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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



COMBINED LADIES FELLOWSHIP
WITH JURONG CHURCH OF CHRIST

AREAS SISTERS CAN SERVE IN

Come listen to the sharings by
various sisters from Jurong & LAP

27 MAY 2017 | SATURDAY

2.30PM - 5.30PM

LIM AH PIN CHURCH OF CHRIST





Sermon Outline

THE SHIELD OF FAITH

Sermon outline by bro Alvin Lin

Text: Eph 6:16

I. Describing the shield of faith

A. Roman shield.

1. Large oblong shield measuring 1.2m by 0.8m and weighing 10 kg.
2. Made of wood and covered with leather.
3. Slightly curved with a large metal boss in the centre.

B. Faith (Heb 11:1).

1. Belief in the unseen (Joh 20:29).
2. Based on evidence (2Ti 3:16).
3. Bringing forth hope (Rom 8:24).

II. Defending with the shield of faith

A. It quenches all the fiery darts of the wicked (Eph 6:16).

1. Quenching worry (Mat 16:5-8; Php 4:6-7).
2. Quenching unbelief (Luk 16:27-31; Mat 17:19-20).
3. Quenching discouragement (Deu 1:28-33; Dan 3:16-17).

B. It protects against all the fiery darts of the wicked (Eph 6:13).

1. Protecting the person (Luk 22:31,45-46; 2Co 12:9-10).
2. Protecting the armour (Gen 3:1,4; 2Ti 1:12-13).
3. Protecting others (1Ki 11:3-4; Rom 15:1-2).

III. Donning the shield of faith

A. Even if it seems uncomfortable.

1. Some do not take up their shields because they find it burdensome.
2. Satan will attack the lazy (Mat 26:41).
3. Get used to the Word of God (Heb 5:12-14).

B. Even if it seems unnecessary.

1. Some do not take up their shields because they underestimate the enemy and overestimate their defence.
2. Satan will attack the complacent (1Pe 5:8).
3. Realize the value of the Word of God (Act 20:32).



1 Ki 12:8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men, which they had given him, and consulted with the young men that were grown up with him, and which stood before him.

Rehoboam is best remembered for causing the division of the kingdom of Israel. How on earth did the wise King Solomon end up with such a foolish son. Probably, it was the moment when he was looking at all his sons when he wrote: “**A foolish son is a grief to his father, and bitterness to her that bare him**” (Pro 17:25).

Rehoboam succeeded his father Solomon as king over Israel. The people of Israel came to him with a request and I paraphrase: “Lighten our burden and reduce tax please.” The new king went to the old advisors and sought their advice. Their

advice was that he listened to the people and served them; be a king that served the people. It didn't sound good to him. "Come on, I am the king. Why must I listen and serve the people?" He went to ask those who grew up with him. Their advice was that he was the king; be ruthless and let the people fear him. He chose the advice of the young men and the rest as they say, is history.

I was young once. I was impulsive. I didn't listen to the older folks of my days. I thought they were living in the past. I am not young anymore. Today, when I think over my past behaviours, I am still ashamed of them. When I was young, I wanted change. But those old folks rejected it. Today, I see the young; they also want change. I rejected it. Why? I could see what the young eyes could not see just as I couldn't see then what my older folks saw.

When I was young, I think in terms of "I". What pleased me must be right. New things are good. Why can't those old folks see it? But as young men are, I was inexperienced and understood not the implication and its effect on the masses.

Today, I think in terms of "we". What do the rest think? How does it affect others? How do I sell it to the young and to the old? I have to bring everyone together.

There will always be a generation gap in every generation. That's because there will always be the old and the young existing together. The old remember they were young once and they see the behaviour of the young as a mirror image of their younger days. They understood very well what the young want and are talking about. They were there before and had done it. They want the young to see further than the things in their hands.

Solomon says: "**My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways**" (Pro 23:26). How did the older generation remain faithful to God? The answer is: They didn't have so many distractions like the young are having today.

New is not always good. I wish for the days that I would not have to carry the phone around. Communication was so personal then. When I wanted to talk to someone, I went to his house or called him from a house phone. Today, all the emails and sms messages are driving me crazy. Facebook friends are not real friends. Real friends spend time together to play, eat and talk. When I look at the young today whose eyes are always fixed on that little gadget, I can conclude it is one of the reasons they are not studying their bible and do greater things for God.

The technology that is supposed to make life easy also makes them slaves and zombies.

But when I tell my children to leave the phone at home and have family time together in the park, they think I am crazy. I can leave my phone at home and shut it down; they can't. They can't see what that little gadget is doing to their lives. Most youth cannot. Their parents can.

Our Lord says: **“And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell”** (Matt 5:29).

