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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

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS

Reasons to Believe

11 – 13 APRIL 2018
7:45 PM – 9:00 PM

CONCORDE HOTEL

100 Orchard Road Singapore 238840



SPEAKER

JOHN MOORE

JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY LIM AH PIN CHURCH OF CHRIST AND JURONG CHURCH OF CHRIST



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

2Ki 23:3 And the king stood by a pillar, and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD, and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all their heart and all their soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people stood to the covenant.

King Josiah repaired the temple of God. When it was done, he gathered the people of Judah and Jerusalem in front of the temple and read the Book of the Covenant which had been found in the temple. The reading of the Law of God had been forgotten for many years. After the reading, he stood before the people and publicly declared his commitment to obey the word of God with all his heart and all his soul; he made a covenant before God (2 Kgs 23:3).

A covenant is a contract or agreement between two or more parties. It constitutes a vow or a pledge. Hence, when King Josiah made a covenant before God to walk, keep, and perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book, he bound himself by a solemn promise to the faithful performance of the entire Law. He did it voluntarily.

And Josiah went to work immediately. He commanded his priests to cleanse the temple of vessels made for Baal, Asherah and the Host of Heaven, and burn them outside Jerusalem. He brought the Asherah out of the temple and burned it to ashes. He expelled the idolatrous priests. He broke down the houses of the male cult prostitutes. He destroyed all the idolatrous altars that King Ahaz and King Manasseh had made. He removed all the high places which dated back to the time of king Solomon.

King Josiah also ordered that the Passover be instituted. The Passover had been a much neglected feast since the days of the Judges. It had not been celebrated in such great pomp and spirit that the inspired writer thought it necessary to comment: *"Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah"* (2 Kgs 23:22).

When Josiah made a covenant with God to do His will, he did it and he did it with zeal. He kept his promise to God. He excelled above all the kings that were before him and the Holy Spirit testified to his committment: *"And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him"* (2 Kgs 23:25).

Would you make a covenant with God? Would you make a covenant with God to be His faithful servant all the days of your life? Would you make a covenant with God to study His word daily and with diligence all the days of your life?

"When thou shalt vow a vow unto the LORD thy God, thou shalt not slack to pay it: for the LORD thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee" (Deut 23:21).

Very few would want to enter into a covenant with God. Why? Many are not too sure about themselves. They do not want to bind themselves to serve God or to commit themselves to certain things before God. They prefer to be "free and easy" Christians.

But, God has a covenant for all of us; and it's not a choice. Our Lord commanded: *"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment"* (Mark 12:30).

The life of Josiah presents a wonderful example for us for it demonstrates how one may find favour with God. Josiah served God diligently with all his heart, soul, and might. As a result, God has huge praises for Josiah (2 Kgs 23:25).

The key to finding favour with God is to have the attitude that Josiah had toward the word of God. Let us love and serve God like Josiah, and God too, will have good words for us in the day of Judgment: *"Well done, good and faithful servant"* (Matt 25:23).

From the Brotherhood



Guiding Our Children Into the Joy of Worship

Adapted from Mike Vestal

(<https://polishingthepulpit.com/guiding-our-children-into-the-joy-of-worship/>)

Our children are ours for a while so they can be God's forever. Children are a gift, a sacred trust from God (Psalm 127:3-5). Because parenting is a stewardship, we can be confident the Lord will one day ask, "How have you done with the little one(s) I placed in your care?" One of the greatest joys and blessings of being a parent is being able to introduce your kids to God and to His worship and praise. What an amazing opportunity parents have!

Christian parents who give great thought, prayer and effort as to how to best accomplish this with their kids are deserving of our admiration and encouragement (see Proverbs 22:6). While introducing children to God and to His worship is an incredible privilege, it can also be quite a challenge. One young Christian couple jokingly referred to their life as Christians as "Worship B.C. and A.D." – Before Children and After Diapers! It can be really hard for parents to properly focus on God during worship when little ones are in need of a diaper change!

Here's a few principles to keep in mind for helping guide our kids into the joy of worship. Congregations would do well to make a special effort to encourage good parenting in the pew.

1. We all should keep in mind that God loves and welcomes the presence and praise of children (Matthew 18:1-6). Jesus really does love the little children, and so should we in our assemblies.
2. Children learn to worship the same way they learn to walk or to play baseball or do gymnastics. They learn by practice, by active participation, by

encouragement and by example (Philippians 4:9). One of my greatest joys as a preacher is to ask a question during a sermon only to have it correctly answered by a child!

3. Too many adults learned as children to sit still during assemblies, but never really learned to worship. What a tragedy! This is only one part of Psalm 46:10. While reverence and awe characterize true worship, so do joy and loving adoration (John 4:24; Matthew 15:6-9; Psalm 103:1-2). Blessed are the balanced!
4. We must not resent little ones for being little. Children are going to sometimes squirm. They may even cry and get a bit unruly occasionally. Conscientious parents often feel embarrassed when this occurs. Please let parents know you appreciate their constructive efforts to help their children come to know and worship God. Most of us who preach don't at all mind competing with a crying baby; it's a sign of life within a congregation. Be patient with both parents and kids in this process (2 Timothy 4:2).
5. Great worship on Sunday often begins with good preparation on Saturday. This is especially true with kids. Frantic, hurried weekends often lead to frazzled, weary young families on the Lord's day. Children will pick up at a very young age the priority and preparation made for meeting with God and His people on the Lord's day (Hebrews 10:25)
6. Congregations would do well to have a "Pew Packers" class for the young on Sunday evenings to encourage their knowledge and praise of God. We devote 15 minutes to "Pew Packers" every Sunday night where I preach, and I am constantly amazed and overjoyed by the way the children in the congregation participate. Because it's such an uplifting time, nearly the whole church shows up for it too!
7. Our public worship on Sunday will be made even better when there also has been an emphasis upon private and family worship during the week. The practice of this or lack thereof can be quite telling. It only makes sense that children's understanding of what is going on in an assembly will be greater when they relate it to what's been a consistent practice each week at home.

