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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 Henry Leow  
Bro Jerry Cheong

### Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin  
Bro Ernest Lau

### Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern



**Class of 2018**

Benbin Aspacio (Philippines)

Jessica Patete (Philippines)

Maria Fu (China)

Malaphone Inthiath (Laos)

Jeje Medez (Philippines)

**46<sup>th</sup>**

## Commencement Exercise

Saturday,  
November 24  
@ 3pm

Jurong Church of Christ  
120, Boon Lay Drive

22 Lectures

Q & A Forum

Special classes for Men & Women



**11<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
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LECTURESHIP**

Date: Nov. 28 – Dec. 1, 2018 (Wed-Sat)

Daily Chapel (3rd floor)  
8.15am – 8.45am

Daily Lectures (2nd floor)  
9.00am – 3.15pm

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# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

***Jdg 8:1 And the men of Ephraim said unto him, Why hast thou served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they did chide with him sharply.***

When there is war, no one wants to fight, but when there is victory, everyone wants a share. No sooner were the Midianites subdued, that the children of Israel were ready to quarrel among themselves. Manasseh and Ephraim were sons of Joseph. Manasseh was the firstborn and Ephraim was the younger (Gen 48:14). Still, at his death bed, Jacob blessed Ephraim above Manasseh. But Gideon was from the tribe of Manasseh.

From this conversation, we can see that the Ephraimites were a proud, puffed up, and self-conceited people. Their accusation was very immature and unreasonable: “***Why didst thou not call us when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites?***” (Jdg 8:1).

Though Ephraim was the younger, he was blessed above Manasseh, who was the firstborn, and therefore he thought he should be the greater one as Jacob had prophesied. Here, the Ephraimites thought they should be the one who should be leading the army and the honour should go to them. Apparently, they were not happy and were jealous that their brother was honoured above them.

But how unjust was their quarrel with Gideon! The post of honour, they thought, belonged to them. But Gideon was called of God and must act as was directed. The Ephraimites, in this quarrel, were murmuring against God and not just against Gideon. They were murmuring against God's chosen leader.

God has always delegated authority to certain men. The rest are to follow God's appointed leader. God chose Moses and He would not have anyone questioning his authority. Yet, Aaron and Miriam questioned Moses' authority: “**Hath the LORD indeed spoken only by Moses?**” (Num 12:2). The same verse says: “**And the LORD heard it.**”

God hears all the murmurings against His chosen leaders and He is not happy with them: “**the anger of Jehovah was kindled against them**” (Num 12:9). In the church, the

elders have delegated authority vested on them to rule and to oversee the administration of the church and it does not do well for anyone to murmur against God's divine design for leadership: **"Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God"** (Rom 13:2). Our response towards anyone who is leading us should be one of submission and follow: **"Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves"** (Heb 13:7).

The Ephraimites picked a quarrel with Gideon when they should be asking themselves: "Why didn't we volunteer in the first place?" They knew the enemy was in their country, and had heard of Gideon who was raising an army to oppose them, to which they ought to have joined themselves instead of waiting for a formal invitation.

Yes, why wait to be called? When we see a work that needs to be done, let us do it instead of asking why no one is doing it. Why complain that no one is picking up that piece of rubbish? If you see it, just do it.

The humble reply of Gideon prevented a confrontation between the two tribes. Gideon's answer was very calm and peaceable, and was intended not so much to justify himself as to please and pacify them. He answered them with a great deal of meekness and self-control. He did not get angry with them but mildly reasoned the case with them. With a great deal of modesty and humility, he magnified their performances above his own: **"What have I done now in comparison of you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer?"** (Jdg 8:3).

The Ephraimites had taken two princes of Midian who escaped. Gideon said that was a greater honour than what he and his men had done so thus far. Leaders should learn from the reply of Gideon to the Ephraimites.

Gideon honoured them above himself for their work. *"Brother, you are also doing a greater job over there. Thanks for the good work."* We all are just unprofitable servants; we have nothing to boast about of our achievements. What we have and can do are part of God's blessings to us. God gives us the talents to do what we can do and should be doing for Him. There is really nothing to boast about. **"So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do"** (Luke 17:10).

