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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

FROM THE MAKERS OF  
CHAMBER OF SECRETS  
& MAZE RUNNER  
ESCAPE ROOM

# CSI:

## TRAIN TO NEW YEAR

WHERE ESCAPE ROOM MEETS CLUEDO

**CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS**  
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COMING SOON ON 31 DECEMBER 2019



# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

***1Co 7:34 There is difference also between a wife and a virgin. The unmarried woman careth for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married careth for the things of the world, how she may please her husband.***

Sad; but it's true. I have seen it happen all the time: the married cares more for the things of this world. There is a difference between a married and an unmarried woman (husband included, but more so on the wife). The unmarried woman cares more for the things of the Lord, having no domestic duties to perform. Whereas the married woman cares for the things of the world, how she may please her husband, carry out the many domestic duties, and take care of the children. Paul says her devotion is divided between serving her household and God. She has to learn to balance her devotions or she will incline more to the one than the other; and more often, it is her devotion to God that will be compromised. Indeed, the married have one care more than the single.

The apostle Paul's purpose here is to warn about the effects to personal piety in the married life. He is not promoting celibacy. Paul was never married, but what he saw caused him to write and to give his exhortation to the married women (man included).

Does it mean marriage is bad for a Christian? God forbid! God was the one who said that it was not good that the man should be alone and therefore, He created marriage; He created Eve for Adam (Gen 2:18-25). Solomon concurred: "*Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the LORD*" (Pro 18:22).

Marriage is a blessing; don't let it become a curse. If the wife is not spiritually minded, these will happen:

1. Her affections will be transferred from God to the partner of her life.
2. Her time will be occupied by constant attention to household chores and the children that she has no time for God.

3. If her husband is opposed to religion, or is not spiritual, or if he is sceptical and worldly, she will be in danger of relaxing her views with regards to proper Christianity, and instead be conformed to his views. She will insensibly become less inhibited in terms of morals and ethical issues.

4. She will place more emphasis on secular education than spiritual. The result will be that she will bring up unfaithful and worldly children who will not walk in the ways of God.

5. She will cause the husband to become unfaithful to God.

6. She will bring up daughters who will wear immodestly and sons who swear with their mouths.

You may question: what about the men? God created the man to be the spiritual leader at home. Men are to instruct their children in spiritual things: *“And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up”* (Deut 6:7).

When the man is not the spiritual leader of the family, there is nothing more to say; the whole family will be unspiritual. I have yet to see an unfaithful man of God, who is inactive in the church, who misses Sundays, and is bringing up faithful Christian children.

Young men, if you love God, if you want to serve God all your life, if you want to bring up faithful Christian children, if you see yourself as a future leader or an elder of the church, marry a faithful Christian lady. Marry one who loves God and will support you and encourage you to serve God. Find a Christian woman; not just any Christian woman, but one who is faithful and spiritual and who will help you bring up faithful children. Finally, you must be the spiritual leader of the family: *“And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord”* (Eph 6:4).

And, to the unmarried women: find a man who truly loves God. The man who loves God will love his family. You want to rely on the spiritual strength of a faithful man of God to help you in the midst of the many chores that will be upon your shoulder. Married life is tougher on a woman and especially if you are a career woman. All the burden on your shoulders will affect your devotion to God. You need a pillar of strength to help you; he is a husband who loves God and you.

Indeed, the married care more for the things of this world, how they can be good husbands, wives, and parents. Their attention is divided. But, it need not be the case. Follow the examples of those who are able to create a happy Christian home environment for themselves and remain faithful and active in the kingdom of God. Learn from them and you will have a successful Christian home.