Godly people both seek to be the worshiper God desires us to be as well as a model and example for others; thankfully, there's no difference. Parents, seek to emphasize your own worship and praise of God. Seek to pass this love on to your children. They will see by your consistent attitude, practice and teaching what it means to know and to praise our King!

March	
Goh Puay Yeow, Daniel	10
Jeje Medez	12
Soh, Shanice	14
Benbin Aspacio	15
Lim-Yeo, Irene	19
Quek Rui Min, Rachel	19
Wee Jun Jie Marc	19
Yap-Seow Lay Suan, Amy	20
Wang-Lau Tuan Sang	21
Christine Chan Hui Shan	21
Nicodemus Oey	21
Cheong-Lee Wee Cheng, Annie	23
Tan Thoo Ngee Melvin	24
Wong Xue Ning, Lynn	25
Ham Swee Leng, Alice	26
Wu Long Jun	28
Quek Keng Ngak, Kenneth	29
Lim Xue Jin, Celest	30



Wedding

Our heartiest congratulations to **bro Ernest & sis Stephanie** over their wedding yesterday! Please pray for these newlyweds as they begin a new life together as husband and wife.



Travels

(Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Nicodemus & sis Christine** in Canada till 14 Mar.
2. **Bro Alvin & bro Jeshua** will be travelling to Malaysia from 5-8 Mar.
3. **Bro Ernest and sis Stephanie** will be in the Philippines and Bali from 9-24 Mar.
4. **Bro Jimmy and sis Kim Tian** will be in the Philippines from 9-12 Mar.

Guests last week

1. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
2. Tan Sok Ting (*bro Reuben's friend*)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

L.A.P Sing Along

March Senior
Fellowship Edition

intro

A sharing session led by Bro Alvin

bridge

Exercise session led by Bro Kwan

Chorus

Tunes of Cantonese, Hokkien, Teochew and
Mandarin classics led by Bro Mike

repeat 'till Fade

Snacks and drinks served

DATE 10th March 2018 (Saturday)

TIME 10am till 12noon

VENUE LAP Church of Christ

Please contact Sis Jacqueline
or Sis Ser Ern to confirm your
participation



EST. 2018

FELLOWKIDZ

DATE: 10 MARCH, SAT

TIME: 11AM - 5PM

VENUE:

SIS SER ERN'S HOUSE

(BLK 91A TELOK BLANGAH ST. 31

#05-215 SINGAPORE 101091)

Blood Drive 2018



17 March 2018, Sat

11am - 5pm

20 Lim Ah Pin Road

Singapore 547839

To register, please email
your name and contact no.
to limahpincoc@gmail.com.

14 April, Saturday

Men Workshop

Time: 10am - 3pm

Venue: Jurong church building

Speaker: Bro John Moore

Topic:

Teacher training workshop

14 April, Saturday

Ladies Workshop

Time: 10am - 3pm

Venue: Jurong church building

Speaker: Sis Carla Moore

Topic:

Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

The Christian and
His Government
by bro Paul Lim

Birthday of the week

10 Mar (Sat) – Daniel Goh



Please send any news &
prayer requests to
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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 Susan Goh's mother's, 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
- *Bro Jerry's nephew* from coma

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		4 Mar 2018	11 Mar 2018	18 Mar 2018
Song Leader		James Medez	Isaac Chua	Benjamin Kwan
Opening Prayer Leader		Chua Kian Hong	Kenneth Quek	John Goh
Psalms Text		Psa 56:1-13	Psa 57:1-11	Psa 58:1-11
Preacher		Lee Jong Wah	Alvin Lin	Peter Chin
Lord's Supper Text		Mar 14:22-25	Matt 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Gideon Quek	Jeshua Lin	Marc Wee
	Prayer: Bread	Joel Lee	Wong Sek Hoong	Danny Poo
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Alvin Chan	Danny Poo	Ling Leong Dak
	Prayer: Offering	Timothy Ng	Paul Lim	Ong Jun Wei
	Assistant	Melvin Tan	Titus Goh	Titus Goh
Foundation Class		Kenneth Liong	Justin Kwan	Lau Jeng Sang
Announcer		Alvin Lin	Lee Tian Seng	Jimmy Lau
Greeters		Ludina Carrido Jeshua Lin	Diana Phoo Teo Kim Tian	Wang Tingwei Ellen Micah
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Timothy Ng	Joel Lee	Alvin Lin
Speaker		Benjamin Kwan	Alvin Lin	Charlie Teo
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Jerry Cheong	Alvin Chan	Lim Poh Teng
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Benjamin Kwan	Andy Lin
Opening Prayer Leader			Peter Chin	Kenneth Quek
Closing Prayer Leader			Ong Jun Wei	Danny Poo