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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

*The elders and the bulletin committee wish
everyone a Happy Lunar New Year!*



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR !

YEAR OF THE DOG

2018



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

2Ki 21:2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, after the abominations of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

Manasseh was born after Hezekiah's recovery from his terrible illness. He was but twelve years old when he began to reign. Of his mother Hephzibah we know nothing; but we know his father Hezekiah. And Hezekiah was one of the best kings Judah could ever have. Yet, how did such a godly father end up with such an ungodly son?

Manasseh began young. He was but twelve years old when he began to reign (2Kgs 21:1). Like any young man, he was puffed up with his honour and proud of it. Come on, twelve years old and king of Judah, what else could he be thinking? He was on top of the world. He had the whole world under him. Who needs God when you are in control of everything?

Manasseh rebuilt the high places which his father had destroyed (2Kg 21:3). He trampled upon every worthy thing that his father had done and rebuilt every wicked thing that his father had destroyed. Why did he do that? I'm sure he knew how much his father was favoured by God. So, why did he do the reverse of his father?

Was it a show of rebellion against his father? Probably yes. Twelve years old was the beginning of a rebellious age. Teenage rebellion is any parent's nightmare.

Why do our teens rebel? One of the reasons teenagers rebel is that they learn it from their parents. One writer puts it very clearly in these few points:

1. *Children learn from how parents respond to different situations.*
2. *Children learn from how we treat them.*
3. *Children learn how to relate from how Dad and Mom relate to each other.*
 - a) *Husbands teach how to treat people by the way they love their wives.*
 - b) *Wives teach how to relate to one in authority by the way they submit to their husbands.*

The same writer made this startled conclusion: *"We often do not think our marriage has anything to do with parenting, but it does. Actually, the way we relate to our spouses is more important in shaping our children's perspectives and attitudes than anything else. Either our children will learn how to be selfish, commanding, prideful, material-centered, quick to get angry and how to store up hatred and resentment for a good argument, or they will learn how to choose God's ways: be obedient, caring, gentle, other-oriented (love) and humble. Most children do not reject Christ and His ways because they know Him. No. They reject Him because they do not see the real Jesus in their parents. They don't want that kind of religion."* (Why Do Our Teens Rebel; Paul J Bucknell).

It is about good parenting. It is also about being good husbands and wives. The home is their school. Money and gifts do not form love. Parents can give anything whatever their children ask for; but such actions only spoils them. One cannot buy love.

What a child needs is love. Love is shown in a relationship where through your words and actions you show a heart committed to his welfare. Were you there for his graduation? Were you there when he stood in front of an audience to perform?

Can your children see love in action in the home? They learn anger from their parents. They learn rebellion from their parents. They learn selfishness from their parents. Yes, they are hearing every conversation in the home.

Solomon says: *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it"* (Pro 22:6).

What a child sees in his home becomes part of his training. I don't know what Manasseh saw in his home. But I'm sure you know what is in your home. I know what is in my home. Yes, we made mistakes. And we made corrections along the way. Our children see how we deal with mistakes and make correction; they learn.

Forget about enrolling your children into any "elite" school. That "elite" school is the home. It's where character is shaped and love is nurtured. Let us set our homes in order for our children's sake.

From the Brotherhood



The Origin of the Bible

Adapted from Wayne Jackson

(<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/1560-origin-of-the-bible-the>)

One of the best known laws of the universe is the law of cause and effect. Simply stated it is this: **every effect must have an adequate cause.**

Now let this law be applied to the Bible. The Bible is an effect. It was caused by some source. Really, there are but two possibilities:

- The Bible originated from a purely human source.
- Or the Bible, while employing human writers, is nevertheless ultimately of divine origin.

How can one determine which of these views is correct?

The only way is to examine the Bible itself and see whether or not it bears those marks of identification which would be expected of a book that originated with God. What would be expected of a divine volume?

Affirmed

If God gave the Bible, we would expect Him to tell us so. The fact is, the Bible claims to be the Word of God literally thousands of times (cf. Jer. 1:9; Acts 1:16), and Christ Himself endorsed this very view of Scripture (see Mt. 22: 31).

Harmonious

If God is the source of the Bible, since He is perfect (Mt. 5:48), and not the author of confusion (1 Cor. 14:33), we would expect it to be perfectly harmonious.

Though composed over sixteen centuries, the Scriptures are perfectly harmonious. While some have charged the Bible with contradictions, such an allegation will not stand.

Exalted

Since God is holy (Isa. 6: 3), we would expect the Bible to have an exalted moral tone. That is exactly what one finds. Its precepts — “love your neighbor as yourself” and “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” (see Mt. 22:39; 7:12) — have amazed millions of people down through the ages. No philosophy can boast of such morals.

Irreplaceable

If the Bible is from God, we would not expect that any group of men, regardless of their genius, could produce a volume that would surpass that ancient document. Though the Scriptures have been completed more than nineteen centuries, no one has been able to author a book that would make the Bible obsolete. This is inexplicable!

Perpetual

If the Bible is from the timeless God, we would expect it to be perpetually relevant. This is the case. Other books are shortly out-dated, but the Bible is as fresh and up-to-date as when it came from the pens of the inspired writers.

Honest

If the Bible were of divine origin, we would expect it to accurately portray the character of man. This is exactly what it does do. Though man was created upright in God’s own image (Gen.1:26), by sin he has progressively separated himself from his Maker (Isa. 59:1,2). He has become exceedingly corrupt (Jer. 17:9), and hence stands in dire need of help. Man could not have authored the Bible if he would, and would not have penned it if he could!

