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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
Bro Michael Yeo

Deacons

Bro Benjamin Tan
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern

**THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF
THE CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENT:**

**29 JUNE 2019 (SAT) • 10.30AM - 3.00PM
@120 BOON LAY DRIVE**

**SCIENCE &
SCRIPTURE**

TOPICS TO BE PRESENTED:

**SCIENCE & RELIGION (ERNEST LAU)
SCIENCE & GOD (JOSEPH HO)
SCIENCE & BIBLE (LI ZHENG)
SCIENCE & JESUS (JOEL LEE)**



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Rom 4:20 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

Paul gives the example of Abraham as one whom God declared righteous on account of his faith to prove that God has always required faith. Abraham was seventy-five years old when God called him and made a promise to him: **“And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing”** (Gen 12:2).

Well, God said it and he believed it. Abraham did not doubt God or questioned Him. He did not say: “Are you sure?” or “How can I be sure?” He did not ask God for a sign. He believed it and moved out of Haran towards Canaan’s land.

Abraham was very old and his wife had passed the child bearing age, but God took him out and asked him to look at the sky and said to him: **“Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.”** The scripture says: **“And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness”** (Gen 15:5-6).

Paul wrote of Abraham’s faith: **“He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God”** (Rom 4:20).

Abraham “staggered not” at the promise of God through unbelief. It means, he did not waver or doubt the promise of God. God said it and he believed it. Paul said Abraham was **“strong in faith.”** Gill commented: *“nothing moved him, no difficulties discouraged him, he made no demur upon the promise, nor had the least hesitation in his mind about the accomplishment of it; but was fully assured that so it would be, as God had said; and thus he was”* (Gill Comm).

The writer of Hebrews wrote: **“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him”** (Heb 11:6).

Faith is trusting God whole-heartedly. One cannot have a half or a three-quarter faith. But sad to say, many stagger in their faith. They are not quite sure if there is a God or a heaven. Some believe *“just in case”* the Christians are right in their teaching of God and heaven. “Just in case”

means that “there is a possibility that it might be true.” To such persons, Christianity is a “ticket” they better have with them in the event that there really is a heaven and they need it to gain entry into it. That’s not having faith in God.

Have you ever doubted the teachings of God? Is God real in your life? Is heaven a reality or a possibility? Have you ever doubted the existence of God?

Abraham staggered not in unbelief but was strong in faith. How strong is our faith? Faith needs to be strong during “good” times so that it can be used in “bad” times. If our faith is weak at this moment, we will fall when afflictions and troubles come our way. We will begin to doubt God. We will begin to question God and His methods. Then, we will fall away and say there is no God.

Why does a country need an army when she is enjoying peace? Many soldiers retire from our army without firing a shot at an enemy. Are we wasting our money training the army? But the truth is, we need to train up a strong army in peace times so that we can use it in war times. We don’t call it the Defence Ministry if it is not for defending our country.

Likewise, we need to be strong in the faith because Satan will continue to attack our faith. Faith is our defence against the wiles of the devil: **“Taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked”** (Eph 6:16).

Let us be strong in the faith. Let us strengthen our faith each day so that we can resist the devil’s temptations. **“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might”** (Eph 6:10).



Hymn #7

"ABIDE WITH ME"

"I am with you always, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28.20).

INTRO.: A perennially favorite hymn which is actually a prayer to the Lord, asking Him to keep His promise to be with us always is "Abide With Me." The text was written by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847). There is some evidence that he may have actually penned it, or at least started it, in 1820 following the tragic death of a minister friend. But the date usually given is 1847, when he prepared it, perhaps completing or adapting it, as a farewell before leaving Lower Brixham, England for Rome, Italy, because of ill health. However, he never made it and

died at Nice, France. The hymn was first published later that year in a leaflet with Lyte's own tune, and was then published in a book, "Lyte's Remains," in 1850. This tune (Eventide or Monk) was composed for Lyte's text by William Henry Monk (1823-1889). It first appeared in 1861 in his "Hymns Ancient and Modern."

The song suggests that we need the Lord to abide with us at all times.

