

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

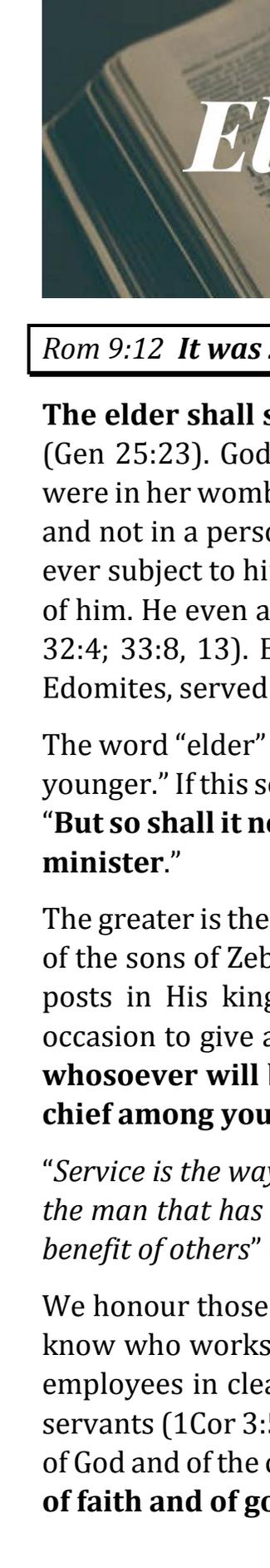
Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern

On 7 July, Eastside church of Christ will begin her first worship service at 101 Joo Chiat Road, level 4. We commend the 27 brethren who will be embarking on this work, to set up a congregation of the Lord's church in the east side of Singapore. We wish them all success in their labour for the Lord, even as we continue to labour here. Let's keep them in our prayers, as we bid them Godspeed!



Act 20:32 And now, brethren, I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Rom 9:12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

The elder shall serve the younger – This statement was said in regards to Esau and Jacob (Gen 25:23). God told Rachel when she was carrying twins in her womb that two nations were in her womb and the elder would serve the younger. Those words are used in a national and not in a personal sense for Jacob never did exercise any power over Esau, nor was Esau ever subject to him. Jacob, on the contrary, was rather subject to Esau, and was sorely afraid of him. He even acknowledged his brother to be his lord, and himself to be his servant (Gen 32:4; 33:8, 13). Esau, the elder of the twins, never served Jacob, but his descendents, the Edomites, served the Israelites.

The word “elder” can also be translated as “greater.” And it reads: “the greater shall serve the younger.” If this sounds familiar, it is because our Lord said the same words in Matthew 10:43: **“But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister.”**

The greater is the one who is serving. In Matthew 20:20-28, we have an account of the mother of the sons of Zebedee seeking a request from Jesus to have her sons occupying the top two posts in His kingdom. It caused some unhappiness among the disciples. Jesus took the occasion to give a lesson on servanthood. He said: **“But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant”** (Matt 20:26-27).

“Service is the way to honour; he that would be most esteemed ought to do the most work; and the man that has the most grace, and the greatest gifts, ought to employ them for the use and benefit of others” (Gill Comm).

We honour those who work and not those who talk. We look at government officials and we know who works and who talks. We respect bosses who roll up their sleeves and join their employees in cleaning up the place. In the church, preachers are called ministers, it means servants (1Cor 3:5; 4:1; 2Cor 3:6; 6:4; Eph 4:12). They are so called because they are servants of God and of the church. They are to be good ministers of Christ **“nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine”** (1 Tim 4:6).

In like manner, elders are commanded not to “**lord over God’s heritage**” (1 Pet 5:3). Elders rule: they have the oversight of a congregation; but they rule not as military commanders. There is a kind of rule that is tender, caring, with love, with truth and righteousness.

Are we workers or talkers? Are we servants or masters? Always remember, “The greater is the one who serves”. Christ set the perfect example of a servant and He said: “**I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you**” (John 13:15). He was washing His disciples’ feet when He made that statement. It is a lesson about serving one another. Our Lord, the greater, was serving the younger, His disciples.

In the cartoon movie, Beauty and the Beast, in the song “Be Our Guest” the candelabra said: “*Life is so un-nerving, for a servant who's not serving. Ten years we've been rusting, Needing so much more than dusting, Needing exercise, a chance to use our SKILLSSSS!!*”

What is a servant who is not serving? A lazy one, of course! Have we also been rusting away? If we don’t use our skills, they will rust away. We will find ourselves losing them. We need to use our talents. The more we use them, the better we become and we grow and develop our talents along the way. The person who hides his talent will lose it.

Let us be servants to one another. The greater is the one who is serving. Are you great?



Why did the Boy Suffer?

By bro Ernest Lau

On 28 January 2013, two young boys were cycling along Tampines Avenue 9 when they were hit by a cement mixer truck. Both boys died on the spot. Their parents were left wondering why did such a tragic event happen to their family, and why God would allow such to happen. When we read of such incidents, and when we see similar things happening to our own family and loved ones, we may also begin to wonder why God would allow innocent children to suffer. However, such incidents are not unheard of in the Bible. In 1 Kings 14:1-18, we read of a little boy who got sick and died. Why did God allow this to happen?