I am not asking you to pluck out your eyes. I am asking you to stop fixing your eyes on that little thing in your palm. You can go to heaven without that electronic gadget. But you cannot go to heaven if what you have is only that little gadget. So I say: *“And if thy eye cannot leave that gadget, cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy gadgets should be cast away, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell.”*

Lets us pray to God to open up our eyes and look at the horizon. Let us set our sight on the things above and not on “the thing” in our hands. **“If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God”** (Col 3:1).

Look beyond what is in your hand!



3 WEEKLY NEWS

Baby Joy!

Our heartiest congratulations to **bro Timothy and sis Daryl** on the birth of their baby boy, Jacob Ng Zhuo Jian, on 16 May! We thank God for His blessings during sis Daryl's pregnancy and granting her a safe delivery. Please continue to keep mother and child in prayers as they rest and recuperate in hospital.



Away (Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Benedict** will be travelling to Taiwan from 22 May – 29 June.
2. **Bro Peter & sis Pooi Fun** are away in Malaysia worshipping with the brethren at Cheras, Kuala Lumpur where bro Peter is teaching and preaching this morning.
3. **Bro Dominic & sis Joy** in Thailand till 23 May
4. **Sis Clara** in Korea till 27 May

Health

1. Please pray for the success of **Lisa's** operation on 22 May
2. Please pray for the recovery of **bro Chee Beng's & sis Susan Ng's mother**
(Warded in AMK Thye Hwa Kwan Community Hospital, Level 2, Ward 1, Bed 1341)

Guests Last Week

1. Bro Andy Ling, bro Willy Ling & sis Sandra Leong (*Kota Kemuning COC, Malaysia*)
2. Sis Julia (*sis Ludina's mother*)
3. Chia Yoke Ee (*bro Daniel's wife*)
4. Arielle Pascual (*bro Roberto's daughter*)
5. Kathleen (*sis Ludina's niece*)
6. Bai Jia Wei (*sis Farah's friend*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

TODAY!

SINGING FELLOWSHIP

21 May 2017 | Sunday | 1.30pm |

20 LIM AH PIN ROAD

ALL ARE WELCOME

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS

**"JESUS -
OUR SAVIOUR THAT CAME,
OUR JUDGE TO COME"**

SPEAKER: PETER CHIN

28 MAY 2017, SUNDAY | 9.30AM | 20 LIM AH PIN ROAD

Invite your family & friends to hear the good news!



**20
more days**



Combined Camp 2017

11-14 JUNE 2017, SUN - WED

Lotus Desaru Beach Resort

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

Coping with Problems

By bro Lee Tian Seng

Birthday of the week

22 May (Mon) – Constance

23 May (Tue) – Jonathan

26 May (Fri) – Amos



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Sis Joann & bro Mitchell** in Perth, Australia for studies
- **Sis Rachel Ting** in UK for studies
- **Bro Long Jun** in China

Health

- **Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & Kwan Mama's** health
- **Sis Kim Tian's** recovery from her skin problem
- **Lisa's (bro David Sum's daughter)** recovery from ACM & sinusitis (operation on 22 May)

Expectant Mothers

- Sis Siew Siew (Sep), sis Adeline (Oct)

NSF

- Bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		21 May 2017	28 May 2017	4 Jun 2017
Song Leader		Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin	Amos Yang
Opening Prayer Leader		Paul Lim	Danny Poo	Timothy Ng
Psalms Text		Psa 31:1-14	Psa 31:15-24	Psa 32:1-11
Preacher		Alvin Lin	Peter Chin	Robbie Andrews
Lord's Supper Text		1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25	Matt 26:26-29
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Wee Hooi Kok	Gideon Quek	Cornelius Lee
	Prayer: Bread	Farand Lim	Jerry Cheong	Lim Poh Teng
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Ling Leong Dak	Henry Chee	Ng Chee Beng
	Prayer: Offering	David Chua	Alan Poon	Joel Lee
	Assistant	Axel Chee	Melvin Tan	Titus Goh
Foundation Class		Benjamin Tan	Justin Kwan	Arthur Yap
Announcer		Jimmy Lau	Lee Tian Seng	Alvin Lin
Greeters		Grace Ler Lois Chee	Jeshua Lin Nicodemus Oey	Constance Lau Wu Wenyu
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jimmy Lau	Alvin Lin	Jimmy Lau
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Henry Leow	Paul Lim
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Henry Leow	Lee Tian Seng	Jerry Cheong
Thursday Midweek Service			25 May 2017	1 Jun 2017
Song Leader			Ernest Lau	Andy Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Reuben Lim	Low Chong Ping
Closing Prayer Leader			Kenneth Quek	Ong Jun Wei