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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



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP



VISIT TO SINGAPORE
CHANGI AIRPORT

1 SEPTEMBER 2018, SATURDAY

9AM TO 12:30 PM



For registration please contact
Ser Ern.



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Joh 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

This was one of the last discourses of Jesus. It was His parting words to His eleven disciples, Judas having left to betray Him. The disciples were troubled by His words that He would be leaving them (v 5). They were troubled that their Lord would be betrayed by one among them. They were troubled that the Lord had told them that they would face death for following Him (vs 2). Our Lord comforted them with a promise of peace in Him (vs 33). He comforted them that He would send a Comforter to be with them (vs 7). He comforted them with a promise that He would listen when they prayed (vs 26).

"In me ye might have peace." They would have tribulations surrounding them. But they would have peace in them. It was an inward peace that Christ was promising them. Christ was not talking about world peace. *"In the world ye shall have tribulation."* Christ did not come to give peace to the world. The Prince of Peace said: *"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you"* (John 14:27).

The peace that Christ gives is inward. It is a peace that is not affected by the environment or circumstances. It is an inner peace. What is inner peace? *"Inner peace (or peace of mind) refers to a state of being mentally and spiritually at peace, with enough knowledge and understanding to keep oneself strong in the face of discord or stress. Being "at peace" is considered by many to be healthy (homeostasis) and the opposite of being stressed or anxious."* (Wikipedia).

Many desire this inner peace. They try to seek it through meditation and yoga. The Christian finds it in Christ. Have you seen a bird perching on a branch with its eyes closed when the wind was howling and the tree swaying back and forth? That bird is at peace. It is not agitated by the environment surrounding it. It is at rest even when the surrounding is at war.

With Christ, we can have peace when the world is not: *"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest"* (Matt 11:28). Many are anxious and troubled

by the affairs of this life. They are never at peace. Christ said: *“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?”* (Matt 6:25, RSV).

The Christian who trusts that God will take care of him is at peace: *“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you”* (1 Pet 5:7).

I like this statement, *“be of good cheer.”* Notwithstanding their tribulations, the disciples had reasons to be of good cheer. Why so? Our Lord answered: *“I have overcome the world”* (John 16:33).

“Christ’s victory is a Christian triumph” (Matthew Henry Comm). Because Christ has overcome the world, it gives us this assurance that we can also overcome it. The scripture says that we can be **“more than conquerors”** (Rom 8:37).

We have only two choices: Be conquerors or be conquered; overcome or be overcome.

The world conquers us when we yield to its temptations (1 Jn 2:15-17). Sin conquers us when we are overcome by it (Rom 6:2). Afflictions conquer us when we cave in to them and denounce God (Job 2:9). Materialism conquers us when we begin to serve it and not God (Matt 6:24).



Thus Saith the Lord

Rodney Nulph, Associate Editor

(<http://gospelgazette.com/gazette/2018/aug/page2.html#article2>)

Churches of Christ (not a “brand name” but a designation) have long been known for having Bible authority for all we teach and practice. Of course, this concept originated with God, not the church (Colossians 3:16-17). In fact, no true doctrine ever originates with the church, but rather the church becomes and remains the true church as it upholds and supports biblical teaching (1 Timothy 3:15). If we fail to uphold and hold fast to “sound doctrine” (Titus 2:1), then we cease to be the Lord’s church (Hebrews 3:6)! Just claiming to be the Lord’s does not make it so (Matthew

7:21-23; Luke 6:46). Often when we speak of the preceding passages, we refer to those in the denominational world. While it is true that these passages would apply to denominations, it certainly has application to us!

When Jesus spoke these words and the inspired penman recorded them, denominations were not yet in existence. Therefore, to whom originally were these passages directed? They were directed to disciples and followers of Jesus—those who would become the church. Brethren, we need to make personal application here. Just because we claim allegiance to Christ does not make it so. Our teaching and practice **must be** the same as that of the apostles and of Christ (Acts 2:42). We must make certain we have Bible authority for what we teach and practice. Do we?

What about **doctrinally**? It is quite heart-breaking to see the doctrinal differences among those claiming to be the New Testament church. From music, the qualifications and work of elders, the work of preachers, head-coverings, women's role, marriage-divorce-and-remarriage, and on and on we could go. Is the Bible that difficult to understand? Is God the author of confusion (1 Corinthians 14:33)? Or, do we attempt to fit the Bible into our preconceived notions? The restoration plea was "speak where the Bible speaks and be silent where the Bible is silent," but among some brethren that philosophy is outdated. Is it with us as well? However, we must remember that concept did not originate with Thomas Campbell, but rather with God Almighty (Matthew 15:9; 28:18-20; Hebrews 8:5; 1 Peter 4:11; 2 John 9-11; Revelation 22:18-19, et al.). There is but one doctrine that is pleasing to God!

