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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



Be kindly affectioned one to
another with brotherly love;
in honour preferring one another;
Rom 12:10



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

1Ki 6:7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building.

It is impossible to calculate the expense, or the quantity of gold employed by Solomon in this sacred building. The materials provided were of priceless value. It took seven years to complete the building of the temple and thousands of workers were involved in the construction. And Solomon finished it. It was like the project was his life's ambition.

We have a greater temple. Our Lord once said to the Jews: **"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."** The Jews thought He was crazy for they had been building the temple for the past forty-six years and were still doing it; they were referring to the temple built by Herod the Great. But the inspired writer John explained it: **"But he spake of the temple of his body"** (John 2:19-21).

The body of Christ is the true temple. The temple of God is holy. God dwells in His temple. And Christians together are the temple of God which He will dwell in: **"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are"** (1 Cor 3:16-17).

God's temple is the body of our Lord Jesus Christ. And Christians are members of that body (Eph 1:22-23; Rom 12:4-5). Together, we make up God's temple (1 Cor 3:16).

Are we building this temple of God? Every Christian is a living stone that make up the spiritual house: **"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 Pet 2:5).

We are not just an idling stone but a lively stone in this temple. It means we are to be alive and active. Peter says we are to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God.

Every Christian is a lively stone in the house of God. What kind of stone are you? Are you alive and active? Are you a loose stone that is out of place? What do I mean?

No hammers and nails were used in building Solomon's temple (1 Kings 6:7). It means the joints were perfect. Every tongue and groove fitted in perfectly. Every single stone was measured exactly and the workman just needed to place it in and it fit. It reminds me of IKEA furniture in which you bring the box and assemble the pieces and every piece fits just perfectly. Nothing but painstaking accuracy could have ensured such a result. Maybe, IKEA got its idea from Solomon.

Paul says we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus unto good works (Eph 2:10). God made this spiritual temple. He knows everyone is different. Not all have the same talents (Rom 12:4). Everyone has a different character. Everyone has different strengths. But remember that our Lord was the son of a carpenter. He knows how to measure and cut each part to exact measurement. He knows who can be beams and who should be columns. He put them all together and He builds this temple, the church of God. Paul wrote: **"In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord"** (Eph 2:21). And **"From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love"** (Eph 4:16).

Do you see it? Every joint in this building is measured and fitly framed together and compacted. It means the joints are perfect and they don't come loose and fall out of joint. The result is the church of God. Christ is the builder and we are the pieces.

Are we jointly fitted in? Are you fitly framed together in this house of God? You say you don't fit in. Then, let the word of God mould you, change you and refine you. Yes, go back to the Chief Carpenter and let Him reshape you and fit you in. Only Christ and His word can change you: **"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path"** (Psalm 119:105).



More Important Than Myself

By Greg Litmer

(taken from <http://lavistachurchofchrist.org/LVarticles/MoreImportantThanMyself.html>)

If I can learn to truly regard others "as more important" than myself (Philippians 2:3), then I will have taken a giant step toward living day by day as a faithful child of God. I struggle with this concept in some aspects and don't struggle with it in others. How can I view the person who has nothing and lives off of the government as more important than myself? How can I consider a person who does not match my intellectual abilities and talents as more important than myself? I can do it by looking at Jesus, that's how.

How do I compare to Jesus? Like a drop of water in the bottom of an otherwise empty 50-gallon drum. I am nothing, and the Lord died for me. One person wrote that the person who is able to think this way is "the one who is so conscious of his dependence on God, and of his own imperfections and nothingness, that his own gifts only remind him that others must have gifts also, while his sense of his own utter nothingness suggests to him that these gifts may well be superior to his own, and higher in nature and degree."

Thinking this way, it becomes possible for me to "not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others." Paul's point is that the feelings, interests, and needs of our brethren are to be put before and above our own. That does not mean to ignore our own needs, but to subordinate them to the needs of others. In Romans 12:10 Paul put it this way: "Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor."