Specific

Finally, if the Bible is of God, we would not expect it to be simply a vague philosophical and abstract treatise, but rather, to give specific information of what man’s purpose is and how he may achieve that purpose.

Thrillingly, the Bible reveals that man’s purpose on earth is to serve God (Isa. 43:7; Eccl. 12:13). It reveals the mission of Christ to save man from his wickedness (Lk. 19:10), and urges us to be responsive to His redeeming message of grace (Heb. 5:8,9; Mk. 16:16; Acts 2:38).

Let us hear its message.

WEEKLY NEWS



Guests Last Week

1. Bro David & sis Canida Chua
(Jurong COC, Singapore)
2. Sis Christine Lee
(Johor Bahru COC, Malaysia)
3. Kenny Kee (sis Debbie's husband)
4. Stephanie Senna (bro Martyn's fiancée)
5. Gan Sok Ting (bro Reuben's friend)
6. Shalen Manuel (sis Seow Hui's helper)

Travels (Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Peter & sis Pooi Fun** are away in Malaysia for the CNY holidays. Bro Peter is teaching and preaching at the Kota Kemuning congregation this morning.
2. **Bro Nicodemus and sis Christine** will be travelling to Canada from 26 Feb to 12 Mar to visit his family and to celebrate CNY with them.

Health

Please pray for the health & recovery of **Lisa, bro David & sis Jenny's daughter**, from giddiness & headaches

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Chinese New Year Celebration!



HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR

25 February 2018

LAP Church building

1:30pm – 3:00pm



CNY songs, performance & games!

10 March, Saturday

Senior Fellowship

Time: 10am – 12nn

Venue: Church building

Highlight: Karaoke singing of Cantonese, Hokkien & Chinese oldies

Please inform sis Ser Ern if you are interested to attend.

10 March, Saturday

FellowKidz

Time: 11am - 5pm

Venue:

Sis Ser Ern's house

*(Blk 91A Telok Blangah St 31
#05-215 Singapore 101091)*

Blood Drive 2018



17 March 2018, Sat

11am – 5pm

20 Lim Ah Pin Road

Singapore 547839

To register, please email
your name and contact no.
to limahpincoc@gmail.com.

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS

Reasons to Believe

SPEAKER: JOHN MOORE

JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY LIM AH PIN CHURCH OF CHRIST AND JURONG CHURCH OF CHRIST

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11 – 13 APRIL 2018

7:45 PM – 9:00 PM

CONCORDE HOTEL

100 Orchard Road Singapore 238840

14 April, Saturday

Men Workshop

Time: 10am – 3pm

Venue: Jurong church building

Speaker: Bro John Moore

Topic:

Teacher training workshop

14 April, Saturday

Ladies Workshop

Time: 10am – 3pm

Venue: Jurong church building

Speaker: Sis Carla Moore

Topic:

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

The Christian and God
by bro Lee Tian Seng

Birthday of the week

18 Feb (Sun) – Jeshua
19 Feb (Mon) – Tian Seng
20 Feb (Tue) –
Michael Yeo & Tingwei

Please send any news &
prayer requests to
limahpincoc@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong
- *Sis Farah, bro Siang Yee, bro Gavin* 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
- *Sis Doris's* recovery from her spine surgery
- *Bro Capi's mother's* health
- *Sis Susan Goh's mother's, sis Jenny's mother's, Sis Siew Siew's mother's* health
- *Sis Annie Cheong's husband* from his skin allergy

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 | | 18 Feb 2018 | 25 Feb 2018 | 4 Mar 2018 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Song Leader | | Jeremy Kwan | Isaac Chua | James Medez |
| Opening Prayer Leader | | Victor Lee | Jerry Cheong | Chua Kian Hong |
| Psalms Text | | Psa 55:1-12 | Psa 55:13-23 | Psa 56:1-13 |
| :Preacher- | | Kwan Tai Choom | Benjamin Tan | Lee Jong Wah |
| Lord's Supper Text | | Php 2:5-11 | 1 Cor 11:23-29 | Mar 14:22-25 |
| Lord's Supper Servers | Scripture Reader | Nicodemus Oey | Axel Chee | Gideon Quek |
| | Prayer: Bread | Kenneth Liong | Charlie Teo | Joel Lee |
| | Prayer: Fruit of Vine | Benjamin Tan | Henry Chee | Alvin Chan |
| | Prayer: Offering | Cornelius Lee | Alan Poon | Timothy Ng |
| | Assistant | Jose Cardoza | Yew Tian Geng | Melvin Tan |
| Foundation Class | | Arthur Yap | Ernest Lau | Kenneth Liong |
| Announcer | | Jimmy Lau | Amos Yang | Alvin Lin |
| Greeters | | Grace Ler Wu Wenyu | Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming | Ludina Carrido Jeshua Lin |
| Evening Worship @ 7pm | | | | |
| Song Leader & O.P. | | Ernest Lau | Jonathan Yang | Timothy Ng |
| Speaker | | Justin Kwan | Amos Yang | Benjamin Kwan |
| Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P. | | Marc Wee | Henry Leow | Jerry Cheong |
| Thursday Service @ 7.45pm | | | | |
| Song Leader | | | Benjamin Kwan | Alvin Lin |
| Opening Prayer Leader | | | Reuben Lim | Low Chong Ping |
| Closing Prayer Leader | | | Kenneth Quek | Benjamin Tan |