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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)

### 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



**Joh 3:7 *Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.***

Nicodemus came to Jesus. Jesus told him: *"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God"*. Nicodemus was confused and asked, *"How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?"*

Nicodemus was thinking in terms of the physical birth. Jesus had to explain to him: *"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."*

Obviously, this born-again experience is absolutely necessary and of the utmost importance. We cannot take it lightly, for Jesus spoke imperatively, *"You must"* - a command from God.

What does it mean to be born again?

It means to be saved. To be born again" carries the idea of "becoming children of God." It is to enter a new relationship with God. The sinner is dead in his sins. The apostle Paul wrote: *"And you did he make alive, when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins"* (Eph 2:1, ASV).

The sinner remains outside the kingdom of God. He has no salvation. He is spiritually dead. But the one who is "born again" enters the kingdom of God. Only the "saved" are in the kingdom of God (Mark 16:16; John 3:16). The "unsaved" are outside the kingdom of God.

How is one "born again"? Our Lord says the new birth is *"of water and the Spirit"* (John 3:5).

The "Spirit" obviously refers to the Holy Spirit. The question is, How does the Holy Spirit operate?

One thing is certain: The Holy Spirit does not operate directly on the heart of a person to make him a Christian. If He does that, He might as well operate directly on every person in this earth so that they are saved because He would be unjust if He does not do it.

But the Holy Spirit operates through His word. The Holy Spirit gives us the inspired word (2 Tim 3:16, 17). The word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:17). The Hebrews writer wrote: *"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit,"* (Heb 4:12).

It is the word of God, the sword of the Spirit, that pierces the soul and causes the sinner to realise his sinful condition and asks, *"What must I do to be saved"*. On the day of Pentecost, when Peter had preached the word, the hearers were pricked in their heart and asked: *"Men and brethren, what shall we do?"* (Acts 2:37). The Holy Spirit did not operate directly on their hearts; it was the preaching of Peter that pricked their hearts.

Peter wrote that the new birth is by the word of God: *"Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever"* (1 Pet 1:23).

How about the water? What does it mean to be *"born of water"*?

It means to be baptised. Ananias told Saul: *"And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name"* (Acts 22:16). On the day of Pentecost, three thousand souls obeyed the gospel and were baptised. The passage says: *"And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved"* (Acts 22:47).

*"To be added to the church"* is the same as to *"enter the kingdom of God"* because the church and the kingdom are one and the same thing (Matt 16:18-19). The three thousand souls who had been baptised on Pentecost day entered the kingdom of God.

God is not in the business of "dry cleaning" as the denominations are teaching. They teach a false doctrine that one needs not be baptised to be saved. Who do you want to believe, the denominations and their false teachings or the words of our Lord Jesus?

It was our Lord who said: *"Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God"* (John 3:5). And He repeated it with a command: *"Ye **must** be born again"* (John 3:7).

Our Lord also commanded: *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved"* (Mark 16:16). Our Lord puts "shall be saved" *after* baptism. Paul and the Ethiopian eunuch were baptised in water (Acts 8:36-39; 22:16).

The denominations put the new birth before baptism. The apostle Paul says the new birth comes after baptism. *"Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that*

*like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Rom 6:4).*

Read Romans 6:4 again and note that the new life comes *after* baptism. God is not in the business of dry cleaning a sinner; He makes sure a sinner is washed clean by water. The “new life” emerges only when a sinner comes up from the grave or water baptism; he is “born again”.

And only a sinner who has been washed by water baptism is saved in the spiritual ark of God: *“The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us”* (1 Pet 3:21).

Read again, *“baptism doth now save us”*. Denominations say baptism does not save. Who do you want to believe – Jesus, the apostle Peter, or a denominational preacher?



## **Combined Gospel Meeting 2018: Reflection**

*by sis Stephanie Lau*

The Gospel meeting is an avenue where the Word of God is preached to people, teaching them to know who God is, His marvellous works and the salvation that has been given to us through His Son Jesus Christ. It is also an avenue where Christians can invite their family, friends, and workmates to hear the Gospel and give them hope. For Christians, it is a spiritual feast where our souls are being filled with the Word of God. On 9<sup>th</sup> of April, bro John Moore, the author and director of Searching for Truth, along with his wife sis Carla came all the way from the United States to be with the brethren in Singapore for the Gospel Meeting. Bro John Moore is not new to us as he came



two years ago to conduct a Gospel meeting. However, this is sis Carla's first time to be with us and we are very delighted to have both of them. The said Gospel meeting was held at Concorde Hotel from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> of April with the theme "Reasons to Believe." From the theme, we can tell that the focus of this Gospel meeting is for those who do not believe in God; however, Christians also have a lot to learn too as bro John expounded to us from the Word of God with wisdom, knowledge and enthusiasm.

During the first night, bro John spoke to us about the existence of God. He taught us the ways of knowing God and proved to us that God exists. He discussed the law of cause and effect as well as God being the designer of this world. Seeing the proofs that God exists will hopefully convict those who do not believe in God that He exists. For Christians, it is always such a big comfort to us, knowing that the God that we believe in exists and that He is always there for us.

