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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

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## BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

Organised by Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ

**Date : 17 March 2018, Saturday**

**Time : 11am – 5pm**

**Venue : Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ,  
20 Lim Ah Pin Road, S(547839)**



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- Please bring along your NRIC/Student Pass/Work Permit/EP
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# *Sermon outline*

## **ABRAHAM: SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP**

**Gen 18:19**

*Sermon outline by bro Alvin Lin*

### **I. In discipleship.**

#### **A. *The instruction.***

1. Abraham set an example for his family in discipleship.
2. He obeyed God in leaving Ur (Gen 12:4).
3. He trusted God in His promise that he would have a son (Rom 4:18-22).
4. He gave God Isaac whom he loved (Gen 22:1-3).

#### **B. *The influence.***

1. His wife Sarah followed his example in discipleship.
2. She obeyed God to leave for the land of Canaan (Gen 12:5).
3. She trusted God to grant her conception (Heb 11:11).
4. She allowed Abraham to give Isaac to God (1Pe 3:6).

#### **C. *The incentive.***

1. Abraham followed God wholeheartedly (Heb 11:13-15).
2. God was proud to be called His God (Heb 11:16).
3. What are we willing to give up to lead our families in discipleship (Luk 14:26-27,33)?

### **II. In worship.**

#### **A. *The instruction.***

1. Abraham set an example for his family in worship.
2. He built altars to worship God (Gen 12:7-8; 13:4,18; 21:33).
3. He made the necessary preparations to worship God (Gen 22:3-8).

#### **B. *The influence.***

1. His servant followed his example in worship.
2. He prayed to God for success in his mission to find a wife for Isaac (Gen 24:12-14).
3. He worshipped and glorified God when his prayer was answered (Gen 24:26-27,52).

**C. *The incentive.***

1. Abraham worshipped God wholeheartedly (Gen 14:22-23).
2. God was his exceeding great reward (Gen 15:1).
3. What are we willing to give up to lead our families in worship (1Ch 21:22-25)?

**III. In relationship.**

**A. *The instruction.***

1. Abraham set an example for his family in nurturing relationships.
2. He deferred to Lot in giving him the choice of the land for his livestock (Gen 13:5-11).
3. He rescued Lot from captivity of a coalition of 4 kings (Gen 14:13-16).
4. He interceded for Sodom on behalf of Lot (Gen 18:23-32).

**B. *The influence.***

1. His son Isaac followed his example in nurturing relationships.
2. He deferred to the Philistines in giving them his wells (Gen 26:17-22).

**C. *The incentive.***

1. Abraham cherished his relationship with Lot (Gen 13:8; 14:14).
2. God gave his descendants the land through which he walked (Gen 13:14-17).
3. What are we willing to give up to lead our families in nurturing relationships (1Co 10:23-24,32-33)?

**IV. In friendship.**

**A. *The instruction.***

1. Abraham set an example for his family in showing kindness to others.
2. He became allies with Mamre, Eshcol, and Aner (Gen 13:13,21-24).
3. He showed hospitality to 3 strangers (Gen 18:1-8).
4. He made a covenant with Abimelech and Phichol (Gen 21:22-32).

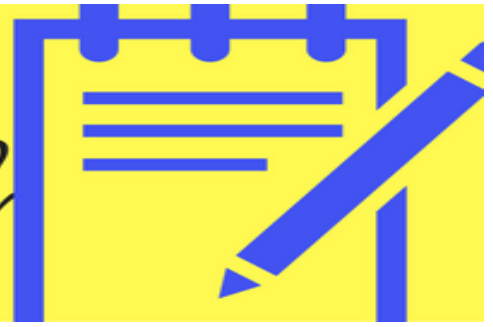
**B. *The influence.***

1. His nephew Lot followed his example in showing kindness to others.
2. He compelled 2 guests to enter his house in the evening and made them a feast (Gen 19:1-3).

**C. *The incentive.***

1. Abraham showed kindness to strangers (Gen 23:4).
2. The sons of Heth were willing to give up their burial place for him to bury Sarah (Gen 23:5-6,10-11).
3. What are we willing to give up to lead our families in showing kindness to others (Luk 14:12-14)?

# From the Brotherhood



## The Classification of Bible Commands

*Adapted from Wayne Jackson*

*(<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/109-classification-of-bible-commands-the>)*

The Bible contains a variety of literature types. It has, for example, historical narrative. Genesis 1-2 (and related contexts) is the only reliable account of the origin of the universe and of mankind in existence. The Scriptures contain lofty poetry and powerful prophecy.

All of that aside, however, every honest student must also admit that the Bible is a book of law (cf. Isaiah 2:2-4; Jeremiah 31:33; 1 Corinthians 9:21; Galatians 6:2). It contains commands that are to be obeyed. A consideration of various classifications of biblical commands can be a helpful study.

