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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



*The bulletin committee wishes all a  
Happy Lunar New Year!*

JOIN US IN THIS FESTIVE SEASON!

17 FEB | SUNDAY | 1.30PM | LAP

HIGHLIGHTS:

PERFORMANCES & GAMES

PLEASE BRING ALONG 2 MANDARIN ORANGES.





# *Sermon outline*

## **STANDING IN THE GAP TO GIVE**

*Sermon outline by bro Alvin Lin*

**Text: 2Co 8:1-5**

### **I. ATTITUDE IN GIVING.**

- A. The Macedonians gave joyfully in their great trials of affliction (2Co 8:2).
  - 1. The Thessalonians endured persecutions and tribulations (2Th 1:4).
  - 2. The Philippians suffered for Christ's sake (Php 1:29).
- B. The Macedonians gave liberally in their deep poverty (2Co 8:2).
  - 1. The house of Jason was attacked by the Jews (Act 17:5).
  - 2. Jason and the Thessalonians had to give a security bond before they were let off (Act 17:9).
- C. The Macedonians gave willingly beyond their ability (2Co 8:3).
  - 1. They were under no obligation to give (Act 5:4).
  - 2. Even if they give, they were not expected to give beyond their means (2Co 8:12).
- D. The Macedonians gave persistently and selflessly (2Co 8:4-5).
  - 1. The Thessalonians abounded in love (2Th 1:3).
  - 2. Epaphroditus was so selfless in ministering to Paul's needs even though he was sick almost unto death (Php 2:25-27).

## **II. BASIS OF GIVING.**

- A. The Macedonians gave because of God's grace upon them (2Co 8:1).
  - 1. They gave because the richest gave that the poorest might give (2Co 8:9).
  - 2. They paid forward the greatest gift of love from God (Joh 3:16).
- B. The Macedonians gave because giving is a grace (2Co 8:6-7).
  - 1. They gave because the giver is more blessed than the receiver (Act 20:35).
  - 2. They wanted to partake of the fellowship of the ministering to the saints (2Co 8:4).
- C. The Corinthians gave because it proves the sincerity of their love (2Co 8:8).
  - 1. They gave because actions speak louder than words (2Co 8:24).
  - 2. They knew that one can give without loving, but one cannot love without giving (1Co 13:3).
- D. The Corinthians gave because it glorifies God (2Co 9:11-13).
  - 1. They gave because it softens the hearts of the worst cynic (1Pe 2:12).
  - 2. They understood that a good example is the best sermon (Php 1:27).
- E. The Corinthians gave because it deepens brotherly love (2Co 9:13-14).
  - 1. They gave because a family shares what they have with each other (Rom 15:27).
  - 2. They have affection and longing for each other (Php 1:8).

## **III. CONDITION FOR GIVING.**

- A. The Corinthians gave what they have, not what they do not have (2Co 8:12).
  - 1. Giving is not meant to burden us, but to relieve those who are burdened (2Co 8:13-14).
  - 2. Giving ought to be according to what God has prospered us (1Co 16:2).

B. The Corinthians gave bountifully, not grudgingly (2Co 9:6).

1. God will provide us sufficiency in all things, so that we have abundance for every good work (2Co 9:8-9).
2. God is the source of all blessings, just as He is the source of all increase (2Co 9:10-11).

C. The Corinthians gave purposefully, not of necessity (2Co 9:5,7).

1. God loves a cheerful giver (2Co 9:7).
2. Purposeful giving increases the fruits of our righteousness (2Co 9:10).



## **ELEMENTS OF TRUST**

by sis Eunice Chua

I was at a work retreat recently and learnt about building trust and the elements of trust. Looking it from a Christian perspective was uplifting to me when I saw that God is indeed someone whom we can wholeheartedly and unabashedly trust in.

### **The Elements of Trust**

#### **1. Sincerity - being genuine in actions and intentions**

God's sincerity is unmatched in that He gave His only begotten Son to die for undeserving evil sinners like us. The value of that sacrifice as well as the fruition of His great plan of salvation for mankind that spanned across hundreds of generations shows the depth of His sincerity to redeem us from darkness and bring us into His marvellous light (1 Peter 2:9).

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

## **2. Reliability - keeping promises and commitments**

God is steadfast in His promises and ALWAYS keeps His word. His track record is perfect and although man failed to keep their part of the covenant, God did not fail to keep His part of the promise. Throughout the Old Testament, we see countless times of God's reliability to see the nation of Israel through her periods of sin and departure from God. God was always there and willing to deliver Israel out from her enemies whenever they cried out to Him and repented (Psalms 34:17).

Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the LORD that hath mercy on thee.

## **3. Time - honouring time commitments**

Honouring time commitments can have 2 meanings. One would be in terms of keeping our appointments to the time we have promised. For example, if I arranged to meet you for lunch at 1pm, I should not show up only at 2pm. Another meaning would be in terms of keeping our commitments even when the results take a long time to show. An example would be patiently waiting for someone to show up instead of walking away angrily after waiting for 5 minutes.

God has demonstrated beyond a doubt that He is truly trustworthy in honouring His time commitments to us in both definitions. God carried out His promises about King Cyrus in releasing the Jews from captivity (Isaiah 45) and to the disciples of Jesus Christ about establishing the Kingdom of God (Luke 9:27). God is also patient in keeping His promises even when results are not being produced, due to His nature of mercy and forbearance.