Just think of how this understanding would affect our conduct in very practical ways. All of the sick would be visited and cared for just because we would be

thinking about them. No one's burdens would have to be borne alone -- because brothers and sisters would always be there with arms extended to help pick them up. We would all be present at every service that our health allowed because we would be concerned about considering one another, to "provoke unto love and good works" (Hebrews 10:24). Arguments concerning non-doctrinal issues would be laid aside; they would cease, because the brethren involved in them would be most concerned about the others. Even when I have been sinned against, if I understand Paul's teaching in Philippians 2, then I am going to be most concerned about the spiritual welfare of the other person. That changes my entire attitude.

When I live my life recognizing that I am to follow the example of Jesus and to see others as more important than myself, I will engage in personal evangelism even when it is inconvenient or makes me feel uncomfortable. I will be moral and conduct myself as a child of God should every minute of every day because I want to give the best possible example that I can to every one with whom I come into contact. Christianity is not about me -- that proved to be a hard lesson for me to learn. It is about the other person.



Welcome to the family of God!

We rejoice over the baptism of **bro Capi** (*bro Benedict's friend*) on 26 Mar! Let us give him a warm welcome into the family of God.

His particulars are as follows:

Name: Viet Anh Nguyen (Capi)

Hp: 9877 2489

Birth date: 14 Sep 1991

Email: vietanhcapi@gmail.com

Away (Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Alvin Lin, bro Andy, sis Hwee Chin & sis Esther** in Vietnam for mission trip till 3 Apr.
2. **Bro Jimmy & sis Kim Tian** in China till 10 April to visit bro Bob & George.
3. **Bro Reuben** in China till 10 April.
4. **Bro Chong Ping & sis Suan Kiang** in San Francisco till 1 May
5. **Sis Jasmine Kwan** in Hong Kong for work until June

Guests Last Week

1. Sis Cynthia & bro Izaac Lim (*Jurong COC*)
2. Bro Raymond (*Jurong COC*)
3. Sis Phatalina Naomi & sis Tika (*Indonesia COC*)
4. Chia Yock Ee (*bro Daniel's wife*)
5. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's fiancé*)
6. Yeo Boon Chiew
(*bro Peter Chin's friend*)
7. Iris Lee (*bro Henry & Lois' friend*)
8. Shalen Manuel (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)
9. Lilian Calayo

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

2 April 2017, Sunday (TODAY)

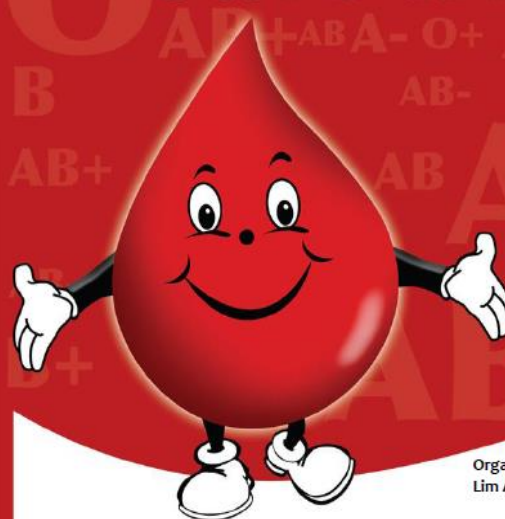
Blood Drive MRT Canvassing

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: Kovan MRT

Please inform sis Rachel Poo if you are interested to help.

Give blood. Save lives.



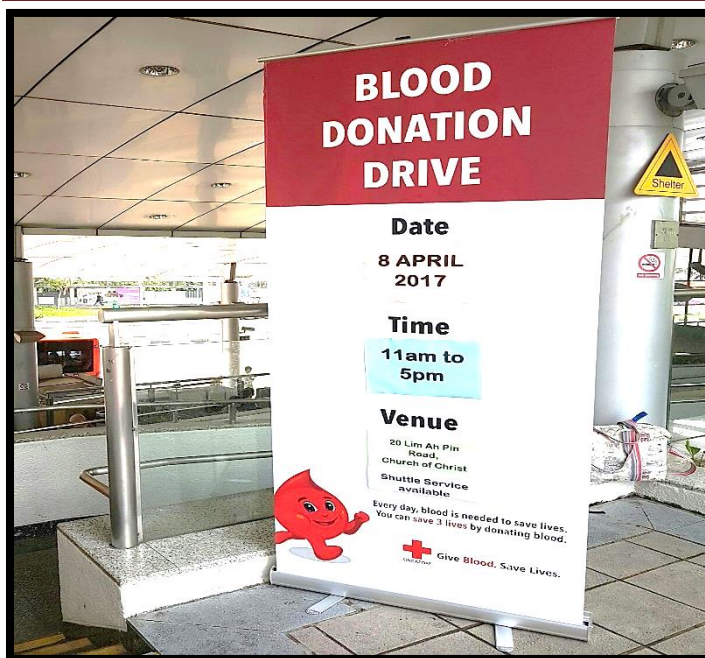
Organised by
Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ

Date : 8 April 2017, Saturday
Time : 11am – 5pm
Venue : Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ
20 Lim Ah Pin Road, S(547839)



Give Blood. Give Life.

- Please bring your NRIC/Passport/Work permit/Donor card
- Donors aged 16 and 17 will need to bring a signed parental form at HSA.GOV.SG/PARENT_CONSENT
- Visit GIVEBLOOD.SG for eligibility requirements
- For enquiries, please call Red Cross at 6236 0813. Thank you!



9 April 2017, Sunday

Youth Fellowship

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: Church Building

Feeling worried and stressed? Come and join us for an afternoon of team building games to chase the blues away! Please check with Ben Kwan if you have any questions.

14 April 2017, Friday

(Public Holiday)

Dementia Health Forum

Time: 10am-12pm

Venue: Church Building

Topics: Dementia and related conditions

Please inform bro Alvin or sis Ser Ern or sign up thru goo.gl/44eafR if you are interested to attend.

1 May 2017, Monday

Combined Outing (with JCOC)

Time: 10am

Venue: Bishan Park

Highlight: Games, Fellowship & Pot Luck

In preparation for the upcoming Combined Camp, we'll be having a Combined Outing! Join us for a day of fellowship and fun. Keep your May Day free!

11-14 June 2017,

Sunday- Wednesday

Combined Camp

2017

Venue:

Lotus Desaru Beach Resort

Theme:

One Big Family

Cost:

\$230/adult

\$185/child with bed

\$90/child without bed

(Child: 4-12 years old)

Collection of fees:

Every Sunday after bible class

(2 April - 7 May)

Closing date for registration:

7 May, Sunday

Cheque payable to:

