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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

CHURCH OF CHRIST PRESENTS



"I NEVER KNEW YOU"

Speaker: Ernest Lau

24 September 2017, Sunday |

9.30am | 20 Lim Ah Pin Road



The Spiritual Bread of the day

by bro Jimmy Lau

2Ki 1:13 *And he sent again a captain of the third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life, and the life of these fifty thy servants, be precious in thy sight.*

Ahaziah, the wicked king of Israel, fell through the lattice in his upper chamber in Samaria, and was badly injured. So he sent some messengers to ask Baalzebub if he would recover. Elijah, by direction from God, met the messengers, and told them to tell the king that he would not recover but would surely die. So the messengers returned and delivered the message to king Ahaziah.

Ahaziah asked them who the person who gave them the message was. They said he was "*a hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins.*" When the king heard it, he knew it was Elijah. Nobody dressed like Elijah! So the king sent a captain and fifty men to go find Elijah. They found him sitting on top of a hill and said to him, "*Thou man of God, the king hath said, Come down.*"

He did not say the magic word "Please." He was saying: "*The king has commanded you to come down and if you refuse, I and my men will carry you by force.*"

Elijah called for fire from heaven to consume this haughty captain and his fifty men. Ahaziah sent a second captain and his fifty. The second captain made the same mistake as the first and was consumed by fire from heaven. Ahaziah sent a third captain with his fifty.

The third captain humbled himself and cast himself upon the mercy of God and Elijah. He took warning by the fate of his two predecessors. Therefore, instead of summoning the prophet down, he fell down before him, and begged for his life and the lives of his soldiers. His life was spared with his fifty and he got Elijah to follow him.

The first and second captains were arrogant. They prided themselves as having the king's authority and approached Elijah with arrogance and ordered him to surrender or be taken by force.

There are many who are like the first two captains. They are given certain authority. They abuse it. They use their little authority to oppress and harass others. I have seen such persons who are government servants. They are not servants. In fact, they think they are the boss wherever they go. I have also seen such persons in the private sector who are the bosses' favourite and walk with much air as if they are the second in command in the company. Such people never get the respect wherever they go. And I believe if those folks whom they oppress have the same power of Elijah, they would also command fire from heaven to consume them.

The third captain manifested a humble spirit. He pleaded for his life and the lives of his men. He acknowledged the power of Elijah's God. Perhaps his words imply: "Have mercy on us. We are just obeying the king's order. Please come with us."

The third captain did what few in his position would do — humility. He recognised he was a public servant and not a public mafia. He abandoned the insolent tone of the previous captains, and fell on his knees before Elijah, asking for mercy.

I think it was Sir Winston Churchill who said that there are many civil servants who are neither civil nor servants. The first two captains were neither civil nor servants. The third captain demonstrated civility and service.

God wants us to behave like children of God (Eph 5:8). It is to walk with humility and love. God is love (1 John 4:8). Therefore, we must walk in love (Eph 5:2). Christ came to serve (Mk 10:45). Therefore, we must serve one another with love (Gal 5:13).

Let us use our positions to influence and not to oppress: **"By love serve one another"** (Gal 5:13). If you are a manager of a group of workers, use your position to influence and not to harass. The same principle goes to anyone who is given authority – use it for good and to serve others. **"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."** (Phil 4:8).

From the Brotherhood



Does God Change?

Adapted from Robert Johnson

(<http://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2017/jul/page3.html#article2>)

Anyone who has been around for a few decades can attest to the changing attitudes of people when it comes to morals, but especially when it comes to young people today. Of those 18 to 34 years of age, 74% approve of same sex relationships, 71% of having children outside a marriage relationship, 48% of abortion, 46% of doctor assisted suicide, 68% of divorce as acceptable and 49% of pornography being okay (<http://www.gallup.com/poll/162881/older-americans-moral-attitudes-changing.aspx>).

