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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 Michael Yeo

Deacons

Bro Benjamin Tan
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preacher

Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern

47TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISE

CLASS OF 2019

Saturday, Nov. 23, 2019
@ 3pm

Jurong Church of Christ



Thyna Bacara
Mancia



Jana Rose Sarmiento
Del Castillo



James Walter
Blanco Mira



Alain Dave
Gallo Tapiru



22 Lectures

• Q & A Forum

• Special classes for Men & Women

12th ANNUAL FOUR SEAS LECTURESHIP

Preparing Leaders for Tomorrow

Date

NOV 27 – 30, 2019 (Wed - Sat)

Daily Chapel (3rd Floor)
8.15 am - 8.45 am

Daily Lectures (2nd Floor)
9.00 am - 3.15 pm

Venue

120, Boon Lay Drive, S 649924



Sermon outline

Bridging The Income Gap In The Church

Sermon notes by bro Jimmy Lau

Introduction:

1. What is Income Gap? A gap in income between one group and another.
2. Should it be a point of contention in the church?
3. God makes them all. Pro 22:2

Discussion:

1. Left Unmanaged, Income Gap Can Become A Problem In The Church.

- ❖ It was a problem in a church mentioned by James. Jas 2:1-7
- ❖ Also in Corinth. 1 Cor 6:1; 11:20-22

2. Wealth Was A Problem In The Church At Laodicea. Rev 3:14-22

- i. Affects Its Commitment:
 - a) Their faith was lukewarm.
 - b) They were more busy making money than making converts.
 - c) More busy talking business than talking about Jesus.
- ii. Affects Its Self-Image: They thought they were rich, but they were really poor.

3. Poverty Was Not A Problem To The Church In Macedonia. 2 Cor 8:1-5

- ❖ Macedonia was a Poor-Rich church

4. Bridging The Income Gap In The Church.

A. COMMANDMENTS TO THE RICH.

- a. Be Humble. 1 Tim 6:17a
- b. Be Grateful - It is God who blesses. 1 Tim 6:17b
- c. Do not set your heart upon your riches; trust God. Psa 62:10
- d. Do not expect privileges. Luke 20:46
- e. Do not despise the poor. Jas 2:6
- f. Be Charitable. 1 Tim 6:18; 1 John 3:17
- g. Do not oppress the poor. 2 Sam 12:1-4
- h. Be honest in business. Pro 11:1; Deut 25:14-16
- i. Be Careful about riches. 1 Tim 6:9; Matt 13:22
- j. Money is not everything. Luke 12:15; Matt 16:26
- k. Serve God. Mark 4:19

B. COMMANDMENTS TO THE POOR.

- a. Do not despise or stereotype the rich.
- b. Do not envy. Psa 73:3-9, 12-13, 17-18
- c. Do not expect handouts. 2 Thess 3:10
- d. Do not compare. 2 Cor 10:12
- e. Be diligent. Eph 4:28; Pro 18:9
- f. Do not oppress the poor. Matt 18:28-30
- g. Be charitable. Gal 6:10
- h. Give. Mark 12:41-44
- i. Help one another. Gal 6:2
- j. Serve God. Matt 4:10

C. COMMANDMENTS TO ALL.

- a. God is no respecter of persons; so must we. Gal 3:28
- b. Bear ye one another's burden. Gal 6:2
- c. Walk In Love. Eph 5:2
- d. Give. Pro 21:13; 1 John 3:17

5. Principles To Live By.

- i. The principle of Contentment for ALL. Pro 30:8-9; 1 Tim 6:8, 10
- ii. The principle of True Riches. Matt 6:19, 20
- iii. The principle of Giving. Pro 11:24-25; 2 Cor 9:6
- iv. The principle of Self-Denial. Php 2:4
- v. The principle of Eternal Perspective. 2 Cor 6:10

- vi. The principle of God's Commendation. Rev 2:9
- vii. The principle of Love. John 13:34, 35; 1 John 3:17
- viii. The principle of Practising True Religion. Jas 1:27

Conclusion

1. Not all rich men are unfaithful.
 - Barnabas. Acts 4:36, 37
 - Abraham. Gen 13:6
2. Not all poor men are faithful. Pro 30:9
3. A Universal Balance: Without the rich, the poor will not have work.
4. The rich and poor will continue to exist together in the church. Use our gifts to glorify God: **"By love serve one another"** (Gal 5:13).



