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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  
Bro Michael Yeo

**Deacons**

Bro Benjamin Tan  
Bro Jerry Cheong

**Preachers**

Bro Alvin Lin  
Bro Ernest Lau

**Administrator**

Sis Goh Ser Ern

This has to be you!



## ***Am I Standing In The Gap?***

Date: 10<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> June (Mon - Thurs)

Venue: Berjaya Waterfront Hotel

**All campers, there will be a briefing  
in the main hall NEXT SUNDAY  
after the bible class!**



# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

**Rom 5:1 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.***

The result of justification by faith is we have peace with God. The sinner is not at peace with God. The sinner is under the wrath of God. There is no peace with God while the sinner remains in his sins. But God is gracious and willing to pardon. Therefore, He sets the terms for reconciliation. He sent His only begotten son Jesus to die on the cross. The blood of Jesus Christ can wash away sins. If the sinner repents and believes, God can now forgive him of his sins and justify him. To justify is to declare righteous. God declares the sinner righteous on account of his faith in Jesus Christ (Rom 3:22).

Paul has shown that men are counted righteous before God, not through obedience to the law, but through faith in Christ. The faith that justifies is a faith in Christ. We are justified; we have all our sins pardoned and we stand no longer as sinners in God's sight but as righteous. The Psalmist says: "**The ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous**" (Psalm 1:5). Only the righteous can stand in the presence of God. It is a picture of fellowship, friendship, and reconciliation; it is having peace with God.

*"This 'peace' is first a change in God's relation to us; and next, as the consequence of this, a change on our part towards Him. God, on the one hand, has 'reconciled us to Himself by Jesus Christ' (2Cor 5:18); and we, on the other hand, setting our seal to this, 'are reconciled to God' (2Cor 5:20). The 'propitiation' is the meeting-place; there the controversy on both sides terminates in an honorable and eternal 'peace.'" (JFB Comm).*

Justified therefore on terms of faith, we have peace with God. In contrast, the sinner has no peace: "**There is no peace, saith the LORD, unto the wicked**" (Isa 48:22). God is either the worst enemy or the best friend. Abraham, being justified by faith, was called the friend of God (Jam 2:23). We too, can be friends with God. Our Lord Jesus said: "**Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you**" (John 15:14). Friendship brings peace.

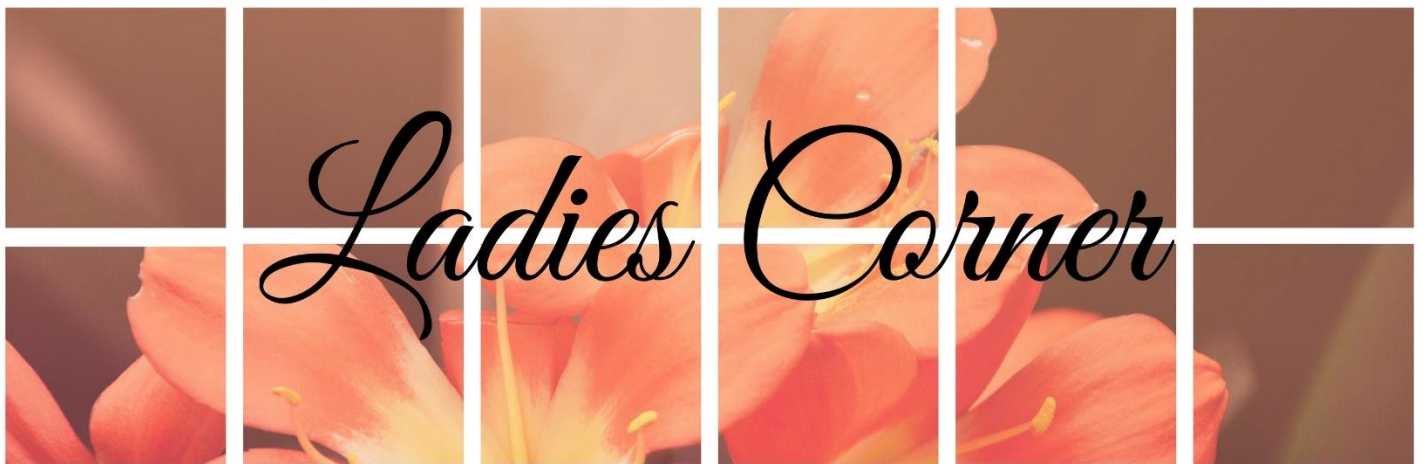
Now that we have peace with God, let us continue to keep it. The peace can be broken when we abandon God and return to sin. Sin is rebellion with God. Sin is enmity with God. Sin alienates us from God and destroys the peace we once have.