The One Who Sinned

This little boy who got sick was Abijah, the son of Jeroboam, the first king over Northern Israel during the days of the Divided Kingdom. Previously, Ahijah the prophet had come to Jeroboam and prophesied to him that God would make him king over 10 tribes of Israel (1 Kings 11:29-31). Jeroboam was given a great opportunity by God! However, for Jeroboam's kingdom to stand, there was a condition that Jeroboam needed to fulfil: he must be obedient to God (1 Kings 11:38). However, Jeroboam sinned by instituting calf worship and leading Israel to idolatry (1 Kings 14:7-9). Jeroboam would now suffer the consequences of his sin: his lineage would be cut off (v.10); his family would die dishonourable deaths (v.11); his son Abijah would die (v.12).

We learn from this episode that sin is one reason for suffering. When we sin, we suffer the consequences of our actions (Proverbs 5:22). For example: when we commit adultery, we may contract HIV; when we tell lies, we lose our credibility and others will not trust us. Furthermore, God may introduce suffering into our lives to discipline us for our sins, just as a father disciplines his children for their misbehaviour (Hebrews 12:7-13). Therefore, when we suffer, it is a good time to re-examine our lives, because perhaps there is sin in our lives that we need to repent of.

The One Who Searched

Jeroboam instructed his wife to look for the prophet Ahijah to find out what would happen to their sick child Abijah. He instructs her to disguise herself, so that it is not known that she was the wife of Jeroboam. Was Jeroboam feeling guilty and ashamed about his sins? However, God revealed to the prophet Ahijah who exactly she was, and furthermore, laid open all the sins of Jeroboam, and what would befall the child.

We can understand why Jeroboam and his wife wanted to find out what would happen to their son. When we or our loved ones suffer, we want to find out answers as well. Sometimes, we may never know the reasons for our suffering. However, Jeroboam went to the right source for the answers: God. God knew what would happen to the sick boy. In times of suffering, we need to look to God, because all things are under His control (1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:6-7).

God did not just know the outcome of the boy; He knew even all the sins and wrong-doings of Jeroboam. God knows all things; nothing is hidden from Him (Ecclesiastes 12:14). Therefore, when we are disobedient to God, we cannot pretend that everything is okay, because it is not! The same God who blesses us in good times can take away His blessings from us (Romans 11:22). We are reminded that when we receive blessings from God, we must be thankful, we must be grateful, and we must be faithful to Him.

The One Who Suffered

The boy Abijah eventually died from his sickness. He was but a child, and was not judged to have done anything wrong. In fact, of all the family of Jeroboam, this boy was the only one in

whom God found something good (1 Kings 14:13). Yet, he was allowed to suffer and die. However, it is pointed out that he was still better off than the rest of Jeroboam's family, because at least he would have a proper burial, and all Israel would mourn for him. None else in Jeroboam's house would have such honourable deaths.

We learn from this episode that the innocent do suffer. Although personal sin is a major reason for our suffering, it is not necessarily always the case. Often, we suffer because of the wrong-doings of others e.g. Abel (Genesis 4:3-8); Stephen (Acts 7:54-58). God has already warned that *"all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"* (2 Timothy 3:12). The godly will suffer because the world will push back against us (John 15:18-19). But then, many times, we simply cannot figure out why we suffer. Nevertheless, suffering could be a test of our faith, to make us stronger and build up our character (James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:7).

Ultimately, those who suffer for innocent and righteous causes will receive an ultimately greater reward at the end. The beggar Lazarus, who suffered all his life, was after death carried by the angels into Paradise (Luke 16:20-22). Jesus promises a crown of life for all those who endure suffering (James 1:12). Brethren, if we suffer, I hope we do not suffer for the wrong reasons, as Jeroboam did. But rather, let us suffer for the cause of Christ, for then we can *"rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven"* (Matthew 5:12).



July			
1	Auntie Yeoh & Olivia	20	Cynthia Tan
3	Gordon	22	Sydney & Shawn
4	Nigel	25	Jessica
6	Lydia	26	Benedict
9	Swee Inn & Debbie	29	Soo Ping & Gideon
12	Kim Tian & Lois	30	Geok Eng & Chloe
13	Victor	31	Baby Tan & Lynette



Enlistment

Bro Zachary will be enlisting to the army on 5 July, Fri. Please pray for his faith and safety while serving the nation.

Travels (Pray for safe travels)

1. **Bro Jeshua** will be travelling to Switzerland on 5 Jul for internship and to UK on 28 Sep for exchange program. Lord willing, He will return to Singapore on 30 Apr next year.
2. **Bro Tian Seng & sis Geok Eng, bro Jong Wah & sis. Nancy, sis Pooi Fun and sis Yan Ling** in Can Tho, Vietnam for the mission trip till 1 Jul

Guests last week

1. Sis Joann Lee (*Central North COC, Australia*)
2. Sis Pearl Jean (*Lavender COC*)
3. Cliff Dion Bailarta (*sis Pearl's husband*)
4. Jason Lam (*sis Sarah's husband*)
5. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
6. Alexis Lim (*bro Samuel's wife*)
7. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)
8. Shalen (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)
9. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)
10. Emily Esconde
11. Nimpha Roselyn
12. Pallasique Cardona



The Senior Fellowship Committee Presents

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF SINGAPORE: PACKAGING MATTERS



6 July 2019, Sat

Timing: 9:15am-12:30pm

Pick up Point: Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ

Contact Eunice or Ser Ern to register!



