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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 Jerry Cheong

Preachers

Bro Alvin Lin
Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern

IT'S
TOMORROW!

JUNE
CAMP
2019

10-13 JUNE 2019
BERJAYA WATERFRONT
HOTEL

ALL CAMPERS,
PLEASE STAY BACK
FOR A BRIEFING AFTER
BIBLE CLASS TODAY





Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

One of the results of justification is that we are freed from sin. This is not to say sin can no longer touch us or has no more effect on us. It means we should not serve sin. Paul gives the illustration of a dead body and he wrote: **“For he that is dead is freed from sin”** (Rom 6:7). Sin has no effect on a dead body.

And likewise, Christians are dead with Christ (Rom 6:8). As baptism washes away our sins, we become new creatures when we rise up from the watery grave of baptism. The sins are buried in the water and we rise up to walk in newness of life; that’s a new birth (Rom 6:4). Tell those who believe that baptism is not necessary for salvation that they are still walking around with their sins. Paul says the new life comes **after** baptism. How can anyone say they have been born again when they have not been baptised? God is not in the business of dry cleaning; He says you have to go down into the water and be cleansed from your sins (Acts 8:36-38). **“Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins”** (Acts 2:38).

Paul emphasises the new life in this chapter of Romans 6. He says baptism changes our state from one who is living in sin to one who lives righteously. The person who has been baptised is made new: **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”** (2 Cor 5:17).

Paul says the Christians who have been made clean are no longer to yield (present) their bodies as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin, but as instruments of righteousness unto God (Rom 6:13).

The word “yield” reminds me of this hymn, “Yield Not to Temptation.” Satan cannot force us to sin. But he can put temptations before us to tempt us and cause us to sin.

We may be tempted; but yield not to the temptation. Joseph was tempted by Potiphar's wife but he did not yield to the temptation (Gen 39:7-12). He did not succumb to the temptation but he fled from it. The devil cannot force anyone to sin; he can only tempt. The excuse that "the devil made me do it" is a lie. The devil cannot force us to do what we do not want to do.

James says: **"Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."** (Jas 4:7).

Paul says: **"Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart."** (2 Tim 2:22).

Paul again says: **"Flee fornication."** (1 Cor 6:18).

We can overcome temptations. Righteousness and unrighteousness are presented as two masters. Paul says we either serve righteousness or unrighteousness. The text is more correctly rendered in the ASV: **"Neither present your members unto sin as instruments of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God"** (Rom 6:13).

Sin is pictured as a king or a master. The "members" are the parts of our body. Whom should we present our body to? Should we present our bodies to unrighteousness or to righteousness? Should we serve sin or God?

So, Paul is saying: "Stop presenting your members as aids (instruments) to sin but present your body as aids to righteousness."

There are two kings: one is righteousness and the other is unrighteousness. To whom will you present your body to serve?





Preacher's exhortation

The Lunatic and the Glutton

By bro Ernest Lau

Have you ever been called a lunatic or a glutton? It is not exactly a compliment to be called such. When we think of lunatics, men like Adolf Hitler come to mind. When we think of gluttons, we think of people with excessive eating disorders and no self-control. To be called a lunatic or a glutton is usually derogatory, not complimentary. In Luke 7:31-35, we read of two men: one was called a lunatic, and one was called a glutton. Unexpectedly, these two men are none other than John the Baptist and Jesus Himself.

“The Lunatic”

John the Baptist was a man who lived a very different lifestyle from the normal crowd. He spent much time in the wilderness; he wore rugged clothing; he ate locusts and wild honey. He did not indulge in normal food and drink as the other Jews did. Because of John's behaviour, the Jews said “*he hath a devil*” (Luke 7:33); i.e. he is possessed, he is crazy!

John was of course not a lunatic. However, we stood out from the crowd. In a similar manner, Christians are also to be different from the world (1 Peter 2:9). We do not belong to this world (John 15:19). Therefore, we must conform to this world, but rather be transformed according to the will of God (Romans 12:1-2). In our dressing, our entertainment choices, our conduct, we ought not follow after the world's standards and values. Are we different from the world? When we set ourselves part from this world, that is when others may call us weird or crazy!

“The Glutton”

Jesus, on the other hand, lived a very different lifestyle from John. He spent much time living among the people. He even ate together with the publicans and sinners. He

enjoyed the same food and drink that the normal Jews would. However, He apparently did not fast as often as the Jewish leaders did. Hence, they called Jesus a “*gluttonous man*” (Luke 7:34).

Jesus was of course not a glutton. However, He was someone who spent much time reaching out to the lost. Although we ought to be separate from this world, Jesus does not call us to go and isolate ourselves in caves. Rather, Christians need to meet people in order to fulfil the Great Commission, to go out and teach all nations (Matthew 28:19-20). Spending time with people often involves food. How about having Bible studies over lunch? Are we actively meeting people to share the gospel?

“The Sceptic”

It is interesting to note that, in order to save the lost, God would send different types of prophets. John impressed the Jews with his abstinence from worldly influences. Jesus was personally involved in the lives of sinners. God does not have a one size fits all solution to evangelism, and often we need to employ different methods to reach out to the lost (cf. Jude 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 9:22-23).