We are all here to serve God. There should be no comparison who is doing more and who is not doing anything. Those who are not doing, we simply need to encourage them to work in the vineyard. Let us remember that we are all unprofitable servants and service to God is our duty and responsibility: **we have done that which was our duty to do.**





## *Preacher's exhortation*

# A Farewell Speech

*by bro Ernest Lau*

*"For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8)*

The epistle of 2 Timothy is probably one of last letters that the apostle Paul wrote before his execution. Paul wrote to Timothy that he was leaving soon, but he was ready to offer himself up. He was ready because he had done everything that he needed to do, and he was certain of the reward that awaited him. Here are the 3 things that Paul did to prepare himself:

### **1. I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT**

Paul reminds us that Christianity is like a war. As Paul puts it, *"we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places"* (Ephesians 6:12). We fighting against our greatest adversary: Satan! This is the only good fight that is worth fighting.

Unfortunately, some have surrendered to Satan. When we sin, we allow Satan to win! Yet many would indulge themselves in the pleasures of this world, and they feel like they are in paradise. However, when we sin, we lose our fight against Satan, and we lose our inheritance in God's kingdom (1 Corinthians 6:9-10). Brethren, let us not love this world, because this world is only temporary; only those who love God and obey Him will abide forever (1 John 2:15-17).

To win the fight against Satan, we need to put the Word of God into our hearts (Psalm 109:11). We need to use the Word of God as Jesus did to defend Himself against

Satan's temptations (Matthew 4:1-11). We need to equip ourselves with the Armor of God: the belt of truth, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the breastplate of righteousness, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit! (Ephesians 6:14-17). We need to be sober and vigilant at all times, because the Devil is constantly on the prowl, and seeking to devour us (1 Peter 5:8).

## **2. I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE**

Paul reminds us that Christianity is like a race, a marathon in fact. A long-distance race like a marathon requires a lot of effort to run, and it is very tiring. Similarly, the Christian race is a marathon: it is a life-long race! It takes effort to run, and we do not stop running until the day we die. Nevertheless, we run so that we can obtain the prize at the finish line: the crown of righteousness!

Unfortunately, some have stopped running. Maybe they have given up on worshipping God. Maybe they have given up on using their talents to serve God. Maybe they have given up on living righteously and holy before God. What happens when we stop running? We will not receive the prize! To win this race and to receive the crown of life, we must run to the finish line: we must be faithful unto death (Revelation 2:10).

To run this race effectively, we need to "lay aside every weight" (Hebrews 12:1). We do not want to run a marathon with excessive baggage do we? We need to remove the things that weigh us down: sin and distractions. We need to "run with patience," because the Christian race is no short sprint. We need to look to Jesus as our example, who Himself ran His race even to the death, but has now received His reward on the Father's right hand (Hebrews 12:2).

## **3. I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH**

Christianity revolves around our faith in Jesus. Faith is our belief in Jesus' Deity (John 3:16; 8:24). Faith is the entire gospel system of which we are a part of (Philippians 1:27). Paul was confident that he has kept hold onto his faith in Jesus, and the gospel, and has not let go of it.

Unfortunately, some have lost the faith. Some have lost their belief and trust in Jesus. Some have gone back to sin: they have obeyed the holy commandment, but decided to go back to the mud of sin (2 Peter 2:20-22). Some have lost the faith by discarding or changing the gospel: those who pervert the gospel are accursed! (Galatians 1:6-9).

In order to keep the faith, we need to continually attend ourselves to spiritual matters. We need to grow in the knowledge of God's Word through personal Bible reading (2

Timothy 2:15). Faith comes by hearing the Word of God! (Romans 10:17). We need to be involved in constant prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17). We need to encourage one another, which we can do so whenever we assemble and meet together (Hebrews 3:13; 10:24-25). We need to be active in good works (Galatians 6:10).

Because Paul had fought the good fight, finished his course, and kept the faith, he could face his departure with confidence. Brethren, sooner or later, our own time will come, when we will depart from this world. Are we prepared? Are we confident of receiving the crown of righteousness, as Paul was? As we look forward to the time of Jesus' coming, let us prepare ourselves by fighting the good fight, finishing our course, and keeping the faith.