Have you heard the chorus, I've Got Peace Like A River? It is a favourite phrase used by Isaiah to describe the future happiness of the church of God. **"For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream"** (Isa 66:12). The image is that of a river that flows full, and spreads over the banks. A full river means prosperity and therefore, blessings from God.

How can one remain in that peaceful and blessed state? The answer is found in Isaiah 48:18: **"O that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea."**

It is exactly as the Lord has said: **"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you"** (John 15:14). God wants us to keep His commandments to remain at peace with Him. We remain in fellowship with Christ when we keep His commandments and forsake sins: **"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin"** (1 John 1:7).

Are you at peace with God? Are you in fellowship with God? Thanks be to God who gives us this peace in Christ Jesus.



## True Fulfilment (Part 1)

*by sis Eunice Chua*

On 20<sup>th</sup> April, we had our first Ladies Fellowship HTHT (Heart-to-Heart Talk) session at the church premises to discuss on the topic "Finding True Fulfilment". This article is part 1 of the compiled answers from the 4 discussion questions posed. We look forward to the next HTHT session on 17 August and pray that we can all continue to encourage one another. May we inspire each other to grow from God's Word on our journey together as Christian sisters!

Do mark your calendars for the Combined Ladies Fellowship with our sisters from Jurong COC on 13 July! More details will be given soon 😊

Fulfilment is defined as the feeling of being happy and satisfied with your life because you are doing interesting, useful or important things. Fulfilment can also be described as having a sense of accomplishment or a sense of achievement.

### **What things give us a sense of fulfilment?**

**Personal:** Many of us find fulfilment in being able to overcome challenges or conquer our fears. Being recognised by others as a competent or trustworthy person also gives us a strong sense of fulfilment. Doing certain activities that we enjoy or we are good at also brings us fulfilment and joy. For example, exploring a new place or being able to cook a good meal for our loved ones.

**Family and friends:** We can also find fulfilment from our loved ones – being able to stay united through conflicts and struggles, spending quality time with those we love, as well as being a source of help and support to them.

**Work:** Work is another source of bringing fulfilment to our lives. Work may be overwhelming at times, but being able to do useful work that one finds meaning in brings us fulfilment. We also feel a sense of fulfilment when our work is praised or recognised by others. Work also brings fulfilment by giving us a means to provide for ourselves and our families.

**Spiritual:** Lastly, being able to serve God and others in the church brings us fulfilment. We enjoy seeing the fruits of our labour in building up the faith of the younger ones or bringing loved ones into the faith. We also find fulfilment in forging close relationships with our brethren. Being able to teach others about God and strengthen the faith of others through teaching also brings us fulfilment.

### **What does the Bible teach about fulfilment?**

God is our Creator and has put in all of us a desire to find fulfilment in our lives. It is not wrong to feel fulfilled and have a sense of accomplishment in our work, personal pursuits or in our relationships. However, we must recognise that true fulfilment cannot be found in these areas.





In Psalms 16:11 we learn that God is the one who will show us the path for our life and only in His presence can we achieve full joy. In Matthew 5:6 Jesus teaches that when our desires (hunger and thirst) are in seeking righteousness, we can be filled. Jesus also assures us in Matthew 6:33 that even before we begin to pursue the basic necessities of life (which tends to come before seeking a sense of fulfilment), if our first pursuit is in seeking God's Kingdom and His righteousness, God will provide the rest. It is also

humbling to remember that even if we chase after multiple things to find fulfilment in, our true calling and duty is tied to our Creator – to reverence Him and to live our lives in obedience to Him (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

### **7 Points to remember to find True Fulfilment**

Remembering who our planner is gives us the hope in finding true fulfilment. Jeremiah 29:11

Remembering who our rewarder is propels us to bear fruits that give us true fulfilment. Isaiah 32:19

Remembering who our perfecter is gives us the assurance that we can find true fulfilment. Romans 8:28

Remembering who is in control helps us to rely on God in finding true fulfilment. Proverbs 19:21

Remembering who watches over us guides us in finding true fulfilment. Psalms 138:8

Remembering our true identity helps us to be mindful of things that will lead to true fulfilment. 1 Peter 2:9

Remembering what we were created for reminds us to do good works that bring fulfilment. Ephesians 2:10





1	Mergie	15	Roberto
2	Steven	16	Jasmine Yew
3	Susan Cheong	23	Molly
5	Justin	24	Clara
8	Christine Phang	29	Danny
11	Leong Dak	<b>JUNE</b>	
13	Yuet Ming Siang Yee		



### Health

**Bro Phillip Vanwinkle**, former instructor at Four Seas College and husband of sis Phuong, has been diagnosed with stage 4 colon cancer, which has spread to other areas. Please keep bro Vanwinkle in prayers as he undergoes treatment. We will be having a special collection **TODAY** to help him with his medical fees.