On the second night, bro John preached to us that Jesus is our Saviour. He discussed the different attributes of God that we can see in Jesus too. It is also amazing how bro John presented the harmony of the four gospel accounts by presenting the writings made by different people who lived during Jesus' time. He presented it as Christianity being on trial, in which each of us is a judge making a verdict on whether Christ's resurrection is a myth or a fact. Even those historians who did not believe in Christ assured that Christ had resurrected from the dead. From the facts given by those who lived before us, indeed we can assure ourselves that Jesus is God.



During the finale night, bro John preached that there is life after death. He emphasized that the Bible is true and that the Bible asserts that there is life after death. If there is life after death, we can be assured that if we fulfil God's purpose for us, we will have that final comfort in Heaven.

All three nights of the Gospel meeting have made such a big impact on us and hopefully to our guests as well. We had a total of 49 guests over the three nights of the Gospel meeting. Some guests were relatives and friends of members, and some came after seeing our advertisement in the Strait Times, a



local newspaper in Singapore. It was such a delight that the news of our Gospel meeting had spread all over the country because of the newspaper and especially through the evangelistic efforts of all members. Glory to God for the souls that we had reached out to in this Gospel meeting! Indeed, when Christians work together in unity, we can achieve much. However, the end of the Gospel meeting is not the end of our efforts to reach those who are lost. Let us continually reach out to the lost with the truth of the Gospel.

We know that this Gospel meeting would not have been a success without those who had worked so hard in different areas of responsibilities. To God be the glory for all the effort that everyone has put in. We thank our elders for believing in and supporting this great work. We thank the committee members for spending their time in planning and organizing the Gospel meeting. We thank those who had stepped up in taking responsibilities, the emcees, song leaders, prayer leaders, ushers, and receptionists who had made the effort to come early to welcome, greet, and serve members and guests for three nights, to God be thanked for your love and zeal for His work. We thank those who have extended their kindness and warm hospitality to bro John and sis Carla; God sees your labour and works for the Lord (Hebrews 6:10) and we especially thank bro John and sis Carla for the great encouragement that they have given to us as well as for the good work that they have done for us. Above all, we thank God and give God all the glory, honour and praise for the success of the Gospel meeting.



### **WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD!**

We rejoice over the baptism of sis Michelle (sis Chee Ming's daughter) on 24 Apr! Let us give her a warm welcome into the family of God!  
Name: Michelle Chan Yun Yee  
Mobile: 9746 6394  
Birth Date: 3 February 1998  
Email: michellecyy032@gmail.com

### **Travels** *(Please pray for travelling mercies)*

1. **Bro John Moore & sis Carla** are travelling back to the US today after worship.
2. **Bro Martyn** will be travelling to Canada from 3-13 May
3. **Bro Danny & family** in UK till 30 Apr

### **Health**

Please pray for **Lisa** who is scheduled to go for a Chiari surgery on 7 May to relieve her headaches and giddiness.

### **Guest Last Week**

1. Bro David & sis Canida (*Jurong COC, Singapore*)
2. Sis Deborah Tan (*Tai Ping COC, M'sia*)
3. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen (*Canada*)
4. Sis Parames & Aaron
5. Chloe Neo (sis Sydney's cousin)
6. Triston
7. Nanette Cuplang

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

### **Singing Fellowship**

**Date:** 6 May, Sunday

**Time:** 1.30pm – 3pm

**Venue:** Church Building

**All are welcome to attend!**

### **Senior Fellowship**

**Date:** 12 May, Saturday

**Time:** 9.30am – 12.15pm

**Venue:** Punggol Waterway Park/SAFRA  
Punggol

*Please inform bro Alvin or sis Ser Ern if  
you are interested to attend.*

### **Ladies Fellowship**

**Encouragement Gestures**

**Date:** 12 May, Saturday

**Time:** 2:30pm - 5:30pm

**Venue:** Sis Kim Tian's place

*(Blk 546 Pasir Ris St. 51 #10-19 S510546)*

**Programme highlights**

*Basic Cardmaking*

*Encouraging Session*

*5 O'clock Tea*

**Material Fee:** \$5/pax

*Kindly make payment to sis Ser Ern by 6 May to  
indicate your attendance.*

### **Family Camp 2018**

**Date:** 4 – 7 June, Monday - Thursday

**Venue:** Berjaya Waterfront Hotel

**Theme:** *Christians & Communications*

**Cost:**

\$190/adult

\$150/child with bed

\$90/child without bed

*Please sign up on the events noticeboard  
in the hall by 6 May!*

### **Fishers Of Men Course**

*(Person-to-Person evangelism course)*

**Course duration:**

10 Aug – 21 Oct (11 weeks, 34 hours  
course)

**Instructor:** Bro Barry Hatcher

*Please register your attendance on the  
sign-up sheet on the events noticeboard  
and indicate your preferred timing and  
venue by 6 May.*

Please Join Us!

**Appreciation  
Day!**

诚挚邀请您来参加我们的感恩日

**12<sup>th</sup> May • 3-7pm • 5月12日下午3-7点**  
Skudai Church of Christ (士古来基督教会)

Skudai COC would like to invite you to join us for our appreciation day, in which we express our gratitude to God, various congregations and members who have supported and encouraged us in our purchase, renovation and move to the new premises. There will be a short message followed by refreshments.

