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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 Michael Yeo

Deacons

Bro Benjamin Tan
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preacher

Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern

CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS

DO I NEED THE CHURCH?

Speaker: Jimmy Lau

28 July 2019, Sunday | 9.30am |

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Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Rom 11:22 *Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off.*

What kind of a God do we believe in? Many will answer: “**God is love**” (1 John 4:8). That is true. Most of us would answer in terms of God’s love. The New Testament speaks much of the love of God (John 3:16). But what does God’s love mean to an unbeliever? What lies ahead for one who does not believe in God’s love?

The scripture also provides answers to the destiny of those who reject the love of God for them. “**In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power**” (2 Thess 1:8-9).

You will say: “That’s terrible.” But think rationally: If God is so loving that He will save all mankind regardless of what they did on this earth, then, what is the purpose of Christ coming to this earth to die for the sins of the world? Why bother to believe in God and live a life of holiness?

The scripture reveals to us the character of God whom we serve. God is love but He is also righteous. The righteousness of God demands that He metes out punishment to the wicked. Is a judge less loving when he sends someone to life in prison for a heinous crime? Justice demands punishment to be served on those who deserve it.

Likewise, the scripture tells us that God is merciful and severe (Rom 11:22).

For those who love truth - Goodness of God.

For those who love evil - Severity of God.

The Old Testament speaks much of the severity of God. Adam and Eve sinned and were punished (Gen 3:16-19). The world of Noah was exceeding sinful and God punished it

with a global flood (Gen 6-8). God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah because of their wickedness (Gen 19). Time and time again, the children of Israel sinned against God and He punished them.

Therefore, we see that God's goodness and severity are equal realities. Like it or not, God smiles on things He approves of, but frowns on things that displease Him. O, how we love to preach about the cross and tell about the love of God. Yet, we must not forget the purpose of the cross. There is a reward for those who embrace the cross of Jesus and punishment to those who reject it (John 3:16).

Many come to God for mercy. But they must also consider His severity. God's grace is popular; His wrath is not. God has no pleasure in the death of the wicked. God says: **“For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye”** (Eze 18:32). God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Pet 3:9).

If we hope to escape the wrath of God, it is imperative that we understand what makes Him angry. Our faithful love and service to God will gain for us an exceeding great reward (Rev 2:10). Conversely, our disobedience will earn an unspeakable punishment: **“He that believeth not shall be damned”** (Mk 16:17b).

Almost everyone thinks they will go to heaven even though they really do not know God, and do not know anything about pleasing God; they expect to be rewarded with eternal bliss. This is shocking ignorance; it makes the cross redundant.

Countless multitudes are going to have a terrifying surprise when they awake in the presence of the Almighty God at the judgment bar and discover, all too late, that He will have no mercy whatsoever on those who have rejected His will. Christ will sit in His court as a Judge and no longer a Saviour. They will find they have no excuse for disobedience.

God is good; but God is also severe. Let us be aware of the things that cause our God to be angry and the things that please Him. Let us know His will and live righteously and we will have no fear when we stand in His judgment hall.

Remember this:

For those who love truth - Goodness of God.

For those who love evil - Severity of God.

We have a choice. What is your choice?



THE HEART

by sis Poh Im

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?"
(Jeremiah 17:9)

Do you often find yourself struggling between your carnal mind and your spiritual mind? If the answer is yes, then you can relate to Paul when he expressed in his frustration, *"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?"* (Romans 7:24). He has also declared, *"I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me."* (Romans 7:21). He expressed that *"for the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do"* He then concluded that *"now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me"* (Romans 7:19,20).

The seat of the soul is the heart, and sin, if not repented, corrupts it. The heart can also be hardened, indifferent or become dull of hearing. It is little wonder that Solomon, in his wisdom, admonishes us to *"keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life"* (Proverbs 4:23). In Ecclesiastes 8:5, we are taught that *"a wise man's heart discerneth both time and judgment"*. But how do we keep our hearts focused on the right path? Let us look into some ways:

1. Meditation on God's precepts

It is healthy for our souls to start each day with meditation. They will keep us in remembrance of a loving and yet severe God who watches our steps in our daily living.

"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night" (Psalm 1:2)

2. Wholesome activities

We need wisdom in the choice of the activities that we participate in, because they can either enhance our spirituality or corrupt us to the eventual destruction of our souls.

“Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established” (Proverbs 4:26)

3. Personal Lifestyle

Our careers are generally long-term and they can either mould our lives to material living or living as God’s stewards. The first type of living is self-seeking while the second type of living is good stewardship in serving God. Managing our time appropriately between our personal interests and looking out for the interests of others also reveals the real person of our heart.

