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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
Bro Michael Yeo

Deacons

Bro Benjamin Tan
Bro Henry Leow
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern

ESCAPE 2018

31 DEC, MON | 8.30PM | LAP



BYE 2018
HELLO 2019

Thanksgiving Day

1 JAN, TUE | 9.45AM | LAP



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Jdg 14:3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well.

Samson grew and was blessed by the LORD. One day, while on his way to Timnah, Samson saw a certain Philistine woman and took a liking for her. When he returned home, he told his parents, "**I have seen a woman in Timnath of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife**" (Judg 14:2).

Samson's parents strenuously objected to his desire to marry a woman from that nation, especially since she was a Philistine, a pagan worshipper, and their enemy. They replied to him, "**Is there not a woman among the daughters of your relatives, or among all our people, that you must go to take a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?**" But Samson said to his father, "**Get her for me, for she pleases me well**" (Judg 14:3, ESV).

"**She pleases me well**" is literally, "she is right in my eyes." What Samson really cared about was how things looked to him, not how they looked to God, or to his parents. In demanding a Philistine wife, Samson showed a wilful disregard for his parents' and for God's will. God had specifically commanded Israel not to intermarry with the daughters of the land (Deut 7:3-4). But Samson was so blinded by his own romantic feelings for one who was beautiful in his sight, that he ignored God's commandments. He cared only about having his will be done and not his parents; and definitely, not God's will be done.

Samson's life was one of contradictions. He knew he was a Nazarite. But that did not stop him from drinking, going near a dead body, and even taking out some honey he found on the carcase and eating it. Samson knew what he was doing was wrong because

when he gave the honey to his parents, **“he told not them that he had taken the honey out of the carcass of the lion.”** (Judg 14:9).

Samson is an example of a wilful Christian. A wilful Christian is one who cares about doing things that please him, instead of pleasing God or others. A wilful Christian says: “I think it’s okay,” “I see nothing wrong with it,” “I can’t please everybody.” The last one means, “I’m not here to please anyone but myself.”

Samson insisted on marrying a Philistine woman because she pleased him well. He could be telling his parents: “I know what you mean. I fully understood it. I know it’s not right. But I love her. And I’m going to marry her.”

Bound by romantic feelings, many young Christian men and women today choose to marry an unbeliever. I’m not saying that non-Christians are not lovable or they are selfish and sinful – they are sometimes more lovable and better persons than believers. One person puts it in this way: *“It is simply because to be a Christian means Jesus Christ is the most important thing in our lives; and when a Christian and a non-Christian get together, you have two people who disagree on the most important things in life.”* (David Guzik, *Samson’s First Failed Marriage*).

Samson saw this woman and she pleased him well. He saw something in her face that was very agreeable to his fancy, and therefore she must be his wife. Nothing else matters.

Samson's life was full of opportunity to do great things, but on many occasions, he chose to pursue selfish desires rather than follow God's plan. He allowed his fleshly desires to overrule his ability to serve God and lead the Israelites. He was given abilities, talents, and a leadership role that put him in prime position to honour God, yet he battled with following self.

Often our flesh overrides our desires to do good and we find ourselves wasting opportunities to serve God. Think about the fact that every time God gives you an opportunity to serve Him, you are also presented with the opportunity to choose fleshly desires over Him. You always have an excuse for not serving God or attending a gospel meeting or worship. You see, certain things please you more than serving God and you choose the flesh over spiritual.

Samson often chose self over God. Who will you choose?

From the Brotherhood



The Choice to be Happy

Ecclesiastes 9:7-10

Adapted from Denny Petrillo

(<http://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2018/dec/page8.html#article2>)

Each of us makes choices, and we make them every day! It is a decision to choose happiness or a decision to choose unhappiness. It really does depend upon us (despite our belief that others *make* us happy or unhappy). Solomon suggested five areas where one should find “happiness” and a “cheerful heart.”

First, one should be happy with his food and drink (v. 7). There are so many in the world who are dying of thirst and starvation. For those of us who have our “daily bread,” there should be an attitude of gratitude.

Second, one should be happy with his clothes (v. 8a). If one can pick clothes that are comfortable (“white”), he should be happy with that. Again, there are many in the world who lack the kind of clothing needed for changes in the weather. If one has adequate clothing, there should be a sense of joy.