What about **financially**? Have we left the original pattern for the use of our Lord's money? All we can ever know about how to spend the Lord's money is what the Bible has said regarding that subject. Sadly, today, God's treasury in many places has become used to purchase things for the entertainment of our young people, older people and everyone in between. What saith the Scripture in regard to the Lord's money? **Evangelism** is one place we must spend God's money (Romans 10:13ff; 1 Corinthians 9:14; Galatians 6:6). We know that Paul was supported on some occasions to travel and preach God's Word (2 Corinthians 11:9; Philippians 4:15). **Benevolence** is another area wherein we have Bible authority to use God's money (Acts 4:32; 1 Corinthians 16:1ff; 2 Corinthians 8, 9; Galatians 6:10). Notice carefully, this money was used to supply a **need**, not entertainment or a want! **Edification** is another Scriptural use for the Lord's money (Ephesians 4:11-16). Now we must be careful here, as "edification" is often the justification for gymnasiums, pizza parties, basketball courts, etc. Scriptural edification is spiritual in nature. Edification means "building up," and it refers to building up spiritually. How do we do that? Bible class materials, tracts, DVD's and other spiritual things

contribute to edification. Financially, we **cannot** spend the Lord's money in any other area and please God, for He has spoken in regard to how He wants His money spent.

What about **evangelistically**? The apostles and the church were given the task of evangelizing the world. Since there are no longer apostles living on earth, the church is the sole institution for spreading the message of salvation (Matthew 28:18-20). There were no "evangelism centers," "missionary societies" or any other group in the first century to do God's bidding. The church of Christ is solely charged with the propagation of truth. We need **nothing** larger than the church to do our work! Did Paul belong to a society for missionaries? Was Titus linked with some organization other than the Lord's church? Never! These things were all foreign to the New Testament, and therefore, they did not and do not have scriptural authority!

I understand the things I write are not popular. I know that brethren all over this world are involved in such things. Yet, my plea is "Thus saith the Lord"! I want to please God, not the brotherhood. I want to seek the **old paths** (Jeremiah 6:16), not the status quo. Several years ago, I remember speaking with a brother in Christ regarding the preceding subject. I was told that my thinking was "too narrow." However, I read in a book one time that "...strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life..." (Matthew 7:14), and spiritual life is all I seek. Brethren, let's make sure we have Bible authority for all we teach and practice. "Thus saith the Lord" as our guide, Heaven will be our eternal home!

[Editor's Note: Handling aright or rightly dividing the Word of God (2 Timothy 2:15) is the challenge that the children of God must meet and continue to review. God made mankind, and He gave to us His Holy Word, which He also devised. Hence, we humans ought to be able to understand it, for after all, God expects us both to understand and to apply His Word to our lives—individually as Christians and collectively as congregations of the Lord's church. May we ever march as pilgrims in the way the very oracles of God stipulate (1 Peter 4:11). ~ Louis Rushmore, Editor]



Guest Last Week

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| 1. Bro David Lee (<i>Jurong COC</i>) | 7. Gan Sok Ting (<i>bro Reuben's friend</i>) |
| 2. Bro Zheng Tian Le & family (<i>China</i>) | 8. Jonalyn F Poalaget |
| 3. Bro Dennis & sis Lisa | 9. Shalen Manuel (<i>sis Seow Hui's helper</i>) |
| 4. Kenny Kee (<i>sis Debbie's husband</i>) | 10. Lay Lay (<i>sis Lydia's helper</i>) |
| 5. Alexis Lim (<i>bro Samuel's wife</i>) | 11. Lea Lopez De Castro |
| 6. Bryan Chan (<i>sis Chee Ming's son</i>) | 12. Daniel |

Travelling

1. **Bro Tian Geng & sis Jasmine** are travelling to UK today till 27 Aug
2. **Bro Jimmy, sis Kim Tian and sis Constance** are travelling to Melbourne from 22-31 Aug
3. **Bro John & bro Alan** in Malaysia till 22 Aug for the Inter-congregational camp.
4. **Bro Nicodemus & sis Christine** in France till 27 Aug

Special Collection for victims in Laos

We will be having a special collection **TODAY** for the victims of the flood caused by the Laos Dam collapse.



UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

'Fishers of Men' Course

Day: Every Friday till 19 Oct
Time: 7pm - 10pm
Venue: LAP Auditorium
Instructor: Bro Barry Hatcher

Blood Drive @ JCOC

Date: 15 Sep, Sat
Time: 11am - 5pm
Venue: Jurong COC (120 Boon Lay Drive Singapore 649924)

Please 'reserve' your blood and register at the link: www.bit.ly/jcoc-bdd

Combined Ladies Fellowship

Date: 22 Sep, Sat
Time: 5pm - 8pm
Venue: TBC
Highlights: Lantern Making, mooncake-eating and riddle solving

Please inform sis Eunice if you are interested to attend.



EST. 2018

FELLOWKIDZ

Date: 8 Sep, Sat
(last session of the year)
Time: 11am - 5pm
Venue: sis Christine's house
(Blk 216C Compassvale Drive
#08-566 Singapore 543216)

You are cordially invited to our Bible Seminar on

LIBERALISM

IN THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST

*presented by
the young adults of LAP COC*

📍 20, Lim Ah Pin Road
📅 29th Sept 2018 (Sat)
🕒 9:30AM to 3:30PM
(lunch will be provided)

*see overleaf for
more details*

WHAT IS LIBERALISM?

presented by Joel Lee

LIBERALISM AND THE
LACK OF BIBLE AUTHORITY

presented by Issac Chua

THE THREAT OF LIBERALISM

presented by Paul Lim

HISTORY OF LIBERALISM

presented by Alvin Lin

IDENTIFYING LIBERAL CHURCHES

presented by Ernest Lau

CAN WE FELLOWSHIP WITH LIBERALS?

presented by Timothy Ng

20, Lim Ah Pin Road 📍
29th Sept 2018 (Sat) 📅
9:30AM to 3:30PM 🕒
(lunch will be provided)

*Please register by 9th Sept at
bit.do/BS18*

UPCOMING EVENTS!

O C T

20 - YOUTH HOMEZONE

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28 NOV - 1 DEC -
FSC LECTURESHIP

29 NOV - 1 DEC -

GOSPEL MEETING @ LAP

D E C

4 -6 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Oct-Dec

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

Being A Good Child

by bro Alvin Lin

Birthday of the week

22 Aug (Wed) – Veronica

23 Aug (Thu) – Jasmine Yong



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Ernest & sis Stephanie** in Palau
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Kevin** in New York for studies

Health

- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Molly's & bro Soon Heng's** health
- **Sis Boh's** (mother of bro William, sis Kim Choo, sis Suzie, & sis Suzanne) recovery from a bone fracture in her nose and some swelling of the brain lining
- **Bro Chee Beng & sis Susan's mother** from an appendicitis surgery

Pregnancy

- Sis Stephanie (Dec'18)

NSF

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		19-Aug-18	26-Aug-18	2-Sep-18
Song Leader		Alvin Lin	Isaac Chua	Amos Yang
Opening Prayer Leader		John Goh	Charlie Teo	Victor Lee
Psalms Text		Psa 72:12-20	Psa 73:1-14	Psa 73:15-28
Preacher		Low Chong Ping	Peter Chin	Kwan Tai Choom
Lord's Supper Text		1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Gavin Cheah	Gideon Quek	Yew Tian Geng
	Prayer: Bread	Benjamin Kwan	Jerry Cheong	Wong Sek Hoong
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Alvin Chan	Danny Poo	Ling Leong Dak
	Prayer: Offering	Andy Lin	Alan Poon	Ong Jun Wei
	Assistant	Cornelius Lee	Melvin Tan	Titus Goh
Foundation Class		Justin Kwan	Arthur Yap	Lau Jeng Sang
Announcer		Amos Yang	Lee Tian Seng	Jimmy Lau
Greeters		Jessica Patete Maria Fu	Wang Teng Wee Teo Kim Tian	Grace Ler Lois Chee
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Alvin Lin	Alvin Lin	Jonathan Yang
Speaker		Amos Yang	Reuben Lim	Benjamin Kwan
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Lee Tian Seng	Lim Poh Teng	Ling Leong Dak
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Andy Lin	Alvin Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Reuben Lim	Peter Chin
Closing Prayer Leader			Kenneth Quek	John Goh