#### **Guests Last Week**

1. Bro David Lee (*Jurong COC*)
2. Sis Pearl Jean (*Lavender COC*)
3. Kelvin Kuan (*sis Eunice's friend*)
4. Tan Jiayi (*sis Michelle's friend*)
5. Iris (*sis Lois' friend*)
6. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)
7. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)
8. Shalen (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)

#### **Travelling (Pray for safety)**

1. **Bro David Sum & family** are travelling to Taiwan from 18-22 Nov
2. **Bro Wee Sin & family** in Bangkok till 19 Nov.
3. **Bro Kwan** will be travelling to China & Taiwan from 21 Nov till 18 Dec



#### **Gospel Meeting Briefing**

Date: 25 Nov, Sunday

Time: 12.30pm

Venue: Church building (Hall)

***All servers & receptionists are requested to attend this short briefing after bible class.***

| FSC Lectureship – ‘Revive Us Again’  |  |  |   |
|--|--|--|---|
| 28 Nov, Wed  | 29 Nov, Thu  | 30 Nov, Fri  | 1 Dec, Sat  |
| Morning  |  |  |   |
| <b>Reviving My Role In the Work of Perfecting the Saints</b><br><i>Stan Stockton</i>   | <b>Reviving My Duty to the Grieving</b><br><i>Ong Eng Boon</i>   | <b>Reviving My Persistence in Prayer</b><br><i>Chan Yong Yaw</i>   | <b>Reviving My Role In the Work of the Ministry</b><br><i>Lee Tian Seng</i>   |
| <b>Reviving My Trust in God</b><br><i>Jonathan Burns</i>   | <b>Reviving My Hunger &amp; Thirst for Spiritual Food</b><br><i>Billy Bland</i>  | <b>Reviving My Role in Edifying the Body of Christ</b><br><i>Tim Hayes</i>   | <b>Reviving My Longing for Heaven</b><br><i>Benjamin Tan</i>  |
| <b>Reviving The Joy of My Salvation</b><br><i>Byran Hatcher</i>  | <b>Reviving My Need to Put First Things First</b><br><i>Roger Campbell</i>   | <b>Reviving My Zeal to be a Soul Winner</b><br><i>Jamie Long</i>   | <b>Reviving My Duty to the Sick</b><br><i>Tim Burroughs</i>   |
| Afternoon  |  |  |   |
| <b>Field Report – Sabal Kruin</b><br><i>Tammy Gani</i>   | <b>Field Report – India</b><br><i>Emmanuelle George</i>  | <b>Field Report – Palau</b><br><i>Ernest Lau</i>   | <b>Presentation of the Work of Four Seas College</b><br><i>Billy Bland</i>  |
| <b>Men:</b><br><b>Reviving My Desire to Choose a Godly Life Partner</b><br><i>Emmanuelle George</i><br><b>Ladies:</b><br><b>Reviving My Faithfulness to My Marriage Vow</b><br><i>Teo Kim Tian</i> | <b>Men:</b><br><b>Reviving My Faithfulness to My Marriage Vow</b><br><i>Ernest Lau</i><br><b>Ladies:</b><br><b>Reviving My Desire to Choose a Godly Life Partner</b><br><i>Eunice Chua</i> | <b>Men:</b><br><b>Reviving My Role As Head of the Family</b><br><i>James Andrews</i><br><b>Ladies:</b><br><b>Reviving My Resolve in Godly Parenting</b><br><i>Jennifer Hatcher</i> | <b>Men:</b><br><b>Reviving My Obligation to Support My Aged Parents</b><br><i>George Zhang</i><br><b>Ladies:</b><br><b>Reviving My Obligation to Support My Aged Parents</b><br><i>Sabrina Wong</i> |
| <b>Open Forum</b>  | <b>Reviving My Strength to Stand for the Truth</b><br><i>Jason Hilburn</i>   | <b>Open Forum</b>  | <b>Reviving My Duty to the Weak in Faith</b><br><i>John Grubb</i>   |
| LAP GOSPEL MEETING   |  |  |   |
| -  | <b>The Greatest Lie Ever Told About Our Origin</b><br><i>Jason Hilburn</i>   | <b>The Greatest Lie Ever Told About The Church</b><br><i>John Grubb</i>  | <b>The Greatest Lie Ever Told About How to be Saved</b><br><i>Stan Stockton</i>   |
| -  | <i>LAP Children Class</i><br><b>Primary:</b> Geok Eng<br><b>Nursery:</b> Jacqueline  | <i>LAP Children Class</i><br><b>Primary:</b> Stephanie<br><b>Nursery:</b> Ser Ern  | <i>LAP Children Class</i><br><b>Primary:</b> Stephanie<br><b>Nursery:</b> Ser Ern   |