Hymn #22

"ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME"

"I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with Mine eye" (Psa. 32.8)

INTRO.: A song which expresses trust in God to instruct and guide us in the way that we should go is, "All The Way My Savior Leads Me". The text was written by Frances Jane Crosby VanAlstyne, better known as Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915). Blind from six months, Fanny became a prolific poet who was under contract for three hymns a week. As a result of the pressure to meet deadlines, she often prayed for guidance to come up with words. However, one day in 1874 she prayed for more material things. She had run short of money and needed five dollars for her rent that was due. There was not any time to ask her publishers for an advance, so she simply prayed for the money. Shortly after the prayer, a stranger called to say that he liked her hymns. In the parting handshake, the admirer left something in her hand--five dollars. As the recipient of this unexpected good fortune sat in her room meditating on the goodness of God the lyrics of this song came to her mind. She put the poem down on paper and sent it to Robert Lowry (1826-1899). He composed the tune (All the Way) and published it in his Sunday

school song collection, "Brightest and Best," which he compiled in 1875 with William Howard Doane (1832-1915). The song appeared in the 1937 "Great Songs of the Church No. 2" edited by E. L. Jorgenson. Since then, it has been included in a large number of hymnbooks used among churches of Christ.

The song is an expression of our faith in Christ to lead us.

I. The first stanza says that because Christ leads us, we have our needs provided

*"All the way my Savior leads me; What have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my guide?*

*Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell! For I know whate'er befall
me, Jesus doeth all things well."*

- A. We have no reason to doubt the tender mercy of Him who is our Guide to see that our needs are taken care of: Psa. 23.1-6
- B. Not only the physical needs, but the spiritual needs of heavenly peace and divinest comfort are granted to those who dwell in Him by faith: Phil. 4.6-7
- C. Therefore, we can be assured that whatever befalls us, the Lord will do all things for our good: Deut. 6.24, Rom. 8.28

II. The second stanza says that because Christ leads us, we have His cheer to help us

*"All the way my Savior leads me; Cheers each winding path I tread, Gives me grace for
every trial, Feeds me with the living bread.*

*Though my weary steps may falter, And my soul athirst may be, Gushing from the rock
before me, Lo! a spring of joy I see."*

- A. We all face trials in this life, but He gives us grace and feeds us with His living bread to sustain us: Jn. 6.32-35, Heb. 4.14-16, 1 Pet. 4.12-16
- B. As we journey through this life, our weary steps will sometimes falter and our soul will thirst: Psa. 6.6, 63.1
- C. But like the Israelites of old, we can look to the Lord for a spring of joy gushing from the Rock before us: Exo. 17.6, Jn. 4.10-14, 1 Cor. 10.4

III. The third stanza says that because Christ leads us, we have the fullness of His love

*"All the way my Savior leads me; O, the fullness of His love! Perfect rest to me is promised
In my Father's house above.*

When my spirit, clothed immortal, Wings its flight to realms of day, This my song through endless ages: Jesus led me all the way."

- A. This fullness is manifested in the fact that perfect rest is promised in the Father's house above: Jn. 14.1-3
- B. Someday, when Jesus comes, our spirits, clothed immortal, will wing their flight to realms of day: 2 Cor. 5.1-6
- C. Then, we can sing the song through endless ages, that Jesus led us all the way just as He did Israel: Deut. 32.12

CONCL.: This song is somewhat unusual among the more popular of Fanny Crosby's works in that unlike most others it does not have the standard chorus which follows each stanza. While it is not a song of praise addressed directly to the Lord, it is more of a devotional hymn praising His goodness and guidance than the typical gospel song. If I am to have the hope of going to be with God, I must strive to live here on earth so that "All The Way My Savior Leads Me."

Adapted



Health

Sis Carol Khoo had a fall recently and sustained some superficial injuries on her face, and also a sprained wrist. Please keep her in your prayers, that she will have a speedy recovery from her injuries.

Special Collection for Bansalan COC

A total of SGD\$3609.40 was collected last Sunday for our brethren in Bansalan COC, Philippines who have been affected by the earthquake. Thank you for your generous contributions.

Clothing Collection

Eastside church of Christ (ECOC) will be having a special collection of clothing for our brethren in the Philippines who were affected by the recent earthquakes. **Those who are contributing can bring their clothing to LAP on 8 December (not earlier or later).** ECOC will be packing the clothing on 15 Dec.