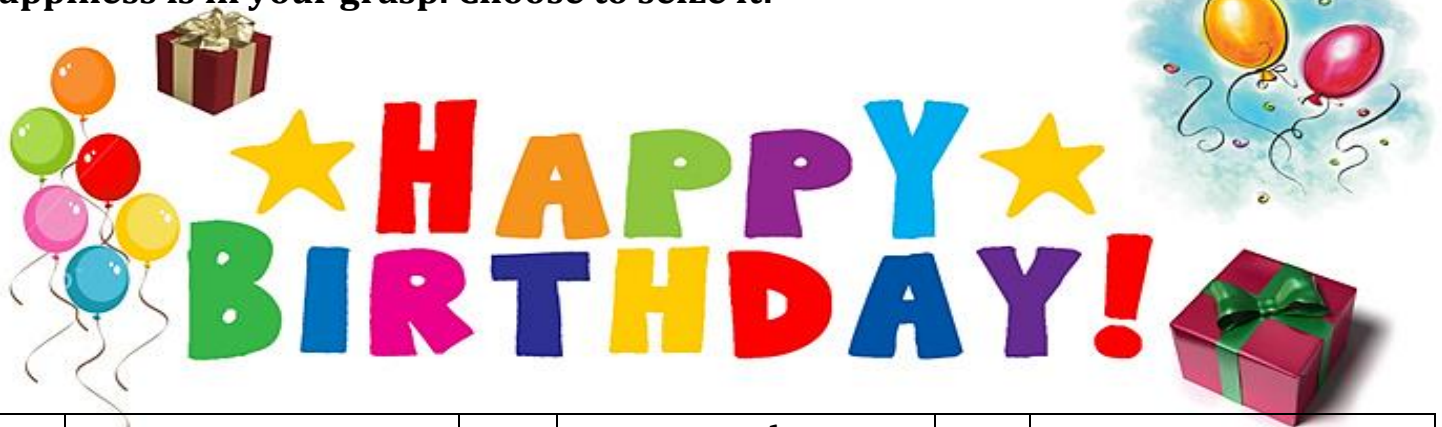
Third, one should be happy if he has medicine (v. 8b). Solomon mentioned the benefits of “oil.” Frequently, oil was used for medicinal purposes, as well as an ointment to aid dry skin. Not everyone has either the availability of oil or the resources to purchase it.

Fourth, one should be happy with his mate (v. 9). When one finds a wife, he has found “a good thing” (Proverbs 18:22). There are so many who are in unhappy marriages. Why are they unhappy? Usually, they are unhappy because one or both have failed to invest in the marriage, trying to make it the best marriage possible. Also, there are those who have failed to develop contentment with one’s mate. If the husband is always thinking of other women, or the wife is thinking of other men, a lack of contentment will exist and will grow as a cancer in that marriage.

Fifth, one should be happy with his job (v. 10). There are so many who continually gripe and complain about their jobs. Yet, there are others who have the same job and are happy

with that job. So, what is the difference? The happy ones have a determination to maintain a positive attitude about that job. Frequently, people become discontent and either are miserable in their jobs or are frequently 'job hopping.' The grass isn't always greener on the other side, as so many foolishly find out—but too late.

Happiness is in your grasp. Choose to seize it!



1	Jasmine Kwan	12	Cornelius	22	Gracie
6	Doreen	15	Nancy Rhui Yin	24	Candice
10	Andy	20	Guek Hoon Ernest	31	Benjamin Tan Ting Pei



Glorification Meeting

Date: 30 Dec 2018, Sun (TODAY)

Time: 12.30pm

All men are required to attend this meeting.

Health

Please pray for **bro Leong Dak's mother-in-law's** recovery from her old back injury.

Travelling (Pray for safety)

1. **Sis Olivia** in Germany till 1 Jan
2. **Bro Justin & sis Bernice** in Central Asia till 2 Jan
3. **Sis Michelle** in Vietnam for immersion program till 3 Jan.
4. **Bro Kwan and sis Sew Hua** in Malaysia till 31 Dec. Bro Kwan is holding an intensive disciple training class for 5 days in Klang COC, preaching in Klang, Subang & Section 17 COC on Sundays.