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### Thursday Bible Class

### The Need for Self-Respect - Destroyed and Built

by bro Reuben Lim

### Birthday of the week

18 Nov (Sun) – Kim Choo  
20 Nov (Tue) – Chin Siang,  
Alan, Peck Lian & Farah  
24 Nov (Sat) – Susan Ng

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# PRAYER REQUESTS

## 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 & bro Soon Heng's** health
- **Sis Shermin's aunt's** health (relapse of cancer)
- **Sis Shu Fang's father's** recovery from angiogram to unblock one of the arteries
- **Sis Jasmine's niece's** growth & development
- **Sis Germaine's** recovery from her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) surgery.

## Pregnancy

- Sis Stephanie (Dec'18), sis Christine (Apr'19), sis Mae (May'19)

## NSF

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus, bro Shawn

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

| Morning Worship @ 9.30am     |                       | 18-Nov-18                         | 25-Nov-18                  | 2-Dec-18                      |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Song Leader                  |                       | Benedict Yo                       | Jimmy Lau                  | Ernest Lau                    |
| Opening Prayer Leader        |                       | Kenneth Quek                      | Low Chong Ping             | Charlie Teo                   |
| Psalms Text                  |                       | Psa 78:50-61                      | Psa 78:62-72               | Psa 79:1-13                   |
| Preacher                     |                       | Joseph Lee                        | James Andrews              | Billy Bland                   |
| Lord's Supper Text           |                       | Isa 53:4-9                        | Php 2:5-11                 | 1 Cor 11:23-29                |
| Lord's<br>Supper<br>Servers  | Scripture Reader      | Soo Kok Leong                     | Yew Tian Geng              | Gideon Quek                   |
|                              | Prayer: Bread         | Nicodemus Oey                     | Farand Lim                 | Jerry Cheong                  |
|                              | Prayer: Fruit of Vine | Alvin Chan                        | Andy Lin                   | Danny Poo                     |
|                              | Prayer: Offering      | Martyn Gostelow                   | Alan Poon                  | Ong Jun Wei                   |
|                              | Assistant             | Jose Cardoza                      | Yew Tian Geng              | Melvin Tan                    |
| Foundation Class             |                       | Lau Jeng Sang                     | Justin Kwan                | Arthur Yap                    |
| Announcer                    |                       | Charlie Teo                       | Amos Yang                  | Lee Tian Seng                 |
| Greeters                     |                       | Benbin Aspacio<br>Ellen Hernandez | Jessica Patete<br>Maria Fu | Wang Teng Wee<br>Teo Kim Tian |
| Evening Worship @ 7pm        |                       |                                   |                            |                               |
| Song Leader & O.P.           |                       | Ernest Lau                        | Benedict Yo                | Amos Yang                     |
| Speaker                      |                       | Alvin Lin                         | Ernest Lau                 | Joel Lee                      |
| Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P. |                       | Jimmy Lau                         | Henry Leow                 | Alan Poon                     |
| Thursday Service @ 7.45pm    |                       |                                   |                            |                               |
| Song Leader                  |                       |                                   | Andy Lin                   | Gospel Meeting                |
| Opening Prayer Leader        |                       |                                   | Kenneth Quek               |                               |
| Closing Prayer Leader        |                       |                                   | Gavin Cheah                |                               |