“No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”
(Matthew 6:24)

4. Circle of friends

In Proverbs 12:26, we are admonished to choose our friends carefully as they can either influence us for better or for worse. The wisdom in Proverbs has also taught us that *“where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety”* (Proverbs 11:14). Our Lord knows that human influence can either build us or break us.

“Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals” (Proverbs 15:33 ASV)



Travelling (Pray for travelling mercies)

Bro Gavin in Sri Lanka till 20 Jul

Guests last week

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| 1. Bro Paul Goh & family (<i>Jurong COC</i>) | 7. Glaiza Tolentino (<i>sis Stephanie's cousin</i>) |
| 2. Sis Jenny (<i>Lavender COC</i>) | 8. Meyske (<i>sis Debbie's helper</i>) |
| 3. Alexis Lim (<i>bro Samuel's wife</i>) | 9. Lay Lay (<i>sis Lydia's helper</i>) |
| 4. Kenny Kee (<i>sis Debbie's husband</i>) | 10. Sheila Mae Mata Merculio |
| 5. Gan Sok Ting (<i>bro Reuben's friend</i>) | 11. Mark Lester A Domingo |
| 6. Joycelin Tok (<i>bro Gideon's friend</i>) | 12. Ailyn S Gracia |

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Singing Fellowship

Date & Time: **14 Jul, Sun @ 1.30pm-3pm (TODAY)**

Venue: **LAP Church Building**

Col 3:16 - Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Tracting

Date & Time: **20 Jul, Sat @ 4.30pm**

Meeting Point: **Blk 239 Hougang Street 22**

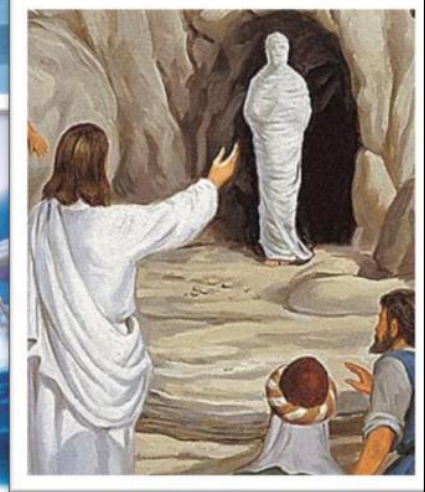


"I SEEK NOT MINE OWN WILL, BUT THE WILL OF THE
FATHER WHICH HATH SENT ME."

- TESTIFIED BY JESUS CHRIST

JESUS AND THE SEVEN WONDERS

BIBLE QUIZ: JOHN CHAPTERS 1 TO 11



9 AUGUST 2019
10AM

CHURCH BUILDING
AUDITORIUM

JOHN 5:30



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Thursday Bible Class
"The Works of Jesus"
(John 10:22-42)
by bro Timothy Ng

Next Sunday Sermon
Being a Soul Winner
by bro Jerry Cheong

Birthdays this week
 20 Jul (Sat) – Cynthia Tan

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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
- **Bro Jeshua** in Switzerland (till 27 Sep) and UK (till 30 Apr'20)

Health

- **Bro Philip Vanwinkle's, sis Suan Kiang's & sis Linda's** health
- **Bro Kian Hong's** recovery from his eye surgery
- **Bro Wee Sin's** recovery from surgery for his right shoulder tendon
- **Sis Shu Fang's father's** recovery from angiogram
- **Bro David Sum's father's** recovery from spine surgery
- 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, bro Zachary

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		14-Jul-19	21-Jul-19	28-Jul-19
Song Leader		Benedict Yo	Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan
Opening Prayer Leader		Victor Lee	Low Chong Ping	Peter Chin
Preacher		Andrew Chan	Jerry Cheong	Jimmy 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>	Nicodemus Oey	Yew Tian Geng	Leonard Chia
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Wong Sek Hoong	Reuben Lim	Soo Kok Leong
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Lau Jeng Sang	Farand Lim	Henry Chee
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Gordon Loo	Henry Leow	Benedict Yo
		Alvin Foo	Ng Wei Jie	Melvin Tan
Announcer		Charlie Teo	Timothy Ng	Michael Yeo
Greeters		Jonalyn Balagot Ludina Carrido	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Shum Chee Ming Lim Poh Im
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau
Speaker		Alvin Lin	Timothy Ng	Benjamin Kwan
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Nicodemus Oey	Jerry Cheong	Ong Jun Wei
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			18-Jul-19	25-Jul-19
Opening Prayer Leader			Peter Chin	Reuben Lim
Teacher			Chua Kian Hong	Dave Tapiru
			Timothy Ng	Timothy Ng