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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

PEOPLE ARE OFTEN UNREASONABLE AND SELF-CENTERED

FORGIVE THEM ANYWAY

IF YOU ARE KIND PEOPLE MAY ACCUSE YOU OF ULTERIOR MOTIVES

BE KIND ANYWAY

IF YOU ARE HONEST PEOPLE MAY CHEAT YOU

BE HONEST ANYWAY

IF YOU FIND HAPPINESS PEOPLE MAY BE JEALOUS

BE HAPPY ANYWAY

THE GOOD YOU DO TODAY MAY BE FORGOTTEN TOMORROW

DO GOOD ANYWAY

GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE AND IT MAY NEVER BE ENOUGH

GIVE YOUR BEST ANYWAY

FOR YOU SEE IN THE END IT IS

BETWEEN YOU AND GOD

IT WAS NEVER BETWEEN YOU AND THEM ANYWAY



Sermon Outline

HOW DO I RELATE WITH GOD WHO IS LOVE?

Sermon outline by bro Alvin Lin

Text: 1Jo 4:8

I. RECOGNIZING GOD'S LOVE

A. For His creation.

1. He created the perfect conditions for life (Isa 45:18).
2. He gives life to His creation (Act 17:25).
3. He sustains His creation (Luk 12:24,27-28).

B. For man.

1. He made man in His own image and gave man dominion over His creation (Gen 1:26).
2. He came to serve man (Luk 22:27).
3. He died for man (Rom 5:6-8).

C. For His children.

1. He adopted us as His children (1Jo 3:1).
2. He gave us to be joint heirs with Christ (Rom 8:15-17).
3. He hears our prayers and gives us only what is good (Mat 7:9-11).

II. RESPONDING TO GOD'S LOVE

A. By loving Him.

1. A child responds to his father's love by loving him in return.
2. The Son of God loves His Father (Joh 14:31).
3. We respond to God's love by loving Him in return (1Jo 4:19).

B. By knowing Him.

1. A child who loves his father will want to know him.
2. The Son of God loves His Father by seeking His will (Joh 5:30).
3. If we love God, we will want to know Him (Joh 5:39).

C. By talking to Him.

1. A child who loves his father will spend time talking to him.
2. The Son of God loves His Father by praying to Him (Luk 6:12).
3. If we love God, we will spend time talking to Him (Pro 15:8).

D. By obeying Him.

1. A child who loves his father will obey him.
2. The Son of God loves His Father by keeping His commandments (Joh 15:10).
3. If we love God, we will obey Him (Joh 14:15,21-24).

E. By loving others.

1. A child who loves his father will love those whom his father loves.
2. The Son of God loves His Father by loving His disciples (Joh 15:9).
3. If we love God, we will love those whom He loves (1Jo 4:20-21).

F. By serving others.

1. A child who loves his father will find opportunities to serve his family.
2. The Son of God loves His Father by serving His disciples (Joh 13:14).
3. If we love God, we will find opportunities to serve Him by serving His church (Heb 6:10).

III. **REJECTING GOD'S LOVE.**

- A. God's love is free (Rom 5:15-16), but we have a choice whether to accept or reject it (Jos 24:15).
- B. God's love is assuring (Joh 14:1-3), but we have much to fear for rejecting it (1Jo 4:17-18).
- C. God's love is great (Rom 8:38-39), but we have to bear the consequences of rejecting it (Rom 2:4-5).





ELDER'S EXHORTATION

BY BRO JIMMY LAU

Proverbs 28:13 *He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.*

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper - To cover one's sins is to hide them and pretend they do not exist. If a sinner does not acknowledge his sins but hides them, denies them, makes excuses for them, or blames others for them (like Adam and Eve), he cannot expect forgiveness from God. **He shall not prosper**, that is, he shall not obtain the pardon of his sin, nor can he have any true peace of conscience. God will never admit a sinful soul into His eternal kingdom: **"I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish"** (Luke 13:3).

But whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy - But if a sinner repents and confesses his sin, he shall receive mercy from God: God will forgive and cleanse him from his sins: **"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"** (1 John 1:9).

"God may cover a man's sins, and it is an instance of his grace, and it is the glory of it to do it, but a man may not cover his own: it is right in one good man to cover the sins of another, reproofing him secretly, and freely forgiving him; but it is wrong in a man to cover his own.... but whenever he is charged with sin, and reproofed for it by his fellow Christian, he should not cover it, that is, he should own it; for not to own and acknowledge it is to cover it; he should not deny it, which is to cover it with a lie, and is

adding sin to sin; nor should he justify it, as if he had done a right thing; nor extenuate or excuse it, or impute it to others that drew him into it.” (Gill Comm).

When Solomon says that **“love covereth all sins”** (Pro 10:12), unfortunately, it does not cover one’s own sins. Sins will be exposed: if not in this life, they will be in the Day of Judgment: **“and be sure your sin will find you out”** (Num 32:23).

David thought he had a perfect plan; yes, he tried to cover his sins. He made it seem like Uriah was killed in the battle. He thought no one knew about it. He was wrong! **“But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD”** (2 Sam 11:27).

Our sins will be discovered, sooner or later. There is nothing hid which shall not be revealed. **“A bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter”** (Eccl 10:20). The sin of murder will be revealed, and so will other sins.

Can you sleep peacefully with your sins? I can’t. King David could not too. In fact, David was in constant agitation while he covered his sins: **“When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day long. For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me”** (Psalm 32:3, 4).

David found relief only when he confessed his sins: **“I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin”** (Psalm 32:5).

Confession brought true covering for his sins; God covered his sins: **“Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile”** (Psam 32:1-2). David tried to cover his own sins, but when he confessed, God covered his sins.