### Guests last week

1. Sis Pearl & sis Jenny  
(Lavender COC)
2. Sis Shirley Leong & sis Michell Loh  
(Section 17 COC, M'sia)
3. Kelvin Kuan (sis Eunice's friend)
4. Joycelin Tok (bro Gideon's friend)
5. Gan Sok Ting  
(bro Reuben's friend)
6. Roland Tan  
(sis Geok Eng's brother)
7. Lay Lay (sis Lydia's helper)
8. Meyske (sis Debbie's helper)

### Birth of baby Riley

Our heartiest congratulations to **sis Mae** and her husband on the birth of their baby boy, Riley Lance, on 21 May. Please continue to pray for the health of both mother and child.



### Travels

1. **Bro Kian Hong, sis Kia Sang, bro Chin Siang, sis Lilian, sis Carol & her husband** are traveling to Japan from 2-6 June.
2. **Sis Sarah** in Melbourne till 2 Jun
3. **The families of bro Tian Seng & bro Farand** are in Taiwan till 5 Jun
4. **Bro Michael Yeo & family** will be travelling to UK to visit bro Jonathan & sis Joan from 8 Jun till 22 Jun



## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

### **"Making Disciples of Christ" – A Practical Learning Session**

Date: 16 Jun, Sun

Time: 1.30pm to 3.00pm

Session Facilitator: Peter Chin

***Please sign up on the sign up sheet in the hall and make payment of \$4 to sis Ser Ern by TODAY if you would like to order bento lunch.***

### **Youth Fellowship**

Date & Time:

9 Jun, Sun @ 1.30pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

***Last youth fellowship before the new work starts! Let's come together to pray for the growth of the kingdom.***

### **Bible Quiz**

Date & Time: 9 Aug, Fri @ 10am

Venue: LAP Church Building

**Book: John 1-11**

Lunch: Potluck

***Those who are interested to be in the committee, please attend the meeting in the Young Adult Classroom after the bible class.***

### **THE YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENT:**

**29 JUNE 2019 (SAT) • 10.30AM - 3.00PM  
@120 BOON LAY DRIVE**

# SCIENCE & SCRIPTURE

### **TOPICS TO BE PRESENTED:**

**SCIENCE & RELIGION (ERNEST LAU)  
SCIENCE & GOD (JOSEPH HO)  
SCIENCE & BIBLE (LI ZHENG)  
SCIENCE & JESUS (JOEL LEE)**



**Thursday Bible Class**  
**"I AM the Light of the World" (John 8:12-20)**

*by bro Alvin Lin*

**Next Sunday Sermon**

**Where was God?**

*by bro Peter Chin*

**Birthdays this week**

2 Jun (Sun) – Steven

3 Jun (Mon) – Susan Cheong

5 Jun (Wed) – Justin

8 Jun (Sat) – Christine Phang



Please send any news &  
 prayer requests to  
[limahpincoc@gmail.com](mailto:limahpincoc@gmail.com)

# 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

## Health

- **Sis Suan Kiang's & sis Linda's** health
- **Bro Wee Sin's** recovery from surgery for his right shoulder tendon
- **Sis Shu Fang's father's** recovery from angiogram
- 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

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		2-Jun-19	9-Jun-19	16-Jun-19
<b>Song Leader</b>		Benedict Yo	Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Victor Lee	Low Chong Ping	Kenneth Quek
<b>Preacher</b>		Ernest Lau	Peter Chin	Charlie Teo
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Gavin Cheah	Titus Goh	Zachary Ling
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Jerry Cheong	Gordon Loo	Farand Lim
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	John Goh	Wong Sek Hoong	Ling Leong Dak
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Martyn Gostelow	Lim Chin Siang	Andy Lin
	<i>Assistant</i>	Jose Cardoza	Roberto Pascual	Leonard Chia
<i>Foundation Class</i>		David Sum	Ng Chee Beng	Yew Tian Geng
<b>Announcer</b>		Michael Yeo	Timothy Ng	Benjamin Tan
<b>Greeters</b>		Jonalyn Balagot Ludina Carrido	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Shum Chee Ming Lim Poh Im
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Benedict Yo	Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau
<b>Speaker</b>		Andy Lin	Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Lim Poh Teng	Gavin Cheah	Kenneth Quek
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
<b>Song Leader</b>			Jeshua Lin	Reuben Lim
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>			Benjamin Tan	Dave Tapiru
<b>Teacher</b>			Alvin Lin	Alvin Lin
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>			Nicodemus Oey	Chua Kian Hong