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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 Michael Yeo

Deacons

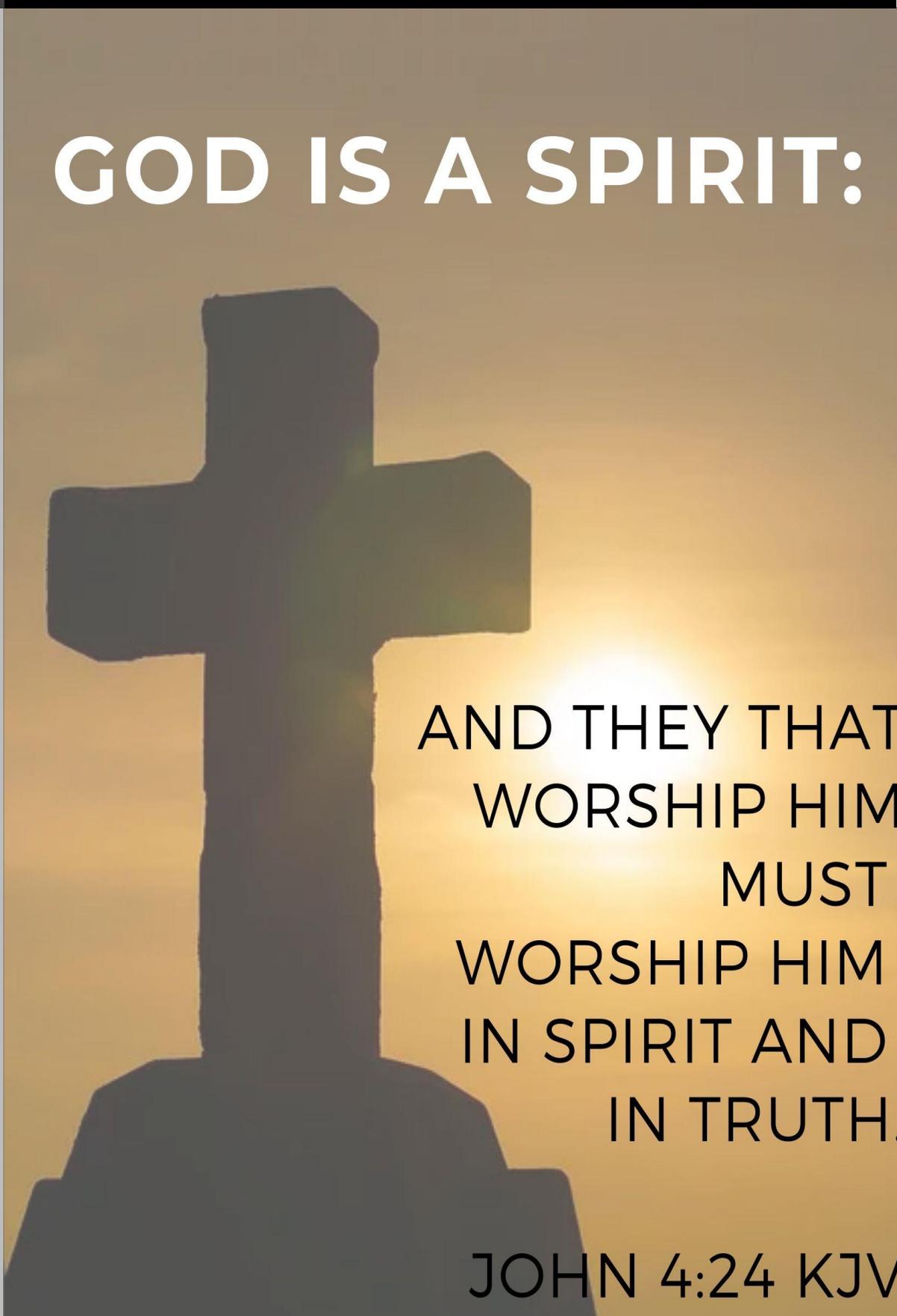
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Bro Jerry Cheong