Which would you prefer? Hide the sin, and pretend you are doing fine; or, confess it and receive forgiveness? The blessed God has more forgiveness than any man. He will always accept a broken and contrite heart (Ps 51:16-17). It is only pride, rebellion and stubbornness that keep us from confessing them straight away.

Let God cover our sins, and not do it ourselves. Believe me: There is healing in confession: **“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed”** (James 5:16). Let us confess our sins and we shall receive mercy from God.

Weekly News

Placing membership

We welcome our new Four Seas students - bro James (Philippines), sis Elsie (Philippines), sis Riviena (Philippines) and sis Yen (Vietnam), who have placed membership with us. Their particulars are as follows:

Name	James B. Medez	Elsie Mae C. Olivo	Riviena Ugalde Abubo	Nguyen Thi Kim Yen
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Date of baptism:	12-May-12	23-May-05	28-Nov-05	24-Jul-12

Collection for the bonus of our Mission Workers

We appreciate our mission workers – bro Kwan (China), bro Bob Xiang (China), bro George Zhang (China), bro John Yo (Taiwan), bro Wang (Taiwan), bro Glen Tattersall (Australia) & bro Hai (Vietnam). Boxes will be made available for you at the pulpit area on **15 Jan and 23 Jan** to give angbaos to show your appreciation to them during this festive season.

Travelling (Pray for travelling mercies)

Bro Tian Seng, bro Roberto, bro Jong Wah, sis Nancy & sis Fong Yoke are in Philippines till 18 Jan to visit & encourage the brethren in Ilagan COC & Villa Celia COC, Bacolod.

Health (Pray for speedy recovery)

1. **Sis Susan Goh's mother** has been warded in hospital due to lung infection and heart problems. Please keep her in prayers for her health and recovery.
2. **Sis Linda Poo** has been warded in hospital for fever and dehydration due to diarrhoea. Visitation is not advised.

Guests Last Week

1. Bro John Yo & sis Kwee Huay
(*Taichung COC, Taiwan*)
2. Bro Sim Boon Quang & sis Mui Hoong
(*Lavender COC, S'pore*)
3. Sis Chua Shuan Kei
(*Church Street COC, Melbourne*)
4. Sis Stephanie Tolentino
(*Skudai COC, M'sia*)
5. Bai Guang Rong
(*sis Yanling's husband*)
6. Kenny Kee
(*sis Debbie's friend*)
7. Ivan Quek
(*sis Joann's friend*)
8. Capi
(*bro Benedict's friend*)
9. Rukmini
(*Kim Choo's helper*)



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY OF GOD!

We rejoice over the baptism of **sis Sarah** on 13 January! Let us give her a warm welcome into the family of God. Her particulars are as follows:

Name: Ho Yoon Khei

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Birth date: 14 Aug 1985

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

4 February 2017, Saturday

CNY Youth Visitation

Meeting Time & Venue:

9.30am at church building

OR 10am at Auntie Baby's house

*Come join us in visiting our older brethren
and in celebrating Chinese New Year
together!*

12 February 2017, Sunday

Singing Fellowship

Time: 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Venue: Church Building

*Come join us as we spend an afternoon
praising God in song! Open to all
members, young and old. Please check with
Ben Kwan if you have any questions.*

NEWS

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Thursday Bible Class

How To Destroy A Friendship?

By bro Ernest Lau

Birthday of the week

15 Jan (Sun) –

Nancy & Rhui Yin

16 Jan (Mon) –

Jose Eugenio

20 Jan (Fri) –

Guek Hoon & Ernest

21 Jan (Sat) – Hooi Kok

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Bro Mitchell** in Perth, Australia for studies
- **Sis Rachel Ting** in UK for studies
- **Our supported missionaries:**
Bro Kwan, bro Bob & bro George (*China*), bro Glen (*Australia*), bro John Yo (*Taiwan*), bro Hai (*Vietnam*)

Health

- **Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Sara Ong's, sis Linda's & Kwan Mama's** health
- **Sis Susan Goh's mother's & sis Doreen's mother** health
- **Sis Kim Tian's** recovery from her skin problem
- **Sis Jasmine Lim's** recovery from her eye problem
- **Sis Sharon (Jurong COC)'s** recovery from her surgery
- **Sis Annie Cheong's husband's, bro Jose Cardoza's father's** health and salvation

Expectant Mothers

- Cynthia Lee (Mar'17), Daryl Cheong (May'17)

NSF

- Bro Gideon, bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin

Serving in Worship

Date		15 Jan 2017	22 Jan 2017	29 Jan 2017
Song Leader		Jonathan Yang	Justin Kwan	Joel Lee
Opening Prayer Leader		Kenneth Quek	John Goh	Reuben Lim
Psalms Text		Psa 18:13-24	Psa 18:25-36	Psa 18:37-50
Preacher		Alvin Lin	Peter Chin	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper Text		Matt 26:26-29	Matt 27:35-50	Isa 53:4-9
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Henry Chee	Jeshua Lin	Zachary Ling
	Prayer: Bread	Wong Sek Hoong	Danny Poo	Chua Kian Hong
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Lau Jeng Sang	Ng Chee Beng	Wee Hooi Kok
	Prayer: Offering	Kenneth Liong	Amos Yang	Timothy Ng
	Assistant	Yew Tian Geng	Shawn Wong	Melvin Tan
Foundation Class		Ernest Lau	Benjamin Tan	Arthur Yap
Announcer		Amos Yang	Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Tan
Greeters		Grace Ler Lois Chee	Constance Lau Wu Wenyu	Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming
Midweek Service: 19 Jan 2017		Song Leader	Jeshua Lin	
		Opening Prayer Leader	Alvin Lin	
		Closing Prayer Leader	Reuben Lim	