I. Stanza 1 says that Christ will abide with us in times of suffering

*"Abide with me! fast falls the eventide, The darkness deepens, Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O, abide with me!"*

- A. The "eventide" here is not just the evening of the day but symbolizes the close of life: Jn. 9.4
- B. During this life we often face times of suffering, sometimes brought about even by persecution: 1 Pet. 4.12-14
- C. But even when it seems that we are helpless, the Lord has promised to abide with us: Heb. 13.5-6

II. Stanza 2 says that Christ will abide with us in times of change

*"Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me!"*

- A. As we live on earth, we realize that life's little day ebbs swiftly out: Jas. 4.13-14
- B. And as life's little day ebbs swiftly out, we find that earth's joys grow dim and its glories pass away with the change and decay that is all around us--it has been said that the only thing which does not change is the fact that things change: Heb. 1.10-12
- C. This change can often be unsettling, but we can always look to Him who changes not but is the same yesterday, today, and forever: Mal. 3.6, Heb. 13.8

III. Stanza 3 says that Christ will abide with us in times of temptation

*"I need Thy presence every passing hour, What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be? Through clouds and sunshine, O, abide with me."*

- A. All of us, like Jesus, must face the tempter throughout our lives: Matt. 4.1-11
- B. But Jesus came to be tempted for the express purpose of providing an example that can be our guide and stay: Heb. 2.17-17, 4.14-16; 1 Pet. 2.21-23
- C. Therefore, through Him, God's grace will help us to foil the tempter's power so that we can resist the devil: 1 Cor. 10.13, Jas. 4.8, 1 Pet. 5.8-9

IV. Stanza 4 says that Christ will abide with us even among our foes

*"I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless; Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness;
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if Thou abide with me!"*

- A. When Christ abides with us, we have nothing in this life to fear: Matt. 10.28

- B. The reason for this is that because of the hope that we have in Christ even death loses its sting and the grave loses its victory: 1 Cor. 15.55-56
- C. Thus, while the devil places many enemies in our way, including death and the grave, through Christ we can be more than conquerors: Rom. 8.31-39

V. Stanza 5 says that Christ will abide with us in death and in the life after

"Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies. Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!"

- A. The cross represents everything that Christ did, including His sacrificial death, for our redemption: 1 Cor. 1.18-24
- B. It is the message of the cross that points us to the skies by making possible the promise of eternal life: 1 Jn. 2.25
- C. Facing death can be a frightening experience, but strength and comfort can be found by trusting in Him who will lead us all the days of our lives and then takes us to dwell in His house forever: Ps. 23.4-6

CONCL.: This is often thought of as an evening hymn, and it is not inappropriate to sing it at the close of day. But its imagery of deepening darkness, growing dimness, and fading glories reminds me that as I approach death, if I have lived in such a way as to abide in Christ and He in me here, I can have the hope that in heaven He will forever "Abide With Me."

Adapted



Health

Bro Phillip Vanwinkle, former instructor at Four Seas College and husband of sis Phuong, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer, which has spread to other areas. He will be undergoing treatment and his surgeons and radiologist are working out a treatment plan for him. Please keep bro Vanwinkle in prayers as he undergoes treatment. We will be having a **special collection next Sunday (2 June)** to help him with his medical fees.

Lunch Celebration

To celebrate Kaius' turning one month old, lunch will be catered for everyone **TODAY**, courtesy of bro Nicodemus & sis Christine.

Travelling (Pray for safety)

1. **Sis Sarah** will be travelling to Melbourne from 29 May till 2 June
2. The brethren who will be travelling for the Chinese Asian Bible Lectureship in JB from 30 May till 1 Jun
3. **Sis Eunice** in Vienna for work till 27 May
4. **Sis Stephanie and baby Theophilus** in the Philippines till 30 May

Guests last week

1. Bro Andy, bro Willy & sis Sandra
(Kota Kemuning COC, M'sia)
2. Kenny Kee (sis Debbie's husband)
3. Kelvin Kuan (sis Eunice's friend)
4. Joyecelin Tok (bro Gideon's friend)
5. Grace Tan (bro Gavin's friend)

6. Bryan Chan (sis Chee Ming's son)
7. Lawrence Sia & family
(sis Stephanie's friends)
8. Lay Lay (sis Lydia's helper)
9. Meyske (sis Debbie's helper)
10. Emily Esconde



FELLOWKIDZ 2019

1 JUN, SAT • 11 AM TO 5 PM
• SIS CHEE MING'S HOUSE •

Blk 84 Edgedale Plains #07-09 The Terrace
Singapore 828737

Youth Fellowship

Date & Time: 9 June, Sun @ 1.30pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Last youth fellowship before the new work starts! Let's come together to pray for the growth of the kingdom.



Am I Standing In The Gap?

