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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



## YOUTH HOMEZONE

**30 March | Friday (Public Holiday)**

**| 3pm-7pm |**

**Braddell View Club House**

*10 Braddell Hill, Singapore 579719*

*Program: Youth Seminar & BBQ*

**ALL YOUTHS ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR AN  
AFTERNOON OF SHARING, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP!**



# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

**2Ki 24:13 *And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the LORD, as the LORD had said.***

During the reign of king Hezekiah, the prophet Isaiah prophesied “*Behold, the days come, that all that is in thine house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried into Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith the LORD*” (2 Kgs 20:17).

The Babylonian army came and did just as Isaiah had prophesied. The Babylonian king “*carried out thence all the treasures of the house of the LORD*” and brought them to Babylon.

Some will exclaim: “God, this is your temple; why are you not protecting it?” What men see as “treasures”, God deems it as dung. At the inauguration of the temple which he had built for God, Solomon confessed: “*But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded?*” (1 Kgs 8:27).

The apostle Paul concurred: “*God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands*” (Acts 17:24).

God's true treasures are not found in the physical objects in the temple. God's interest has always been in the human being whom He has created and never in the other things or animals that He has created. Do you think that the God who made heaven and earth will look at a building build by a man and be awed by it? If man could build

something that surprises God and surpasses His creation, then God is no longer the almighty God.

God's treasures and interest are found in the hearts of men: *"Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him"* (Isa 43:7).

To be called by the name of anyone, is synonymous with being regarded as his son, since a son bears the name of his father. The expression means all who are regarded as the children of God, belongs to Him; they are His treasures and glory. And it is for this purpose that Christ came to die to save men and not animals.

King Nebuchadnezzar came and took away all the treasures in the house of the LORD. God did not deem those objects as treasures. Paul wrote: *"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour"* (2 Tim 2:20).

My question is: What kind of vessels are we in the house of God? We are the house of God (1 Pet 2:5). Am I a gold, or silver in the house of God? Or, am I a wood or earth in this spiritual house? All these items, gold, silver, wood and earth, can be found in almost any houses. It's about value and not the materials that Paul is referring to. It could be an earthen vase but it may worth millions of dollars; so it is gold to the owner. What will he do with it? He displays it. It is a vessel of honour to him. Whereas, a golden ring is kept in the drawer out of his sight; it has less honour than an earthen vase.

You may be poor, uneducated, but a golden vessel in the house of God. Then, you are God's treasure. A man came to Jesus asking for eternal life (Matt 19:19-22). He was young, rich and highly educated. Unfortunately, he was not "gold" for he loved his earthly treasures more than the spiritual treasures.

Consider, are you a treasure of gold in God's house? Are you a vessel of honour in the house of God? Sin can cause one to become dishonourable. Paul knew it and therefore, he wrote: *"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work"* (2 Tim 2:21).

Let us be honourable treasures in the church of God. God will purge His church like He purged His temple. The true treasures He will bring them up with Him to glory. The rest He will burn with unquenchable fire (Matt 3:12). Be a gold or a silver in this great house!



## What Do You Bring to Worship?

*Adapted from Patrick Morrison*

*(<http://gospelgazette.com/gazette/2018/mar/page9.html>)*

The Old Testament required all Jewish males to appear in Jerusalem three times per year to worship and offer sacrifices. “Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the Lord thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles: and they shall not appear before the Lord empty” (Deuteronomy 16:16). It was imperative that those who made the journey to Jerusalem to worship God not come before Him empty-handed. The Old Law even made provisions for those who could not afford to offer the customary sacrifice for sin of a lamb or a goat (Leviticus 5:7-11). From the wealthiest prince to the lowliest pauper, all were to come before God in worship with something to offer. Herein lies a fundamental principle of our worship to God: Worship is something that we offer, something that we bring before God, and when done in accordance with His Divine will, we know that such offerings will be acceptable to Him.

The idea of worship has been lost on many within our generation. For most it is a time to be entertained. Worship has become just another spectator sport, a place to be seen or something to check off the to-do list. It is a shame to see those who claim to love the Lord coming to worship with nothing to offer. Some sit as silent as the tomb while praises are being sung to our Heavenly Father. **Empty-handed!** Some cling tenaciously to the material wealth with which God has blessed them as the time for giving back to Him as He has prospered us comes. **Empty-handed!** Some pass notes, talk or daydream as God’s Word is being read or proclaimed. **Empty-handed!** Some slip in, take some unleavened bread and fruit of the vine, thinking they are observing

the Lord's Supper, and slip out, ignoring the rest of the worship of Almighty God. **Empty-handed!** Some show up every once in a blue moon [infrequently] and expect everyone to notice the effort they put forth to be there. **Empty-handed!** Brethren and friends, how can we "offer...unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing" (2 Samuel 24:22)?

**Worship is not about man. It has never been about man. It will never be about man. Worship is about bowing the knee in reverence to God and coming before Him with that which we know will please Him. We dare not come empty-handed.** "By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise unto God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name" (Hebrews 13:15). "But as for me, I will come into thy house in the multitude of thy mercy: and in thy fear will I worship toward thy holy temple" (Psalm 5:7). "Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2). "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker" (Psalm 95:6). "I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:17). "I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name" (Psalm 138:2). "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5). "Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him" (Psalm 2:8).