## **Hymn #23**

# **“ALL THINGS ARE READY”**

*"Tell them...I have prepared my dinner...all things are ready" (Matt. 22.4)*

**INTRO.:** A song which extends the invitation to come for salvation in Christ using the language of the parable of the wedding feast is "Come to the Feast". The text was written, under the pseudonym Charlotte G. Homer, by Charles Hutchinson Gabriel (1856-1932). The tune was composed by William Augustine Ogden (1841-1897). The song, often entitled "All Things Are Ready," was first published in 1895. In 1921 it was owned by William E. M. Hackleman, but by 1935 it had passed to the Standard Publishing Co. Almost all hymnbooks published in the mid to late 20th century that received general use among churches of Christ included this song, except the 1994 "Songs of Faith and Praise" edited by Alton H. Howard.

It has been a very popular invitation song.

## **I. Stanza 1 emphasizes bounty**

*"All things are ready," come to the feast! Come, for the table now is spread;  
Ye famishing, ye weary, come, And thou shalt be richly fed."*

- A. The table now spread represents God's bounty in providing for our spiritual needs in Christ: Ps. 23.5
- B. The sinner needing salvation is often pictured as famishing and weary: Isa. 55.1-2
- C. But those who come to Christ, hungering and thirsting after righteousness, shall be fed: Matt. 5.6

## **II. Stanza 2 emphasizes invitation**

*"All things are ready,' come to the feast! Come, for the door is open wide;  
A place of honor is reserved For you at the Master's side."*

- A. The door open wide represents Christ's invitation to come to Him while time remains: Matt. 25.10

- B. This invitation is to receive a place of honor: Lk. 14.8-10
- C. This place of honor is at the Master's side, because those who come to Him are made to sit together with Him in heavenly places: Eph. 2.4-6

### **III. Stanza 3 emphasizes readiness**

*"All things are ready, 'come to the feast! Come, while He waits to welcome thee; Delay not while this day is thine, Tomorrow may never be."*

- A. Christ stands in readiness to welcome us into His feast: Matt. 11.28-30
- B. We should not delay, because now is the accepted time: 2 Cor. 6.2
- C. The fact is, we do not know what will be on the morrow, and tomorrow may never be: Jas. 4.13-17

### **IV. Stanza 4 emphasizes motivation**

*"All things are ready, 'come to the feast! Leave every care and worldly strife; Come, feast upon the love of God, And drink everlasting life."*

- A. To come to Christ, we must leave every care and worldly strife behind: Phil. 3.13-14
- B. To motivate us to do so, we have the love of God upon which we can feast and be saved: Tit. 3.4-5
- C. And we have the promise that we can drink everlasting life: Jn. 4.14

**CONCL.:** The chorus sounds out the call for "whosoever will" to come to Christ (Rev. 22.17):

*"Hear the invitation. Come, 'whosoever will;'  
Praise God for full salvation For 'whosoever will.'"*

Those who are lost in sin need to be told that if they want to be saved and are willing to turn to the Lord and meet His revealed conditions, then all things are ready for them to "Come To The Feast."

*Adapted*



<i><b>December</b></i>			
<i>2</i>	<i>Kian Hong &amp; Mei Leng</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>James</i>
<i>4</i>	<i>Jenny</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>Emily</i>
<i>6</i>	<i>Farand</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>John</i>
<i>9</i>	<i>Suzie</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>Kwan Tai Choom</i>
<i>11</i>	<i>Jeng Sang</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>Sara</i>
<i>12</i>	<i>Pooi Fun</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>Iris</i>
<i>13</i>	<i>Shu Fang &amp; Wei Xiang</i>	<i>31</i>	<i>Louisa</i>



### **Business Meeting**

Date: 15 Dec, Sun

Time: 12.30pm

*The agenda of the meeting is pinned on the noticeboard.*

### **Clothing Collection**

Please contribute and bring your clothing to LAP by **TODAY**. Otherwise, pass the clothes to Eastside COC directly by 15 Dec.