Changes in attitudes are nothing new from one generation to the next. It would seem each generation likes to push the envelope beyond that of the one just past. There is always pressure to conform to the standards of the world. Does this, however, justify changing? We could also mention changes taking place in the church as well. Activities of the world have become more important to some than assembling to worship God, to attend Bible class, to fellowship and to read the Bible daily, and the list goes on. Are these positive changes that should be embraced?

In considering all this, aren't we glad our God doesn't change? "For I the LORD do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6). "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). God is not swayed by the whims of society. He watches over creation consistently. We don't have to worry whether gravity will be active from day to day, or if a flood will destroy the world or if the earth will wander too close or too far from the sun. We don't worry if God will void His Word when we stand before Him in the Judgment.

We don't have to worry whether the blood of Christ will still cleanse us from our sins. We don't have to worry whether God still loves us. We don't have to worry whether Heaven will still be the faithful's eternal home.

So, because the sensibilities of people change, does that mean God has changed? Does that mean God now approves of what He once rejected? Of course not! Same sex relationships are still unacceptable to God (1 Corinthians 6:9-11). Sex outside of marriage still displeases God (1 Corinthians 6:18). Life is sacred, whether in or out of the womb (Psalm 139:13-14). God still desires marriage to be permanent (Matthew 19:9). As Christians, God still desires us to not forsake our assembling together (Hebrews 10:25). We are still to treasure His Word in our hearts that we might not sin (Psalm 119:11). God still believes the church to be relevant, as He sent His Son to die for it (Ephesians 5:25-27). We are still to be faithful until death to gain the crown of life (Revelation 2:10).

Yes, God is still a God of love, grace and mercy. He never wants any to perish, but He longs for all to come to repentance. He sincerely desires us to have eternal life, but He also will punish iniquity. Heaven is real, but so is Hell. Shouldn't we, then, "pay even more attention to what we have heard, so that we will not drift away" (Hebrews 2:1)? Shouldn't we, then, seek to not be conformed to this age, but rather to be transformed by the renewing of the will of God that brings to life (Romans 12:2)? It is the ultimate act of folly to believe whatever we want and expect God will accommodate us. We are made in His image, not He in ours. While certain things can change, the truth of God's Word cannot, nor can our response to what He commands change if we desire to spend eternity with Him.

The Gospel has always been counter-cultural, and so is it today. The only way to change our world is to live for Christ, not to capitulate to its demands. The changes we must make are not to reflect the world, but to reflect the image of Christ (Philippians 2:5). What a difference that can make. "Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever (1 John 2:15-17).

WEEKLY NEWS



Meetings

Extraordinary General Meeting (EOGM)

Date: 1 October 2017, Sunday

Time: 12.15pm

The agenda of the meeting is pinned on the noticeboard.

Curriculum Meeting

Date: 22 October 2017, Sunday

Time: 1.30pm

All class ICs are requested to attend the meeting and get ready your class curriculum for 2018.

Away (Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Peter & sis Pooi Fun** have been invited by the Central North brethren in Perth, Australia to speak at their Annual Church Camp scheduled for next week. Bro Peter will also be speaking during their Bible classes and worship on the Sundays of 24 Sep and 1 Oct. Sis Pooi Fun will also be presenting lessons for the ladies. They will be away from next Friday, 22 Sep to 1 Oct.
2. **Bro Tian Geng & sis Jasmine** in Beijing till 18 Sep
3. **Bro Kevin** in NS training till 18 Sep
4. **Sis Eunice** in London till 19 Sep
5. **Sis Sydney** in Japan till 21 Sep
6. **Bro Jimmy & family** in the Philippines till 22 Sep
7. **Bro Wei Xiang** in China for a 6-week internship till 14 Oct