**The worship of the God of Heaven demands that we come before Him with something to offer, something that all can afford: our prayers, our praise, our time, our talents, our money and ourselves!**



### **Health**

Please pray for the health of the following:

- 1. Sis Molly's** recovery from vomiting and her treatment for ovarian cancer
- 2. Sis Molly's brother's** treatment for throat cancer.

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

1. **Bro Kenneth Liong** has left on 10 March for work to California, US, for 3 years. Sis Iris will join him next month.
2. **Sis Jasmine & sis Ser Ern** in Japan till tomorrow
3. **Bro Ernest and sis Stephanie** in Bali till 24 Mar

**Meeting Reminder**

**MC Meeting**

Date: 18 March 2018, Sunday (TODAY)

Time: 1.30pm

**Business Meeting**

Date: 1 April 2018, Sunday

Time: 12.30pm

**Meeting Agenda:**

*Church Annual Budget for FY2018/2019*

**Guests last week**

1. Bro Lucas & Zelda Quek  
*(Jurong COC, Singapore)*
2. Sis Deborah Tan *(Tai Ping COC, M'sia)*
3. Kenny Kee *(sis Debbie's husband)*
4. Alexis Lim *(bro Samuel's wife)*
5. Stephanie Senna *(bro Martyn's fiancée)*
6. Eng Wen Dee *(sis Ser Ern's friend)*
7. Jonalyn F. Balagot
8. Shalen Manuel *(sis Seow Hui's helper)*

**UPCOMING EVENTS**  
MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

**Teacher's Training Class**

**Date:** Every Sunday – 8 April

**Time:** 1.30pm – 3pm

**Venue:** Church building (Foundation Class)

**Teacher:** Bro Peter Chin

*All men are welcomed to attend.*

**Gospel Meeting Tracting**

**Date:** 31 March, Saturday

**Time:** 4.30pm

**Venue:** Blk 271C Punggol Walk S(823271)

*Join us to spread the gospel!*

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS

**Reasons  
to Believe**

SPEAKER: JOHN MOORE

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

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**11 – 13 APRIL 2018**

**7:45 PM – 9:00 PM**

**CONCORDE HOTEL**

100 Orchard Road Singapore 238840

### Men & Ladies Workshop

**Date:** 14 April, Saturday

**Time:** 10am – 3pm

**Venue:** Jurong church building

#### **Program**

**10am – 12pm (bro John Moore):**

*Teacher training workshop (men & ladies)*

**1pm – 3pm (bro John Moore):**

*Teacher training workshop (men)*

**1pm – 3pm (sis Carla Moore):**

*Having a Mary Heart in a Martha World (ladies)*

### 'Living Well with Diabetes' Seminar

**Date:** 21 April, Saturday

**Time:** 9am – 1pm

**Venue:** Church Building (Hall)

#### **Topics:**

*Screening & prevention of diabetes*

*Advice on how to better control &*

*Take charge of our diabetes*

**Mark your calendar &  
book your leave for camps!**

诚意邀请您参加

**第13届**  
亚洲华文圣经研讨会

**彼此**

日期 | 5月31日-6月2日 • 2018年(周四至周六)  
地点 | SWISS GARDEN HOTEL (吉隆坡 马来西亚)

主办单位  
马来西亚 巴生福音教会

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another**

**LAP FAMILY CAMP 2018**  
**4-7 JUNE**

## NEWS



### Thursday Bible Class

The Christian and  
His Neighbour  
by bro Paul Lim

### Birthday of the week

19 Mar (Mon) – Irene, Marc &  
Rachel Quek  
20 Mar (Tue) – Amy  
21 Mar (Wed) – Tuan Sang,  
Nicodemus & Christine Chan  
23 Mar (Fri) – Annie Cheong  
24 Mar (Sat) – Melvin



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
- *Bro Kenneth Liong* in California, US

### Health

- *Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's* health
- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Peiyi's* health
- *Bro Roberto's* migraine
- *Sis Doris'* 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' 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		18 Mar 2018	25 Mar 2018	1 Apr 2018
<b>Song Leader</b>		Benjamin Kwan	Amos Yang	Justin Kwan
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		John Goh	Benjamin Tan	Michael Yeo
<b>Psalms Text</b>		Psa 58:1-11	Psa 59:1-9	Psa 59:10-17
<b>Preacher</b>		Peter Chin	Jimmy Lau	Ernest Lau
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Marc Wee	Nicodemus Oey	Shawn Wong
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Danny Poo	Henry Leow	Andy Lin
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Ling Leong Dak	Farand Lim	Benjamin Tan
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Ong Jun Wei	Andy Lin	Joel Lee
	<i>Assistant</i>	Titus Goh	Zachary Ling	Ng Wei Xiang
<i>Foundation Class</i>		Lau Jeng Sang	Arthur Yap	Arthur Yap
<b>Announcer</b>		Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau
<b>Greeters</b>		Wang Tingwei Ellen Micah	Wu Wenyu Lois Chee	Benbin Aspacio Ellen Hernandez
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Alvin Lin	Kevin Lee	Joel Lee
<b>Speaker</b>		Charlie Teo	Timothy Ng	Ong Jun Wei
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Lim Poh Teng	Ling Leong Dak	Martyn Gostelow
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm		22 Mar 2018		29 Mar 2018
<b>Song Leader</b>		Jeshua Lin		Alvin Lin
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Henry Leow		Lee Tian Seng
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>		John Goh		Reuben Lim