, Tennessee, the Jews on Pentecost in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Saul in Fort Smith. All wanted to go to the same place, but were at different starting points when they asked the question, “What must I do to be saved?” The unbeliever was told to believe. The believers were told to repent. And the penitent believer was told to be baptized. The three statements may be different, but they are not contradictory. For a person to become a child of God, he or she must do all three (see John 8:24; Luke 13:3,5; Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:16).



Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

SUNDAY PREACHING SCHEDULE

Date	Theme	Topic	Speaker
4 Feb			<i>Lee Tian Seng</i>
11 Feb		Joseph: The Dreamer and Forgiver	<i>Benjamin Kwan</i>
18 Feb	How To Be A Godly Man	Job: The Ideal Man	<i>Kwan Tai Choom</i>
25 Feb		Noah: The One Righteous Man	<i>Benjamin Tan</i>

SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Adult Class		Young Adult Class		Foundation Class	
	Topic	Teacher	Topic	Teacher	Topic	Teacher
4 Feb						
11 Feb						
18 Feb	Hosea	<i>Alvin Lin</i>	Worshipping God	<i>Benjamin Kwan</i>	Important Doctrines of the Church	<i>Ernest Lau</i>
25 Feb						

Date	Upper Pri Class		Lower Pri Class	
	Topic	Teacher	Topic	Teacher
4 Feb	Learning About The Psalms		The little cloud and a big rain	
11 Feb	How To Be Happy	<i>Teo Kim Tian</i>	Elijah under the juniper tree	<i>Clara Lau</i>
18 Feb	David's Song		A new prophet from Israel	
25 Feb	The Psalmist Tells of God's Word		Ahab - the greedy king	

Date	Nursery Class		Cradle Roll	
	Topic	Teacher	Topic	Teacher
4 Feb	Jesus goes to Jerusalem			
11 Feb	John teaches people to do right	<i>Wai Kheng</i>		<i>Tingwei & Suzanne</i>
18 Feb	Jesus calls helpers		Baby Jesus	
25 Feb	Jesus teaches on a mountain			

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS SCHEDULE

Date	Main Class		Primary Class		Nursery Class	
	Topic	Teacher	Topic	Teacher	Topic	Teacher
1-Feb	Positive Steps To Deeper Relationships	<i>Lee Tian Seng</i>	God Gave Visions to Daniel	<i>Moh Fong Yoke</i>	Abraham and God's Promise	<i>Low Rhui Yin</i>
8-Feb	The Way To Lasting Relationships		God's Word Tell who Will Come		Isaac and His Sons	
15-Feb	Improving My Relationship With God		Jesus Fulfils God's Word		Jacob's Twelve sons	
22-Feb	The Christian And God		Jesus Explains God's Word		Joseph in Egypt	



Collection of angbao for our Mission Workers

We appreciate our mission workers – *bro Kwan (China)*, *bro Bob Xiang (China)*, *bro George Zhang (China)*, *bro John Yo (Taiwan)*, *bro Wang (Taiwan)*, *bro Glen Tattersall (Australia)* & *bro Hai (Vietnam)*. Boxes will be made available for you at the pulpit area from **28 Jan (TODAY) till 4 Feb** to give angbaos to show your appreciation to them during this festive season.

Changes due to Chinese New Year

Due to the Chinese New Year reunion dinner which falls on 15 Feb, Thu, the midweek bible class will be brought forward to **14 Feb, Wed.**

Bereavement

Our deepest condolences to **sis Lois and her family** over the passing of her grandmother on 24 Jan. Please keep them in prayers as they mourn over the loss of their loved one.

Guests Last Week

1. Bro Rich Sollars (*Fry Rd COC, Texas*)
2. Bro Calvin Tan (*Kota Kemuning COC, Malaysia*)
3. Sis Deborah Tan (*Taiping COC, Malaysia*)
4. Chloe Neo (*Sydney's cousin*)
5. Tan Sok Ting (*bro Reuben's friend*)
6. Stephanie Senna (*bro Martyn's friend*)
7. Jason Lam (*sis Sarah's friend*)
8. Godfrey & Karen (*sis Stephanie's friends*)
9. Regina (*sis Swee Inn's helper*)
10. Triston

Health

Please pray for the health & recovery of the following:

1. **Sis Lois' mother** from severe stomach pain
2. **Sis Doris** from her spine surgery

Travels

Please pray for **bro Gavin** who will be leaving for studies in UK from 4 Feb till 10 Apr. He will be worshipping with Stockwell church of Christ.

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

Positive Steps to Deeper Relationships

by bro Lee Tian Seng

Birthday of the week

31 Jan (Wed) -

Benjamin Tan & Teng Pei

1 Feb (Thu) - Chee Ming

2 Feb (Fri) - Siew Siew

Please send any news & prayer requests to

limahpincoc@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong
- *Sis Farah* in London, UK, for studies
- *Bro Siang Yee* in London, UK, for studies
- *Bro Long Jun* in China
- *Bro Nigel* in Dubai

Health

- *Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's* health
- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Peiyi's* health
- *Bro Roberto's* migraine
- *Sis Fong Yoke's* recovery from her cataract operations
- *Bro Capi's mother's* health
- *Sis Susan Goh's mother's, sis Jenny's mother's, Sis Siew Siew's mother's* health

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		28 Jan 2018	4 Feb 2018	11 Feb 2018
<i>Song Leader</i>	Benjamin Kwan	Jonathan Yang	Joel Lee	
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>	Low Chong Ping	Danny Poo	Timothy Ng	
<i>Psalms Text</i>	Psa 52:1-9	Psa 53:1-6	Psa 54:1-7	
<i>Preacher</i>	Peter Chin	Lee Tian Seng	Benjamin Kwan	
<i>Lord's Supper Text</i>	Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	
<i>Lord's Supper Servers</i>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Axel Chee	Gavin Cheah	Zachary Ling
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Victor Lee	Chua Kian Hong	Lim Poh Teng
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Alvin Chan	Kenneth Quek	Henry Leow
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Ong Jun Wei	Andy Lin	Martyn Gostelow
	<i>Assistant</i>	Yew Tian Geng	Gordon Loo	Shawn Wong
	<i>Foundation Class</i>	Benjamin Tan	Ernest Lau	Lau Jeng Sang
<i>Announcer</i>	Lee Tian Seng	Timothy Ng	Alvin Lin	
<i>Greeters</i>	Diana Phoo Teo Kim Tian	Wang Tingwei Ellen Micah	Nicodemus Oey Lois Chee	
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<i>Song Leader & O.P.</i>	Timothy Ng	Amos Yang	Kevin Lee	
<i>Speaker</i>	Jerry Cheong	Joel Lee	Paul Lim	
<i>Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.</i>	Martyn Gostelow	Alan Poon	Cornelius Lee	
<i>Thursday Service @ 7.45pm</i>		1 Feb 2018	8 Feb 2018	
<i>Song Leader</i>		Andy Lin	Jeshua Lin	
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>		Kenneth Quek	Peter Kwan	
<i>Closing Prayer Leader</i>		Jimmy Lau	John Goh	