### **Moral and Religious Commands**

Commands may be classified as either moral or religious. Moral commands have to do with man's relationship to his fellows, whereas religious laws involve humanity's reconciliation to the Creator.

Commandments like, "You shall not steal," and "You shall not commit adultery," are moral in thrust, and they are designed to create the kind of healthy, happy environment which facilitates man's service to Jehovah.

Laws such as those which involve the offering of sacrifices (Old Testament) and baptism (New Testament) are religious obligations which are intended to test man's loyalty to God. Is one willing to do precisely what the Lord says as a demonstration of his trust, i.e. faith, in his Maker?

### **Positive and Negative Commands**

Another classification is that of positive and negative commands. Positive commands enjoin a responsibility, and negative commands prohibit wrong-doing.

When Jesus instituted the Lord's supper, he said: "This do in remembrance of me" (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:24). This was a positive command. Those who neglect the observance of the communion upon the first day of the week (Acts 20:7) have violated one of the Savior's positive commands.

When the inspired writer declared, "Lie not one to another" (Colossians 3:9), he gave a negative command. In this day, being negative is disdained in the theories of modern psychology. But perhaps it might be well to remind ourselves that eight of the Ten Commandments were negative. Jehovah's thoughts do not necessarily harmonize with modern trends (Isaiah 55:8-9).

### **Generic and Specific Commands**

Generic commands enjoin a general obligation, the implementation of which is left to the judgment of the individual. When Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15), the imperative, "go," (a participle used in the imperative sense—cf. Friberg) is generic, thus granting evangelistic options.

One may go personally (by means of plane, automobile, etc.), or he might go indirectly (literature, recordings, support of others, etc.).

Specific commands declare the precise manner of implementing the divine ordinance. On the day of Pentecost, Peter did not command the believing Jews to "make some application of water"; rather, he commanded "be immersed." The specificity of that injunction contains no authority for either the sprinkling or pouring of "baptismal" water.

### **Universal and Limited Commands**

Not all commands recorded in the Bible were for the whole human race. The command to observe the Passover feast annually (Exodus 12:14) was never an obligation to any but the Hebrew nation. On the other hand, the call to repent of personal sin is a requirement of all men everywhere (Acts 17:30).

Christ once issued this directive: "Tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49). That obligation was certainly not universal, but only to the apostles. However, the responsibility to be immersed in order to receive salvation is as universal as the ability to believe in the Lord (Mark 16:15-16).

One must carefully consider the context of Bible commands to know whether or not the individual injunction is required of him or her.



## Temporal and Permanent Commands

Not all commands listed in the Scriptures were intended to last forever. The divine command, “Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8) was operative only so long as the law of Moses was in effect.

The Mosaic system was a “schoolmaster” to prepare the Jewish nation (and through them the Gentiles as well) for the coming of the Messiah. When Christ had accomplished his holy mission, that law (hence, the sabbath command) expired (Galatians 3:24-25). Those who attempt Sabbath observance today are looking in vain to an obsolete law.

The imperative, “Desire spiritual gifts” (1 Corinthians 14:1), would surely not be applicable in this age, since spiritual gifts have long since passed from the church’s possession (cf. 1 Corinthians 13:8ff).

On the other hand, when Jesus, with reference to marriage, charged, “What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder” (Matthew 19:6), he issued a prohibitive that would be binding throughout the Christian era. New Testament marriage regulations are designed to last as long as the institution itself prevails.

Some have alleged that water baptism was only a temporary requirement which became obsolete by the time the book of Acts had been completed. But Matthew 28:18-20 contains the implication that the ordinance would be an obligation unto the end of the world.

## Conclusion

Commands of the Bible must be carefully analyzed. When it is determined that they apply to us, we must humbly submit to them.



### **Bereavement**

Our deepest condolences to:

1. **Bro Jerry’s family** over the loss of his nephew on 4 Mar
  2. **Sis Susan Goh’s family** over the loss of her mother on 6 Mar
- Please pray for the bereaving families as they grieve over the loss of their loved one.

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

1. **Bro Nicodemus & sis Christine** in Canada till 14 Mar.
2. **Bro Jimmy and sis Kim Tian** in the Philippines till 12 Mar.
3. **Bro Ernest and sis Stephanie** in the Philippines and Bali till 24 Mar.

## Health

Please pray for **sis Siew Siew's mother** who has a cyst in her womb that her condition will improve.