### **Guests last week**

#### *1. Brethren from Australia:*

bro Glen Tattersall & bro Trevor Tattersall

#### *2. Brethren from the US:*

bro Billy Bland, bro Tim Hayes, bro Tim Burroughs, bro Jamie Long, bro Matthew

#### *2. Brethren from the Philippines:*

bro Jann Diamante's family, sis Jeda Figueroa, sis Elsie Olivo, sis sis Jessica Patete, sis Emma Rondez, sis Leona Loise Aguilar, sis Cristina Casero, sis Stephanie Mira & sis Georgie

#### *4. Brethren from Malaysia:* bro Stephen Tan, sis Kris Ewe, bro Terry Teh & sis Rachelle Teh

#### *5. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen (Canada)*

#### *6. Sis Pearl Jean (LCOC)*

#### *7. Sis Jenny (LCOC)*

#### *8. Sis Christina Teo (LCOC)*

#### *9. Bro Marcus Chui (JCOC)*

#### *10. Sis Mabel*

#### *11. Glaiza Tolentino (sis Stephanie's cousin)*

#### *12. Shu Qing & Nancy Lim (bro Victor's friends)*

#### *13. Francia Carrido Lopez*

#### *14. Shalen (sis Seow Hui's helper)*

#### *15. Lay Lay (sis Lydia's helper)*

#### *16. Sulis (sis Baby's helper)*

#### *17. Isaiah (Cheshire Home)*

### **Travelling (Pray for safety)**

#### **1. Bro Poh Teng & sis Irene** in Japan till 12 Dec

#### **2. Bro Ernest & family** in the Philippines from tonight till 12 Dec

#### **3. Sis Susan Ng & family** in 18 Dec

#### **4. Bro Benjamin Tan** in the US for work till 9 Dec, and for bro Ben's family who will be travelling to Okinawa from 10 Dec to 17 Dec



## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

### **Youth Fellowship**

#### **Date & Time:**

8 Dec, Sun @ 1.30pm – 3pm

**Venue:** LAP Church Building

**Discussion:** Is Worship Boring?

### **Countdown**

**Date & Time:** 31 Dec, Tue @ 8.30pm

**Venue:** LAP Church Building

**Theme:** CSI: Train to New Year

***More details are on the sign up sheets at the back of the hall.***

### **Thanksgiving Day**

**Date & Time:** 1 Jan, Wed @ 10am

**Venue:** LAP Church Building



## Thursday Bible Class

### "The Empty Tomb"

(John 20:1-10)

by bro Timothy Ng

## Next Sunday's Sermon

Bridging the Gaps in the  
Church: Between Workers &  
Idlers

by bro Ernest Lau

## Birthdays this week

9 Dec (Mon) – Suzie

11 Dec (Wed) – Jeng Sang

12 Dec (Thu) – Pooi Fun

13 Dec (Fri) –

Shu Fang & Wei Xiang

14 Dec (Sat) - James



Please send any news &  
prayer requests to  
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# 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		8-Dec-19	15-Dec-19	22-Dec-19
Song Leader		Jeremy Kwan	Benjamin Kwan	Isaac Chua
Opening Prayer Leader		Kenneth Quek	Timothy Ng	Victor Lee
Preacher		Michael Yeo	Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan
Lord's Supper Text		Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Axel Chee	Titus Goh	Zachary Ling
	Prayer: Bread	Alvin Chan	Chua Kian Hong	Andy Lin
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Melvin Tan	Gordon Loo	Ling Leong Dak
	Prayer: Offering	Martyn Gostelow	Lim Chin Siang	Ong Jun Wei
Announcer		Yew Tian Geng	Alvin Foo	David Sum
Greeters		Ong Jun Wei	Charlie Teo	Jimmy Lau
		Sharyl Lau	Constance Lau	Naomi Leow
		Wang Ting Pei	Ellen Hernandez	Christine Phang
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau
Speaker		Jimmy Lau	Michael Yeo	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Gavin Cheah	Kenneth Quek	Farand Lim
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			12-Dec-19	19-Dec-19
Opening Prayer Leader			Reuben Lim	Jimmy Lau
Teacher			Henry Leow	Benjamin Tan
Closing Prayer Leader			Timothy Ng	Timothy Ng
			Yew Tian Geng	Ong Jun Wei