We hope to see you there so that we may thank you in person!

士古来基督教会希望邀请您参加我们的感恩日，让我们表示感谢，感谢神，感谢各方的支持，感谢所有参与的弟兄姐妹和朋友们！简短的感谢致辞后有茶点招待。

我们希望能当天见到您，让我们可以亲自感谢您！



RSVP: Please text me if you can join  
(skudaicoc@gmail.com)

# Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

## May

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6-May</b>	<b>13-May</b>	<b>20-May</b>	<b>27-May</b>
<b>Worship Sermon</b>	<i>Amos Yang</i>	<i>Ernest Lau</i>	<i>Danny Poo</i>	<b>Evangelism Sunday</b> <i>Alvin Lin</i>
<b>Adult Class</b>	<b>The Parables of Jesus</b> <i>Reuben &amp; Justin</i>			
<b>Young Adult Class</b>	<b>Moral Issues</b> <i>Alvin Lin</i>			
<b>Foundation Class</b>	<b>Important Doctrines of the Church</b> <i>Amos Yang</i>			
<b>Upper Primary Class</b>	<b>Meet Jeremiah</b>	<b>God's New Law</b>	<b>A Man Who Had Visions</b>	<b>God Speaks To Ezekiel</b>
	<i>Wang Tingwei</i>			
<b>Lower Primary Class</b>	<b>A man with good news</b>	<b>The fearful apostles</b>	<b>The man who owned a colt</b>	<b>One who returned</b>
	<i>Joan Ng</i>			
<b>Nursery Class</b>	<b>Jesus heals Peter's wife's mother</b>	<b>Four men take a sick friend to Jesus</b>	<b>Jesus stops the storm</b>	<b>The man with clay on his eyes</b>
	<i>Eunice Chua</i>			
<b>Cradle Roll</b>	<b>Family</b> <i>Wang Tingpei</i>			

<b>Thursday</b>	<b>3 May</b>	<b>10 May</b>	<b>17 May</b>	<b>24 May</b>	<b>31 May</b>
<b>Adult Class</b>	<b>Book of Ruth</b> <i>Ernest Lau</i>				
<b>Primary Class</b>	<b>Jesus Enters Jerusalem</b>	<b>Jesus Dies and Lives Again</b>	<b>The Road to Emmaus</b>	<b>Breakfast on the Beach</b>	<b>The First Church Family</b>
	<i>Ho Seow Hui</i>				
<b>Nursery Class</b>	<b>David as King</b>	<b>King Solomon</b>	<b>Josiah</b>	<b>Elijah</b>	<b>Elisha becomes a prophet</b>
	<i>Quek Guek Hoon</i>				



## NEWS



### Thursday Bible Class Yours Can Be A Successful One

by bro Andy Lin

### Birthday of the week

29 Apr (Sun) – Susan Goh

2 May (Wed) – Sara Yang

Please send any news & prayer requests to [limahpincoc@gmail.com](mailto:limahpincoc@gmail.com)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Overseas:

- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong
- *Sis Farah & bro Siang Yee* in London, UK, for studies
- *Bro Long Jun* in China
- *Bro Nigel* in Dubai
- *Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris* in San Francisco

### Health

- *Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's* health
- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Peiyi's & sis Molly's* health
- *Sis Molly's brother's* health
- *Bro Roberto's* migraine
- *Sis Doris'* recovery from her trigger finger surgery
- *Bro Capi's mother's* health
- *Sis Siew Siew's mother's, sis Shu Fang's mother's, sis Doris' mother's, sis Shermin's grandmother's & sis Sarah's grandmother's* health
- *Lisa, bro David & sis Jenny's daughter,* from giddiness & headaches

### 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		29-Apr-18	6-May-18	13-May-18
<b>Song Leader</b>		Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin	Isaac Chua
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Victor Lee	Timothy Ng	Jerry Cheong
<b>Psalms Text</b>		Psa 63:1-11	Psa 64:1-10	Psa 65:1-13
<b>Preacher</b>		John Moore	Amos Yang	Ernest Lau
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Yew Tian Geng	Zachary Ling	Gideon Quek
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Chua Kian Hong	Farand Lim	Charlie Teo
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Ling Leong Dak	Michael Yeo	Henry Chee
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Andy Lin	Joel Lee	Alan Poon
	<i>Assistant</i>	Melvin Tan	Shawn Wong	Jose Cardoza
<b>Announcer</b>		Timothy Ng	Jimmy Lau	Alvin Lin
<b>Greeters</b>		Constance Lau Wu Wenyu	Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming	Ludina Carrido Susan Cheong
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Timothy Ng	Kevin Lee	Jonathan Yang
<b>Speaker</b>		Benjamin Tan	Henry Leow	David Chua
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Jerry Cheong	Alvin Chan	Lim Poh Teng
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
<b>Song Leader</b>			Benjamin Kwan	Jeshua Lin
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>			Kenneth Quek	Peter Kwan
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>			Jimmy Lau	Reuben Lim