2 Peter 3:9: The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

## **4. Standards - Holding and meeting clear standards for performance**

God's ability to deliver on His promises and He delivers outstanding results. Just look around you at the physical world He created for us and the amazing intricacies of the human body that He has given you. God has also perfectly preserved His Word through the ages for us. His Word has the highest standard in enduring beyond the time it was written, and it will endure until eternity (Isaiah 40:8). When we apply God's word in

our lives, we have the assurance that we too can become perfect in His sight, because His way is perfect (2 Timothy 3:16-17).

Psalms 18: 30 As for God, His way is perfect: the word of the LORD is tried: He is a buckler to all those that trust in him.

## **5. Competence - Having the experience, knowledge and skills to do what you commit to doing**

Seriously, this aspect God excels all the way. He is Almighty God, the one who created the universe, who designed the many intricacies of this world of which many are still unknown to us. He is the Master Artist in painting the beautiful sunsets and sunrises. He is the Master Architect in building the mountains and valleys. Read Job 37 for a great rendition of all He has done. God is also the Great Redeemer and the Great Shepherd that He has succeeded in overcoming Satan in bringing about a way for mankind to escape Hell and eternal death (1 Corinthians 15:54-57).

Psalms 104:24-25 O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.

## **6. Involvement - Being attuned to the concerns of others and relating with compassionate presence**

Again, God excels in this aspect of trust. He not only knows our hearts (1 Kings 8:39) and the number of hairs on our head (Luke 12:7), He even came down in the form of a lowly human in order to fully understand our sorrows and pain, as well as to be an example for us to follow (Phil 2:6-8). God is also involved in our lives and wants us to cry out to Him and cast our worries on Him (1 Peter 5:7). He is not remote, aloof or unconcerned. Instead, God is full of compassion and love for us all. He wants us to draw near to Him. He wants us to be His children.

1 John 4:9-10 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

I hope this short article demonstrates to you that God is indeed worthy of our trust! Let us remember not to put our trust in ourselves or others, and definitely not on things of this world. Let us put our trust in God and seek to live our lives in a trustworthy and faithful manner.

# WEEKLY NEWS



## Travels (Pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Gavin** in Kuching till 10 Feb
2. **Sis Germaine** in Ipoh till 10 Feb
3. **Sis Sarah** in Hong Kong till 11 Feb

## Guests last week

1. Sis Ruishan (*Columbia Heights COC, San Francisco*)
2. Alexis Lim (*bro Samuel's wife*)
3. Adriel Yeo (*sis Julia's nephew*)
4. Kelvin Kuan (*sis Eunice's friend*)
5. Gan Sok Ting (*bro Reuben's friend*)
6. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)
7. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)
8. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP



**Sharing on 'Standing in the Gap'**  
**Learning how to make glutinous rice**  
**by sis Kim Tian**

**23 FEB, SAT | 2.30-5PM**  
**SIS KIM TIAN'S HOUSE**  
**(Blk 546 Pasir Ris St 51 #10-19 S(510546))**

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP 乐龄活动 2019

## DIY TOWEL PUPPY

制作无缝毛巾小狗



2 Mar'19 (Sat)  
10am - 12nn  
Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ

2019年3月2日 (星期六)  
上午10点- 下午12点正  
林亚炳基督的教会聚会所

Please inform Ser Ern if you are interested to attend.  
若有兴趣参加, 请向思恩姐妹报名



**Thursday Bible Class**

**"The New Birth"**

**(John 3:1-10)**

by bro Ernest Lau

**Next Sunday Worship**

**Standing in the Gap to**

**Help Others**

by bro Michael Yeo

**Birthday of the week**

10 Feb (Sun) - Axel

15 Feb (Fri) - Kia Sang



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

# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Overseas:**

- *Bro Long Jun* in China
- *Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris* in San Francisco
- *Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, sis Farah* in UK
- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong
- *Bro Kevin* in New York for studies
- *Bro Siang Yee* in UK for studies

**Health**

- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Molly's* health
- *Sis Shermin's grandmother's* health
- *Bro Wei Xiang* from his fractured arm
- *Sis Candice* from her neck pain

**Pregnancy**

- Sis Christine (Apr'19), sis Mae (May'19), sis Deborah (Aug'19)

**NSF**

- Bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict, bro Titus, bro Shawn

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		10-Feb-19	17-Feb-19	24-Feb-19
<b>Song Leader</b>		Isaac Chua	Ernest Lau	Jeremy Kwan
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Benjamin Tan	Timothy Ng	Danny Poo
<b>Preacher</b>		Alvin Lin	Michael Yeo	Ernest Lau
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25	Mat 26:26-29
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	Scripture Reader	Yew Tian Geng	Marc Wee	Leonard Chia
	Prayer: Bread	Benedict Yo	Lim Poh Teng	Jerry Cheong
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Henry Chee	Henry Leow	Lim Chin Siang
	Prayer: Offering	Joel Lee	Nicodemus Oey	Amos Yang
	Assistant	Gordon Loo	Ng Wei Jie	Axel Chee
<b>Foundation Class</b>		Justin Kwan	Ong Jun Wei	Yew Tian Geng
<b>Announcer</b>		Paul Lim	Lee Tian Seng	Benjamin Kwan
<b>Greeters</b>		Wu Wenyu Wang Ting Pei	Naomi Leow Christine Pang	Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Jeremy Kwan	Jeshua Lin	Jimmy Lau
<b>Speaker</b>		Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Tan	Benedict Yo
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Henry Leow	Gavin Cheah	Ling Leong Dak
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
<b>Song Leader</b>			14-Feb-19 Reuben Lim	21-Feb-19 Alvin Lin
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>			Danny Poo	Peter Chin
<b>Teacher</b>			Ernest Lau	Ernest Lau
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>			Henry Leow	Benjamin Tan