Preacher

Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

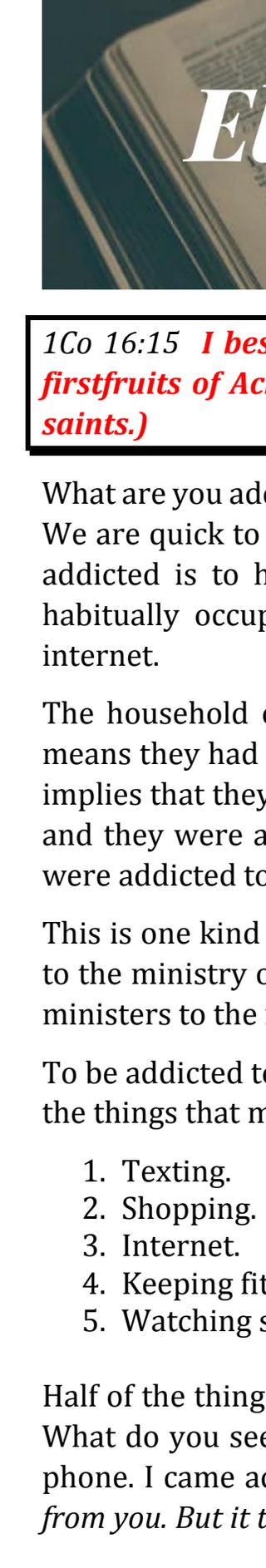
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GOD IS A SPIRIT:

AND THEY THAT
WORSHIP HIM
MUST
WORSHIP HIM
IN SPIRIT AND
IN TRUTH.

JOHN 4:24 KJV



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

1Co 16:15 I beseech you, brethren, (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints.)

What are you addicted to? “What addiction? I don’t have any. I’m not addicted to anything.” We are quick to switch into defence mode whenever we hear the word addiction. To be addicted is to have a compulsive disorder and behaviour. It is a condition of being habitually occupied with or involved in something such as drugs, sex, gambling, or internet.

The household of Stephanas had “*addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints.*” It means they had devoted themselves to minister to the saints. The idea of being addicted implies that they wanted more; they were never satisfied with what they had been doing and they were always hungry for more. They just loved to minister to the saints. They were addicted to this good work. What a great household!

This is one kind of addiction all Christians should desire to have and it is, to be addicted to the ministry of the saints. The household of Stephanas had addicted themselves to be ministers to the needy saints. What about you? What are you addicted to?

To be addicted to something or an activity is to spend a lot of time on it. Here are some of the things that many today have become addicted to:

1. Texting.
2. Shopping.
3. Internet.
4. Keeping fit.
5. Watching soaps on the phones or tablets.

Half of the things mentioned have to do with the electronic gadget called the cell phone. What do you see in the train? Well, almost everyone have their eyes glued onto his cell phone. I came across this interesting poster: “*Cell phones bring you closer to persons far from you. But it takes you away from the ones sitting next to you!*” Indeed, it is not unusual

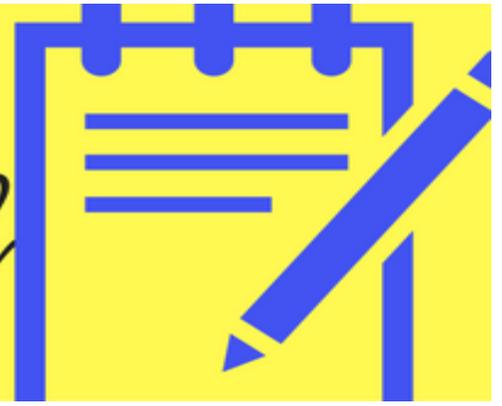
to see family members sitting together at a dining table but each has his eyes on his cell phone while waiting for the food to arrive.