However, sometimes no matter what method you use, others will still reject the gospel. John the Baptist did not indulge in food and drink, and they mocked him. Jesus enjoyed food and drink, and they mocked him. That is why Jesus said: “*They are like unto children sitting in the marketplace, and calling one to another, and saying, We have piped unto you, and ye have not danced; we have mourned to you, and ye have not wept*” (Luke 7:32). No matter what you do, they will not be happy! When the heart is hardened, they will find any excuse to reject the truth (Matthew 13:15).

Jesus ends off by saying: “*But wisdom is justified of all her children*” (Luke 7:35). Those who are wise will accept the evidence and embrace Jesus. It is not wisdom to be as the Jews, to reject all shapes and forms of the truth. As Christians, we are reminded also that we should not be as the Jews, to be hard to please and unhappy with everything. We ought to “*do all things without murmurings and disputings*” (Philippians 2:14).

So, would you like to be called a lunatic or a glutton? John the Baptist and Jesus were called such. However, it is not because they were literally lunatics and gluttons; the people rejected them because they preached the truth. Let’s not be afraid to be zealous for God, and to do the right thing. People may call us crazy and other things; but above all we want to be acknowledged as wise and faithful servants of God.

WEEKLY NEWS



Thank You

A total of SGD\$7373.70 was collected last Sunday for **bro Philip Vanwinkle** who has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer. Thank you for your generous contributions. Please continue to keep bro Vanwinkle in prayers as he undergoes treatment.

Health

Please pray for **Sum Yuen Kei (bro David Sum's father)**, who is recovering from a surgery to remove a lump from his spine

Travels (Pray for safe travels)

1. **All the brethren who will be travelling for the June Camp** from tomorrow till 13 Jun
2. **Bro Benedict & sis Naomi** will be travelling to Japan to conduct an exhibition from 12 Jun till 17 Jun. Bro John Yo & sis Kwee Huay will be meeting them in Japan.
3. **Bro Michael Yeo & family** in the UK to visit bro Jonathan & sis Joan till 22 Jun

Guests last week

1. Bro John Yo (*Taichung COC, Taiwan*)
2. Bro Bob Xiang & bro George Zhang (*China*)
3. Bro Paul & sis Ivy (*sis Baby's family*)
4. Alexis Lim (*bro Samuel's wife*)
5. Kelvin Kuan (*sis Eunice's friend*)
6. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)
7. Lawrence & family (*sis Stephanie's friends*)
8. Benedict Foo & Chan Wei Xin (*sis Siew Siew's friends*)
9. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Youth Fellowship

Date & Time: TODAY @ 1.30pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Last youth fellowship before the new work starts! Let's come together to pray for the growth of the kingdom.

"Making Disciples of Christ" – A Practical Learning Session

Date: 16 Jun, Sun

Time: 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Session Facilitator: Peter Chin

Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the hall and make payment of \$4 to sis Ser Ern by TODAY if you would like to order bento lunch.

THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENT:

29 JUNE 2019 (SAT) • 10.30AM - 3.00PM
@120 BOON LAY DRIVE

SCIENCE & SCRIPTURE

TOPICS TO BE PRESENTED:

SCIENCE & RELIGION (ERNEST LAU)
SCIENCE & GOD (JOSEPH HO)
SCIENCE & BIBLE (LI ZHENG)
SCIENCE & JESUS (JOEL LEE)

Bible Quiz

Date & Time: 9 Aug, Fri @ 10am

Venue: LAP Church Building

Book: John 1-11

Lunch: Potluck

Upcoming Events!

6 July – Senior Fellowship

13 July – Ladies Fellowship

7 Sep – FellowKidz

14 Sep – Combined Youth Fellowship

27-30 Nov – FSC Lectureship

28-30 Nov – Gospel Meeting

3-5 Dec –

Vacation Bible School

Mark these dates in your calendar!



Thursday Bible Class

"Believe or Die in Your Sins" (John 8:21-30)

by bro Alvin Lin

Next Sunday Sermon

Bargaining with God

by bro Charlie Teo

Birthdays this week

11 Jun (Tue) – Leong Dak

13 Jun (Thu) –

Yuet Ming & Siang Yee

15 Jun (Sat) – Roberto



Please send any news &
prayer requests to
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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 Wee Sin's** recovery from surgery for his right shoulder tendon
- **Sis Shu Fang's father's** recovery from angiogram
- 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		9-Jun-19	16-Jun-19	23-Jun-19
Song Leader		Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau	Isaac Chua
Opening Prayer Leader		Low Chong Ping	Kenneth Quek	Peter Chin
Preacher		Peter Chin	Charlie Teo	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper Text		Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
Lord's Supper Servers	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Titus Goh	Zachary Ling	Shawn Wong
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Farand Lim	Gordon Loo	Henry Chee
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Wong Sek Hoong	Ling Leong Dak	Henry Leow
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Lim Chin Siang	Andy Lin	Nicodemus Oey
	<i>Assistant</i>	Roberto Pascual	Leonard Chia	Ng Wei Xiang
<i>Foundation Class</i>		Ng Chee Beng	Yew Tian Geng	Ong Jun Wei
Announcer		Timothy Ng	Benjamin Tan	Jimmy Lau
Greeters		Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Shum Chee Ming Lim Poh Im	Sharyl Lau Wang Ting Pei
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau	Michael Yeo
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Gavin Cheah	Kenneth Quek	Henry Leow
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Reuben Lim	Benjamin Kwan
Opening Prayer Leader			Dave Tapiru	Kenneth Quek
Teacher			Alvin Lin	Alvin Lin
Closing Prayer Leader			Chua Kian Hong	John Goh