Guests Last Week

1. Sis Emily & sis Debra
(Jurong COC, Singapore)
2. Sis Deborah Tan
(Tai Peng COC, Malaysia)
3. Sis Leow Huey Li
(Klang COC, Malaysia)
4. Bro Samuel Lim & Alexis
(bro Poh Teng's family members)
5. Leonard Chia
(sis Peiyi's husband)
6. Peh Guang Rong
(sis Yan Ling's husband)
7. Kenny Kee
(sis Debbie's husband)
8. Gavin Cheah
(bro Reuben's friend)
9. Chua Siang Yee
(sis Jasmine Yong's friend)
10. Neville Ng
(sis Farah's friend)
11. Triston

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

8 October 2017, Sunday

Youth Fellowship

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Highlights: Games

Please approach bro Benjamin Kwan if you have any queries.

22 Lectures

• Q & A Forum •

Special classes for Men & Women

Date
Nov. 22-25, 2017 (Wed – Sat)

Daily Chapel (3rd floor)
8.15am – 8.45am

Daily Lectures (2nd floor)
9.00am – 3.15pm

Venue:
120, Boon Lay Drive, S649924



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23-25 Nov 2017,
Thursday - Saturday

Gospel Meeting

Time: 7.45pm – 9pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Speaker: Bro Tim Hayes

Topics:

23 Nov (Thu) – Do You Know God?

24 Nov (Fri) – Do You Know The God of Hope?

25 Nov (Sat) – Do You Know The God of Love?

***Invite your family & friends to hear the
gospel!***

28-30 Nov 2017,

Tuesday - Thursday

Vacation Bible School

Time: 9am – 5pm

Venue: LAP Church Building

Age range: 4-9 years old

Theme: Prayer

Please sign up at

<http://bit.do/2017VBS>

***Please approach sis Ser Ern or
sis Sydney if you have any queries.***

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

Practical Advice for
Young Christians

By bro Benjamin Kwan

Birthday of the week

18 Sep (Mon) – Jeremy



Please send any news &
prayer requests to
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong for work
- **Sis Joann** in Perth, Australia, for studies
- **Sis Farah** in London, UK, for studies
- **Bro Long Jun** in China
- **Sis Swee Inn** in Canada

Health

- **Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Peiyi's & bro Ivan's** health
- **Bro Chee Beng's & sis Susan Ng's mother's** recovery
- **Bro Roberto's** recovery from his knee surgery
- **Bro Boon Chiew's mother's** recovery from infection

Expectant Mothers

- Sis Adeline (Oct)

NSF

- Bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin, bro Wei Jie

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		17 Sep 2017	24 Sep 2017	1 Oct 2017
Song Leader		Jonathan Yang	Isaac Chua	James Medez
Opening Prayer Leader		Jerry Cheong	Reuben Lim	Benjamin Tan
Psalms Text		Psa 40:1-9	Psa 40:10-17	Psa 41:1-13
Preacher		Lee Tian Seng	Ernest Lau	Eddy Ee
Lord's Supper Text		Matt 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Paul Lim	Shawn Wong	Henry Chee
	Prayer: Bread	Nigel Poo	Wong Sek Hoong	Danny Poo
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Farand Lim	Danny Poo	Ling Leong Dak
	Prayer: Offering	Joel Lee	Ong Jun Wei	Ong Jun Wei
	Assistant	Zachary Ling	Gordon Loo	Cornelius Lee
	Foundation Class	Benjamin Tan	Justin Kwan	Kenneth Liong
Announcer		Amos Yang	Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau
Greeters		Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Jeshua Lin Nicodemus Oey	Constance Lau Wu Wenyu
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Alvin Lin	Ernest Lau	Ernest Lau
Speaker		Lee Tian Seng	Alvin Lin	Wee Hooi Kok
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Henry Leow	Lee Tian Seng	Jerry Cheong
Thursday Midweek Service			21 Sep 2017	28 Sep 2017
Song Leader			Andy Lin	Ernest Lau
Opening Prayer Leader			Kenneth Quek	Ong Jun Wei
Closing Prayer Leader			John Goh	Reuben Lim