The world is addicted to the cell phones! What about us? We can find some good and meaningful addictions that will take our eyes off the cell phones. Here are some good addictions:

1. Become addicted to reading the word of God. How about spending the time in the train reading the word of God? *"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"* (Psa 119:105).
2. Become addicted to praying to God. There is one person we need to talk to each day and it is to God. *"Pray without ceasing"* (1 Thess 5:17).
3. Become addicted to worshipping God. Be in worship every Sunday. *"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching"* (Heb 10:25).
4. Become addicted to soul winning. The greatest work a Christian can do for another person is to bring him to Christ. *"He that winneth souls is wise"* (Pro 11:30).
5. Become addicted to restoring one another's faith. The empty seat means someone is weak in his faith; search him out. *"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins"* (Jas 5:20).
6. Become addicted to thanksgiving. Say "thank you" when someone has done a good work. *"In everything give thanks"* (1 Thess 5:18).
7. Become addicted to loving one another. Hate is a poison that kills no one but the person who harbours it; choose love instead. *"Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God"* (1 John 4:7).
8. Become addicted to serving God. To love God is to serve Him. *"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength"* (Mark 12:30).
9. Become addicted to serving one another. Help someone who is in need. *"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"* (Gal 6:10).
10. Become addicted to God. Desire God each day. *"Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you"* (Jas 4:8).

In this modern day society many people have become addicted to a diversity of life styles but let us be addicted to spiritual things. Let us exercise ourselves unto godliness (1 Tim 4:7).

From the Brotherhood



Can a Sheep Stray from the Fold?

Adapted from Wayne Jackson

(<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/622-can-a-sheep-stray-from-the-fold>)



“A friend of mine insists that a Christian can never fall away from the grace of God so as to be lost. One of the Bible verses that she uses in support of this idea is in John’s Gospel, chapter 10, verses 27-28. ‘My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand’ [KJV]. Would you comment on this passage?”

The Gospel of John is a very selective piece of literature relative to the events of Jesus’ earthly ministry. John fills in some of the “blanks” that the other Gospel writers purposely leave because of the particular design of their records.

For example, John's account of the Lord's visit to Jerusalem at the time of "the feast of the dedication" (Jn. 10:22ff) is unique to his narrative. On that occasion, the Savior uttered these words: "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (Jn. 10:27).

There are some extremely important thoughts here that **qualify the promise** subsequently made.

First, it is clear from the overall context that the term "sheep" is here employed of those **who are the Lord's disciples**. They are plainly set in contrast to the hostile Jews who, though they had been exposed to ample information concerning Jesus' identity, nonetheless did not believe on him, hence, **refused to follow him** (see Jn. 10:25).

Second, one must take note of how the sheep are precisely described. This is crucial because the **character of the sheep** emphasizes **why they are secure**.

My Sheep Hear My Voice

First, the sheep **hear the shepherd's voice**.

"Hear" is from akouo signifying a sheep who listens. The word is found fifty-eight times in John's Gospel. In this context, as with many others, it denotes an **obedient listening** to Jesus (Thayer, 23).

Too, the verb is in the Greek present tense, which suggests not a spasmodic interest but a **sustained determination** to do the Lord's will.

My Sheep Follow Me

Those who **hear** the shepherd's voice **follow** him.

This verb translates a compound term, akoloutheo, which contains the two ideas of "likeness" and "way." It pictures one who is walking or traveling in the **same direction**.

In the four Gospel records, the word occurs seventy-seven times. Significantly, seventy-six of these have to do with following Christ!

Again, it is a present tense form. Thus, the meaning is if we may paraphrase: "The one who **keeps on listening** [obeying] Jesus Christ, will find himself **continuing in the same direction** as his Shepherd."

The Sheep Have Free Will

The text does not claim that the sheep have no volition, no power of choice. Clearly, they do. They voluntarily hear and follow.

Accordingly, if they continue in this course of sustained fidelity, no one will be able to “pluck” or “snatch” (ASV) them from the Lord’s hand.

The term “snatch” is from the Greek *harpazo*, which carries the idea of “to grab or seize suddenly so as to remove or gain control” (Danker, 134). It is used here in the sense of **taking someone captive by force** (cf. Jn. 6:15; Acts 23:10).

Can anyone force the child of God to abandon his Savior? The answer is, “No.”

But can the Christian **voluntarily surrender his own faith** and forfeit his hope of eternal life? He certainly can, and there is ample Bible evidence establishing this sad reality.