Guests last week

1. Bro Daniel & sis Kimberly Coble
(Mount Grove COC, Missouri)
2. Sis Joann Lee
(Central North COC, Australia)
3. Bro Ivan Kwek
4. Bro Paul & sis Ivy
(sis Baby's family)
5. Kenny Kee
(sis Debbie's husband)
6. Alexis Lim
(bro Samuel's wife)
7. Stephanie Gostelow
(bro Martyn's wife)
8. Jason Lam (sis Sarah's fiancé)
9. Cassandra (bro Gavin's friend)
10. Meyske (sis Debbie's helper)
11. Jhovv

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

JOIN US FOR A WALK IN THE GARDEN
AND A PICNIC
BOND OVER
5TH JAN 2019 (SAT), 9AM - 12.30PM
GARDENS BY THE BAY (BAY EAST)

让我们在**2019年1月5日**，
星期六，早上**9点**至**12点半**，
一起到滨海东花园去
郊游野餐吧！



Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

January 2019

Sunday	6 Jan	13 Jan	20 Jan	27 Jan	
Worship Sermon	Standing in the Gap	Standing in the Gap to Lead	Standing in the Gap to Win Souls	Do I Need God?	
	Jimmy Lau	Peter Chin	Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau	
Adult Class	Choices that Determine Destiny Jimmy Lau				
Young Adult Class	Standing in the gap - Evangelism	Standing in the gap - Edification	Standing in the gap - Benevolence	Making a difference	
	Benjamin Kwan				
Foundation Class	Christian Living - Christian Attitudes Timothy				
Upper Primary Class	Apostles In Prayer	Pentecost, A Great Day	A Lame Man Walks	Peter's Second Sermon	
	Tingwei				
Lower Primary Class	Learning from Adam & Eve	We learn from Cain & Abel	We learn from Noah	We learn from Abram	
	Susan Ng				
Nursery Class	Ur: God Calls Abram—God’s Promises to Abram	Jordan River Valley: Abram Is Unselfish Toward Lot	Sodom and Gomorrah: Lot is in Bad Company	Mamre: Promise of a Son—A Son is Born	
	Daryl				
Cradle Roll	Baby Jesus Lydia				
Thursday	3 Jan	10 Jan	17 Jan	24 Jan	31 Jan
Adult Class	Introduction to John	"The Nature and Work of the Word" (John 1:1-18)	"The Witness of John the Baptist" (John 1:19-34)	"The Calling of Jesus' Disciples" (John 1:35-51)	"Jesus' First Miracle" (John 2:1-11)
	Alvin Lin				Ernest
Children Class	Messianic Prophecy	Jesus’ Birth	Jesus’ Family and Family Tree	Jesus’ Boyhood	John the Baptizer
Primary	Peck Lian				
Nursery	Christine Oey				

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

Introduction to John

by bro Alvin Lin

Birthday of the week

1 Jan (Tue) – Jasmine Kwan



Please send any news & prayer requests to

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong
- **Bro Kevin** in New York for studies
- **Bro Siang Yee** in UK for studies

Health

- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Molly's & bro Soon Heng's** health
- **Sis Shermin's grandmother's** health
- **Sis Germaine's** recovery from her anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) surgery.
- **Bro Wei Xiang** from his fractured arm
- **Sis Susan Ng** from hives
- **Sis Candice** from her neck pain, injuries to her elbow & leg

Pregnancy

- Sis Christine (Apr'19), sis Mae (May'19)

NSF

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

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		30-Dec-18	6-Jan-19	13-Jan-19
Song Leader		Benedict Yo	Alvin Lin	Joel Lee
Opening Prayer Leader		Peter Chin	Lee Tian Seng	Paul Lim
Psalms Text		Psa 82:1-8		
Preacher		Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau	Peter Chin
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	Shawn Wong	Zachary Ling
	Prayer: Bread	Henry Chee	Farand Lim	Reuben Lim
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Paul Lim	Ling Leong Dak	Timothy Ng
	Prayer: Offering	Charlie Teo	Alan Poon	Ong Jun Wei
	Assistant	Cornelius Lee	Melvin Tan	Gordon Loo
Foundation Class		Lau Jeng Sang	Benjamin Tan	Ng Wei Jie
Announcer		Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan
Greeters		Ludina Carrido Susan Cheong	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Mary Ann Catalos Ellen Hernandez
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Timothy Ng	Benedict Yo	Benjamin Kwan
Speaker		Jerry Cheong	Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Benjamin Tan	Martyn Gostelow	Nicodemus Oey
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Jeshua Lin	Reuben Lim
Opening Prayer Leader			Peter Chin	Kenneth Quek
Closing Prayer Leader			Benjamin Tan	Ong Jun Wei