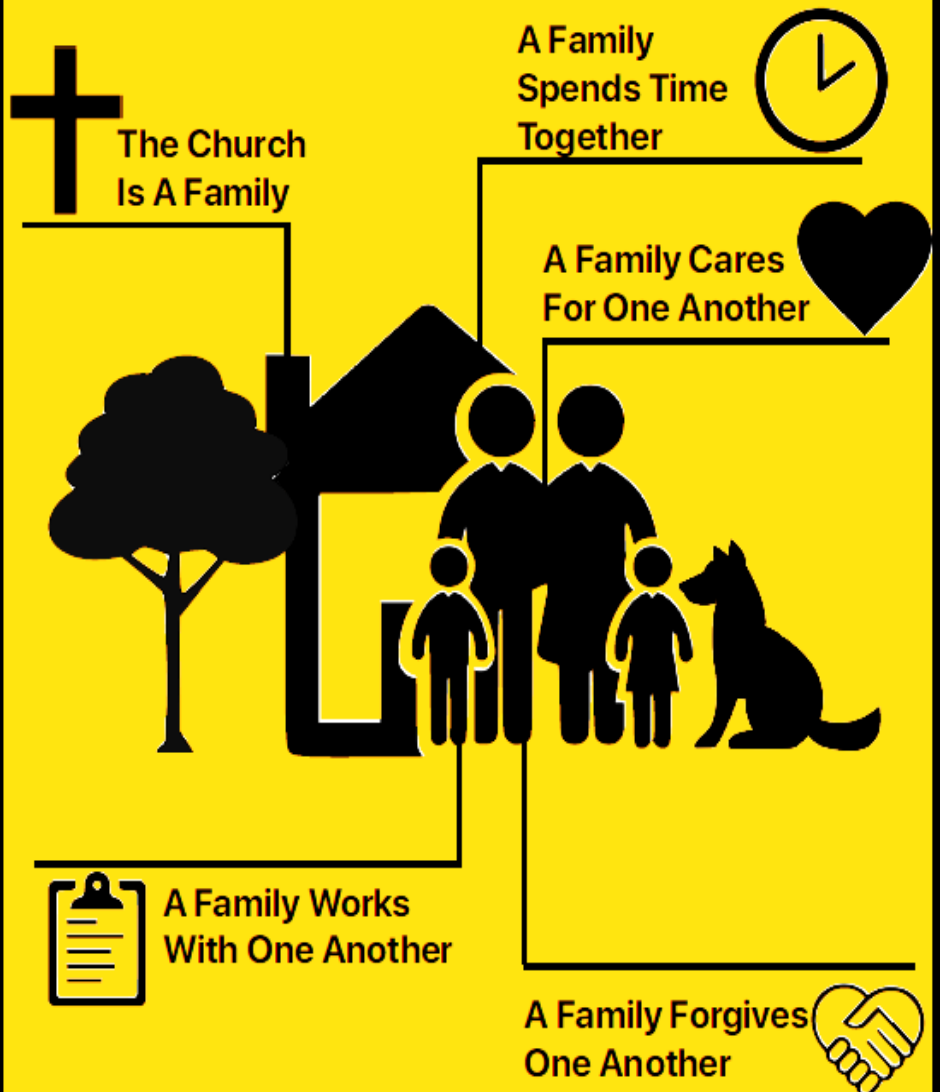
Church of Christ,

Lim Ah Pin Road

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Sign up today!

WHAT IS A FAMILY?



**Lotus Desaru Beach Resort
Combined Camp 2017
11-14 June**

NEWS

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Thursday Bible Class

**Having the Right
Motivation in
Evangelism**

By bro Ernest Lau

Birthday of the week

4 Apr (Tue) – Juek Tiang

5 Apr (Wed) – Arthur &
Hwee Chin

6 Apr (Thu) – Ser Ern

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Sis Joann & bro Mitchell** in Perth, Australia for studies
- **Sis Rachel Ting** in UK for studies
- **Bro Jong Wah & sis Nancy** in Perth, Australia
- **Our supported missionaries:** Bro Kwan, bro Bob & bro George (China), bro Glen (Australia), bro John Yo (Taiwan), bro Hai (Vietnam)

Health

- **Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & Kwan Mama's** health
- **Sis Susan Goh's mother's** health
- **Sis Kim Tian's** recovery from her skin problem
- **Sis Jasmine Lim's** recovery from her eye problem
- **Sis Doris's** recovery from her varicose vein surgery
- **Sis Shanice's** recovery from her eye surgery
- **Lisa's (bro David Sum's daughter)** recovery from ACM & sinusitis
- **Sis Pooi Fun's mother's** recovery from stroke
- **Bro Leong Dak's** recovery from his pile operation

Expectant Mothers

- Sis Daryl Cheong (May), sis Siew Siew (Sep)

NSF

- Bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		2 Apr 2017	9 Apr 2017	16 Apr 2017
Song Leader		Benjamin Kwan	Jonathan Yang	Justin Kwan
Opening Prayer Leader		Chua Kian Hong	Kenneth Quek	John Goh
Psalms Text		Psa 25:1-11	Psa 25:12-22	Psa 26:1-12
Preacher		Ernest Lau	Lee Tian Seng	Amos Yang
Lord's Supper Text		Isa 53:4-9	Matt 27:35-50	1 Cor 11:23-29
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Henry Chee	Jeshua Lin	Zachary Ling
	Prayer: Bread	Nigel Poo	Wong Sek Hoong	Danny Poo
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Ling Leong Dak	Benjamin Tan	Lau Jeng Sang
	Prayer: Offering	Timothy Ng	Reuben Lim	Reuben Lim
	Assistant	David Sum	Jose Cardoza	Roberto Pascual
	Foundation Class	Kenneth Liong	Ng Chee Beng	Ernest Lau
Announcer		Lee Tian Seng	Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau
Greeters		Jeshua Lin Nicodemus Oey	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Grace Ler Lois Chee
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jeshua Lin	Amos Yang	Alvin Lin
Speaker		Joel Lee	Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Jerry Cheong	Henry Leow	Lee Tian Seng
Thursday Midweek Service			6 Apr 2017	13 Apr 2017
Song Leader			Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau
Opening Prayer Leader			Peter Chin	Andy Lin
Closing Prayer Leader			Kenneth Quek	Reuben Lim