Travelling (Pray for safety)

1. **Bro Jimmy, sis Kim Tian and sis Constance** in Vietnam for the mission trip till 18 Feb.
2. **Bro Michael Yeo & sis Kwee Eng** in Iceland till 24 Feb

Guests last week

1. Bro John Yo & sis Kwee Huay (*Taichung COC, Taiwan*)
2. Sis Jenny (*Lavender COC*)
3. Richard Ong (bro Victor’s friend)
4. Min (*sis Baby’s helper*)
5. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia’s helper*)
6. Jane (*sis Precious’ helper*)
7. Mabel



Farewell

Sis. Jana Del Castillo and sis. Thyna Mancía (graduates of the Class of 2019) will be finishing their studies (wrap-around) at Four Seas College by next Wed. 19th. They are scheduled to leave for home on Friday, 21st. Both Jana and Thyna are worshipping with the brethren at Skudai today. We thank them for their service in LAP and wish them Godspeed in their future endeavours for the Lord. Please keep them in your prayers as we bid farewell to them.

LAP EVENTS

22 FEB, SAT

**LADIES FELLOWSHIP
BIBLE MARKING TOOLS BY SIS LISA KENNEDY**

POSTPONE TILL FURTHER NOTICE

TALKS BY EXPERTS FROM
THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGICAL
MEDICINE & CENTRAL HEALTH TEAM
UNDERSTANDING

POSTPONE TILL FURTHER NOTICE

HEALTH

DEPRESSION & ANXIETY

Contents covered

8 MAR, SUN

**WORKSHOP ON PERSONAL EVANGELISM
(YOUTH FELLOWSHIP)
@ 1.30PM - 3PM
@ AUDITORIUM**



14 MAR, SAT

FELLOWKIDZ



CANCELLED



Thursday Bible Class
Genesis 7: The Flood
by bro Ernest Lau

Next Sunday's Sermon
A Workman Is
Attentive in Bible Study
by bro Benjamin Kwan

Birthdays this week

16 Feb (Sun) – Sheila
 18 Feb (Tue) - Jeshua
 20 Feb (Thu) –
 Michael Yeo & Tingwei
 21 Feb (Fri) - Precious
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Please send any news &
 prayer requests to
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas

- **Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Siang Yee, bro Jeshua & sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Gideon** in Finland (till 15 May'20)

Health

- **Sis Baby's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Poh Im's** health
- **Bro Soo Ping's** recovery from his spine surgery
- **Bro David Sum's father's** recovery from spine surgery
- **Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's** recovery from fractured ankle
- **Bro Roberto's son's** recovery from kidney stones
- **Sis Shermin's father's** recovery from knee fracture

Pregnancy

- Sis Jasmine Kwan (Mar), sis Wenyu (Apr), sis Cynthia Lee (Jun), sis Melissa (Aug)

NSF

- Bro Titus, bro Shawn, bro Zachary, bro Wei Xiang

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		16-Feb-20	23-Feb-20	1-Mar-20
Song Leader		Nove Aguilar	Jimmy Lau	Jonathan Yang
Opening Prayer Leader		Kenneth Quek	Jerry Cheong	Benjamin Tan
Preacher		Benjamin Tan	Benjamin Kwan	Jimmy Lau
Lord's Supper Text		1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25	Isa 53:4-9
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Roberto Pascual	Leonard Chia	Gavin Cheah
	Prayer: Bread	Ling Leong Dak	Henry Leow	Reuben Lim
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	David Sum	Soo Kok Leong	Melvin Tan
	Prayer: Offering	Gordon Loo	Farand Lim	Lim Poh Teng
Announcer		Titus Goh	Alvin Foo	Zachary Ling
Greeters		Ernest Lau	Charlie Teo	Michael Yeo
		Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Shum Chee Ming Michelle Chan	Sharyl Lau Wang Ting Pei
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau	Timothy Ng
Speaker		Alvin Lin	Lim Poh Teng	Jerry Cheong
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Martyn Gostelow	Farand Lim	Benjamin Tan
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			20-Feb-20	27-Feb-20
Opening Prayer Leader			Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Kwan
Teacher			Ong Jun Wei	John Goh
Closing Prayer Leader			Ernest Lau	Ernest Lau
			Melvin Tan	Kenneth Quek