Date: 10th - 13th June (Mon - Thurs)

Venue: Berjaya Waterfront Hotel

"Making Disciples of Christ" – A Practical Learning Session

Date: 16 Jun, Sun

Time: 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Session Facilitator: Peter Chin

Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the hall and make payment of \$4 to sis Ser Ern if you would like to order bento lunch.

Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

June 2019

Sunday	2 Jun	9 Jun	16 Jun	23 Jun	30 Jun
Worship Sermon	Free Topics				Standing up to fill the Gap of being a Teacher
	Ernest Lau	Peter Chin	Charlie Teo	Ernest Lau	Timothy Ng
Men's Class	Count Your Blessings	The Purpose & Meaning of Life	What Does It Mean to Love God?	Are You a Saint?	Christian: What Does It Really Mean?
	Sek Hoong		Michael Yeo		
Ladies' Class	Count Your Blessings	What Does It Mean to Love God?	How Can You Have True Riches?	Christian: What Does It Really Mean?	Peace of Mind in Troubled Times
	Susan Ng	Jasmine Kwan	Kim Tian	Eunice	Peiyi
Young Adult Class	Parables Young Men				
Foundation Class	Christian Living - Roles in the Church Peter Chin & Ernest Lau				
Upper Primary Class	Athens, A Great City	Preaching In The Synagogue and Home	Reverence At Worship	Paul's Nephew To The Rescue	A Trip to Rome
	Sharyl	Susan Ng			
Lower Primary Class	Water from a Rock	Moses Shares Work	Moses on the Mountain	The Golden Calf	God's House
	Ser Ern				
Nursery Class	God Calls Young Samuel; He Becomes a Great Leader	Saul Chosen to Become First King of Israel	Saul Chooses to Disobeys God	Saul's Jealousy of David; His Many Attempts to Harm David	Saul Seeks Answers from the Woman of Endor
	Constance				
Cradle Roll	Baby Jesus Stephanie				
Thursday	6 Jun	13 Jun	20 Jun	27 Jun	
Adult Class	"I AM the Light of the World" (John 8:12-20)	"Believe or Die in Your Sins" (John 8:21-30)	"The Children of Abraham" (John 8:30-47)	"Jesus' Claim to Deity" (John 8:48-59)	
	Alvin Lin				
Children Class	Kindness and Goodness	Faithfulness and Gentleness	Self-control	Review	
Primary	Ser Ern				
Nursery	Yuet Ming				



Thursday Bible Class

"Jesus and the Adulterous Woman" (John 8:1-11)

by bro Alvin Lin

Next Sunday Sermon

What is Fellowship?

by bro Ernest Lau

Birthdays this week

26 May (Sun) – Amos

27 May (Mon) – Anna Joy

31 May (Fri) – Dave



Please send any news &
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 and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, bro Siang Yee, sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Kevin** in New York for studies

Health

- **Sis Suan Kiang's & sis Linda's** health
- **Bro Wee Sin's** recovery from surgery for his right shoulder tendon
- **Sis Shu Fang's father's** recovery from angiogram
- The health of **Justina** (sister-in-law of sis Tuan Sang)

Pregnancy

- Sis Mae (May'19), sis Deborah (Aug'19)

NSF

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

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		26-May-19	2-Jun-19	9-Jun-19
Song Leader		Joel Lee	Benedict Yo	Ernest Lau
Opening Prayer Leader		Lim Poh Teng	Victor Lee	Low Chong Ping
Preacher		Lee Tian Seng	Ernest Lau	Peter Chin
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>	Nicodemus Oey	Gavin Cheah	Titus Goh
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Chua Kian Hong	Jerry Cheong	Gordon Loo
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Reuben Lim	John Goh	Wong Sek Hoong
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Isaac Chua	Martyn Gostelow	Lim Chin Siang
	<i>Assistant</i>	Alvin Foo	Jose Cardoza	Roberto Pascual
<i>Foundation Class</i>		Lau Jeng Sang	David Sum	Ng Chee Beng
Announcer		Charlie Teo	Michael Yeo	Timothy Ng
Greeters		Naomi Leow Christine Phang	Jonalyn Balagot Ludina Carrido	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jeshua Lin	Benedict Yo	Benjamin Kwan
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Andy Lin	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Farand Lim	Lim Poh Teng	Gavin Cheah
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Ernest Lau	Jeshua Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Henry Leow	Benjamin Tan
Teacher			Alvin Lin	Alvin Lin
Closing Prayer Leader			Charlie Teo	Nicodemus Oey