Craft your Recyclables

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Ice Breaker

get to know your fellow sisters

Art Activity

time to get your hands busy

Teatime & Presentation

showcase your final artwork while we munch away

Photo Taking

memory capturing before we part our ways

Date: 13th July 2019

Time: 2:00pm - 4:30pm

Venue: LAPCOC Auditorium

p.s. for ladies ONLY

bring some items from your home that you'd like to recycle

Join us for an afternoon filled with fun, food and wonderful combined fellowship between LAPCOC & JCOC

Singing Fellowship

Date & Time:

14 Jul, Sun @ 1.30pm-3pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Col 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Tracting

Date & Time:

20 Jul, Sat @ 4.30pm

Meeting Point:

**Blk 239 Hougang
Street 22**

Bible Quiz

Date & Time:

9 Aug, Fri @ 10am

Venue:

LAP Church Building

Book: **John 1-11**

Lunch: Potluck

Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

July 2019

Sunday	7 Jul	14 Jul	21 Jul	28 Jul
Worship Sermon	Being a Deacon	Being an Elder	Being a Soul-winner	Do I Need the Church?
	Paul Goh	Andrew Chan	Jerry Cheong	Jimmy Lau
Men's Class	Duties to Civil Government	True Greatness by Serving Others	Peace of Mind in Troubled Times	How Can You Have True Riches?
	Kenneth Quek		Andy Lin	
Ladies' Class	The Purpose & Meaning of Life	Are You a Saint?	What Is the Christian's Hope?	Duties to Civil Government
	Peck Lian	Tingwei	Kim Choo	Tingwei
Young Adult Class	Sermon on the Mount Benjamin Kwan			
Foundation Class	Gospel of Mark Isaac Chua			
Upper Primary Class	What We Owe Others	Keepers of God's Word	Faith That Counts	Blessings of Faith
	Eunice			
Lower Primary Class	Learning from Leviticus	Leviticus teaches about Love	Learning from Numbers	The Twelves Spices
	Stephanie			
Nursery Class	Twelve Things to Remember about the Apostles	Jesus Chose Matthew	Andrew Brought His Brother to Jesus	Jesus Chose Four Fishermen; Three Became His "Inner Circle"
	Dawn			
Cradle Roll	The Best Book and the Best Gift Suzanne			
Thursday	4 Jul	11 Jul	18 Jul	25 Jul
Adult Class	"Jesus Heals the Blind Man" (John 9:1-41)	"I AM the Door and I AM the Good Shepherd" (John 10:1-21)	"The Works of Jesus" (John 10:22-42)	"I AM the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:1-27)
	Timothy			
Children Class	David the Shepherd; Psalm 23	David and God Defeat Goliath	Falsely Accused by King Saul, David Flees for His Life; His Friendship with Jonathan	David Spares Saul's Life
Primary	Sau Ching			
Nursery	Kim Tian			



Thursday Bible Class

"Jesus Heals the Blind Man" (John 9:1-41)

by bro Timothy Ng

Birthdays this week

1 Jul (Mon) –

Auntie Yeoh & Olivia

3 Jul (Wed) – Gordon

4 Jul (Thu) – Nigel

6 Jul (Sat) - Lydia



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

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

Health

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

Pregnancy

- Sis Deborah (Aug'19)

NSF

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

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		30-Jun-19	7-Jul-19	14-Jul-19
Song Leader		Benjamin Kwan	Jeremy Kwan	Ernest Lau
Opening Prayer Leader		Michael Yeo	Peter Chin	Victor Lee
Preacher		Timothy Ng	Paul Goh	Andrew Chan
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>	Axel Chee	Nicodemus Oey	Titus Goh
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Ling Leong Dak	James Mira	Wong Sek Hoong
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Chua Kian Hong	John Goh	Lau Jeng Sang
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Alan Poon	Isaac Chua	Gordon Loo
	<i>Assistant</i>	Melvin Tan	Roberto Pascual	Alvin Foo
Foundation Class		Lau Jeng Sang		
Announcer		Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan	Charlie Teo
Greeters		Mary Ann Catalos Ellen Hernandez	Naomi Leow Christine Phang	Jonalyn Balagot Ludina Carrido
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Ernest Lau	Benedict Yo	Benjamin Kwan
Speaker		Lim Poh Teng	Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Ling Leong Dak	Benjamin Tan	Nicodemus Oey
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm			4-Jul-19	11-Jul-19
Song Leader			James Mira	Jimmy Lau
Opening Prayer Leader			Low Chong Ping	Henry Leow
Teacher			Timothy Ng	Timothy Ng
Closing Prayer Leader			Melvin Tan	Gavin Cheah