Guests last week

1. Sis Jenny (*LCOC*)
2. Sis Mabel
3. Sis Novie (*sis Jonalyn's friend*)
4. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
5. Shang Loh (*sis Farah's friend*)
6. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)
7. Gan Sok Ting
(*bro Reuben's friend*)
8. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)
9. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)
10. Shalen (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)

Travelling (Pray for safety)

1. **Bro Nicodemus & family** will be travelling to Perth from 18 Nov till 25 Nov
2. **Sis Sarah** will be travelling to Hong Kong & Japan from 22 Nov till 7 Dec
3. **Bro David Sum & family** in Thailand till 20 Nov

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!



SUNDAY 24th | MONDAY 25th | NOVEMBER 2019

VENUE:

Jurong Church of Christ

PRESENTED BY:



Jonathan Burns



Stan Stockton

Young ladies and gentlemen! We are so excited to invite you to the inaugural "Virtue and Valour" Camp for teens! Join us in this uplifting 2 day 1 night event that will have you fired up and raring to do more for the Lord! Invite your friends and sign up now through your local congregation sign up sheet. See you then!

**Recommended age: 13 - 19*

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The Church of Christ Presents Answers to Life's Greatest Questions

Topics :

28 Nov (Thu)
Who am I?
(Roger Campbell)

29 Nov (Fri)
Where Did I Come From?
(Jonathan Burns)

30 Nov (Sat)
Why Am I Here?
(Tim Hayes)

1 Dec (Sun)
Where Am I Going?
(Billy Bland)

Venue : 20 Lim Ah Pin Road S(547839)
Date : 28 Nov - 1 Dec (Thu - Sun)
Time : 7:45pm (28-30 Nov)
9:30am (1 Dec)

Agape Lunch

Date: 1 Dec, Sun
Time: 12.30pm

Please bring a dish to share. Stay back after bible class for a heartwarming & wonderful fellowship!



Vacation Bible School 2019 presents:

"I WILL DO IT!"

Taking the Initiative

3 - 5 December 2019 (Tuesday to Thursday)

9am to 5pm daily

Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ
20 Lim Ah Pin Road, Singapore 547839
(For children aged 4 - 12)





Thursday Bible Class

"The Political Trials of Jesus"

(John 18:28-40;19-1-15)

by bro Ernest Lau

Next Sunday's Sermon

"Will God Ever Give Up?"

by bro Tim Burroughs

Birthdays this week

18 Nov (Mon) – Kim Choo

20 Nov (Wed) – Chin Siang,
Peck Lian, David Sum & Farah



Please send any news &
prayer requests to
limahpincoc@gmail.com

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas

- **Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, bro Jeshua & sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong

Health

- **Sis Baby's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Poh Im's** health
- **Bro David Sum's father's** recovery from spine surgery
- **Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's** recovery from fractured ankle
- **Bro Roberto's son's** recovery from kidney stones
- **Bro Kenneth Quek's** recovery from his knee surgery
- **Bro Soo Ping's** recovery from his spine surgery

Pregnancy

- Sis Olivia (Dec/Jan), sis Jasmine Chan (Mar), sis Wenyu (Apr)

NSF

- Bro Titus, bro Shawn, bro Zachary, bro Wei Xiang

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		17-Nov-19	24-Nov-19	1-Dec-19
Song Leader		Isaac Chua	Jeremy Kwan	Ernest Lau
Opening Prayer Leader		Charlie Teo	Peter Chin	Benjamin Tan
Preacher		Jimmy Lau	Tim Burroughs	Billy Bland
Lord's Supper Text		1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Roberto Pascual	Gordon Loo	Shawn Wong
	Prayer: Bread	Ling Leong Dak	Chua Kian Hong	Wong Sek Hoong
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Yew Tian Geng	John Goh	Reuben Lim
	Prayer: Offering	Ong Jun Wei	Andy Lin	Farand Lim
		Alvin Foo	James Mira	Ng Wei Jie
Announcer		Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan	Timothy Ng
Greeters		Jonalyn Balagot Ludina Carrido	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Shum Chee Ming Lim Poh Im
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Timothy Ng	Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Alvin Chan	Reuben Lim
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Jerry Cheong	Ong Jun Wei	Lim Poh Teng
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			Peter Chin	Gospel Meeting
Opening Prayer Leader			John Goh	
Teacher			Ernest Lau	
Closing Prayer Leader			Gavin Cheah	
		21-Nov-19		28-Nov-19