## Guests last week

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| 1. Bro Willy Ling & sis Sandra<br>(Kota Kemuning COC, M'sia)    | 6. Kenny Kee (sis Debbie's husband)       |
| 2. Bro Patrick Ng<br>(Section 17 COC, M'sia)                    | 7. Stephanie Senna (bro Martyn's fiancée) |
| 3. Bro Jozel Aguilar & family<br>(Greenplains COC, Philippines) | 8. Jason Lam (sis Sarah's fiancé)         |
| 4. Stephen & family (sis Stephanie's family)                    | 9. Iris (sis Lois' friend)                |
| 5. Alexis Lim (bro Samuel's wife)                               | 10. Lanre (sis Mei Leng's friend)         |
|   | 11. Gan Sok Ting (bro Reuben's friend)    |
|   | 12. Jonalyn F. Balagot                    |
|   | 13. Shalen Manuel (sis Seow Hui's helper) |



Date	Day	Time	Event	Venue	Details
11 Mar	Sun	1.30pm - 3pm	Youth Fellowship	LAP church building (Hall)	<b>Discussion on Easter Day</b>
11 Mar - 8 Apr	Every Sun	1.30pm - 3pm	Teacher's Training Class	LAP church building (Foundation Class)	Teacher: Bro Peter Chin All men are welcomed to attend.
17 Mar	Sat	11am - 5pm	Blood Drive	LAP church building (Hall)	Sign up link: <a href="http://bit.do/bdd2018">http://bit.do/bdd2018</a>
30 Mar (PH)	Fri	3pm - 7pm	Youth Homezone	Braddell View Club House 10 Braddell Hill, S(579719)	<b>Program: Youth seminar &amp; BBQ</b> All youths are invited to join us for an afternoon of sharing, food, and fellowship!
31 Mar	Sat	4.30pm	Gospel Meeting Tracting	Punggol Area: Blk 271C Punggol Walk S(823271)	Join us to spread the gospel!
11 - 13 Apr	Wed - Fri	7.45pm - 9pm	Combined Gospel Meeting	Concorde Hotel 100 Orchard Road S(238840)	Theme: Reasons to Believe Speaker: Bro John Moore
14 Apr	Sat	10am - 3pm	Men & Ladies Workshop	Jurong church building	<b>10am - 12pm (bro John Moore):</b> Teacher training workshop (both) <b>1pm - 3pm (bro John Moore):</b> Teacher training workshop (men) <b>1pm - 3pm (sis Carla Moore):</b> Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World (ladies)
21 Apr	Sat	9am - 1pm	'Living Well with Diabetes' Seminar	LAP church building (Hall)	Topics: Screening & prevention of diabetes, advice on how to better control and take charge of our diabetes.

## NEWS



### Thursday Bible Class

The Christian and  
The Church  
by bro Paul Lim

### Birthday of the week

12 Mar (Mon) – Jeje  
14 Mar (Wed) – Shanice  
15 Mar (Thu) – Benbin

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, bro Gavin* in London, UK, for studies
- *Bro Long Jun* in China
- *Bro Nigel* in Dubai

### Health

- *Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's* health
- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Peiyi's* health
- *Bro Roberto's* migraine
- *Sis Fong Yoke's* recovery from her cataract operations
- *Sis Doris's* recovery from her spine surgery
- *Bro Capi's mother's* health
- *Sis Jenny's mother's, Sis Siew Siew's mother's, sis Shu Fang's mother's & sis Doris's mother'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		11 Mar 2018	18 Mar 2018	25 Mar 2018
<b>Song Leader</b>		Isaac Chua	Benjamin Kwan	Amos Yang
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Kenneth Quek	John Goh	Benjamin Tan
<b>Psalms Text</b>		Psa 57:1-11	Psa 58:1-11	Psa 59:1-9
<b>Preacher</b>		Alvin Lin	Peter Chin	Jimmy Lau
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Matt 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	Scripture Reader	Jeshua Lin	Marc Wee	Nicodemus Oey
	Prayer: Bread	Wong Sek Hoong	Danny Poo	Henry Leow
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Danny Poo	Ling Leong Dak	Farand Lim
	Prayer: Offering	Paul Lim	Ong Jun Wei	Andy Lin
	Assistant	Titus Goh	Titus Goh	Zachary Ling
Foundation Class		Justin Kwan	Lau Jeng Sang	Arthur Yap
<b>Announcer</b>		Lee Tian Seng	Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Kwan
<b>Greeters</b>		Diana Phoo Teo Kim Tian	Wang Tingwei Ellen Micah	Wu Wenyu Lois Chee
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Joel Lee	Alvin Lin	Kevin Lee
<b>Speaker</b>		Alvin Lin	Charlie Teo	Timothy Ng
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Alvin Chan	Lim Poh Teng	Ling Leong Dak
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
<b>Song Leader</b>			15 Mar 2018 Andy Lin	22 Mar 2018 Jeshua Lin
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>			Kenneth Quek	Henry Leow
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>			Danny Poo	John Goh