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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)

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

Living Well With
DIABETES
HEALTH FORUM 2018

FREE!
ALL ARE WELCOME

APR 21
SATURDAY



9-1
AM PM

VENUE:
CHURCH OF CHRIST
20 LIM AH PIN ROAD



HEALTH SEMINAR 2018: LIVING WELL WITH DIABETES



Do you know someone with diabetes?

Have you wondered how diabetes can be prevented?

Are you worried that you may develop diabetes?

Do you wish you could improve your diabetes control?

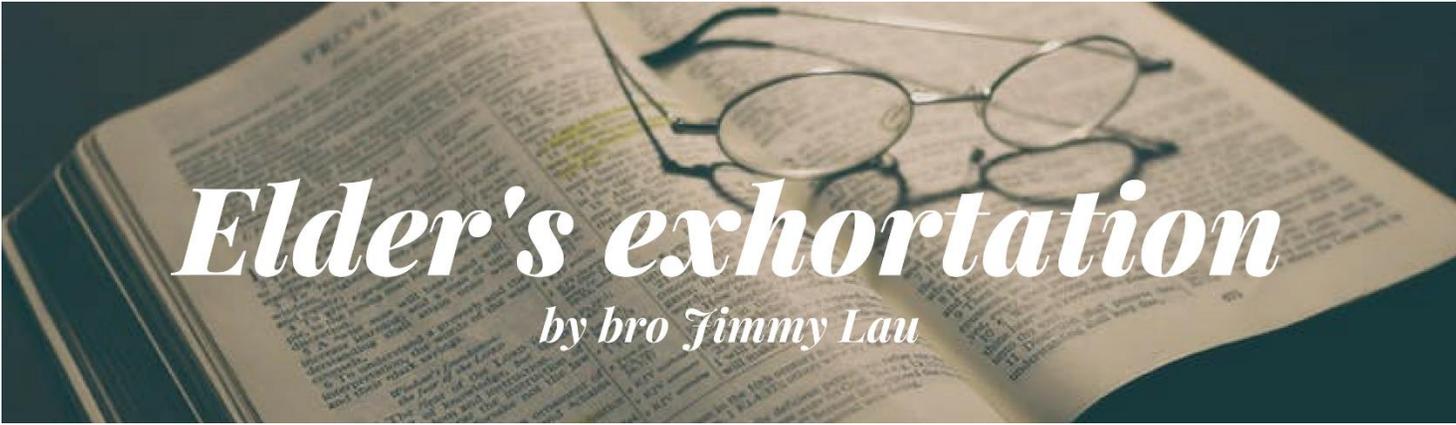
Get your questions on DIABETES answered by our panel of healthcare professionals!

Register your
Name and Contact at
lapcoc.health@gmail.com
Free goodie-bags for early
registration! ☺

Saturday 21 April 2018
20 Lim Ah Pin Road
Church of Christ S547839
9 AM to 12 PM



Register by QR code!



Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Joh 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

We have here a beautiful account of how to win a soul for Christ. Philip heeded Jesus' call and followed Him (Jn 1:43). He was excited about knowing Jesus that he went to find his friend Nathanael. Let us read the full event:

Joh 1:45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

Joh 1:46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

"Philip findeth Nathanael." He didn't wait for Nathanael to come to him. Our Lord says: ***"Seek, and ye shall find"*** (Luke 11:9). The reason that we are not making disciples the way we should is that we have not gone out to find them; we expect them to walk in every Sunday morning on their own. But in this account in John, we see *Andrew findeth his own brother Simon* and brought him to Jesus (vs 41). Jesus went up to Galilee and *findeth Philip* (vs 43). And *Philip findeth his friend Nathanael* (vs 45).

Lost souls are everywhere; it is easy to find them. Are you finding them and bringing them to Jesus?

"and saith unto him, We have found him." Philip found Christ; he immediately went out and told his friend Nathanael what he had found. Have we been telling our friends about Jesus? I love this hymn: *"I love to tell the story of unseen things above; of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love."*

The lost souls do not know that they are lost. Many have not heard about Jesus. We must seek them and tell them the good news of Jesus. We must tell them what we have found in Jesus.

"Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Philip was excited to introduce the Lord to Nathanael. Do you know your Lord Jesus? Some are afraid to tell others about Jesus.

What are they afraid of? They are afraid that if their friends asked them about Jesus, they may not have an answer.

God wants us to know Him. And we can know Him from the Word of God. An effective soul winner must equip himself with the knowledge of the word (2 Pet 3:18).

“Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?” Nathanael was sceptical. There are many who are like him in the world: they are sceptical about the Bible and God. They have questions that they cannot answer. Is there a God? How did life begin? Can God create the earth in seven days? Is there a heaven? *“If a man die, shall he live again?”* (Job 14:14).

Do you have the answer for them? The lost souls are waiting for someone to answer their questions. Like Nathanael, their minds are shrouded in deep prejudice: *“Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth?”* They ask: “Can Jesus really save me from eternal damnation?” “Who says only Jesus can bring me to heaven?”

They are sincere and the questions spring from their hearts. They will remain in ignorance unless someone goes out, finds them, and tells them about Jesus. They will become believers when their questions are answered.

“Philip saith unto him, Come and see.” Philip invites Nathanael to verify for himself. He is not going to argue the question. He gives the only possible answer to it. “You ask me, Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Come and see.”

Philip sent out an invitation to Nathanael. There are many out there who have not attended a church, or seen a Bible, or heard a sermon, or attended a Bible study. Some are afraid to walk into a church building without an invitation. They are waiting for a good friend like Philip to invite them to church.

Many attend church because of an invitation. We are members of the Lord’s church today because someone once invited us to attend a church service. Someone told us: “Come and see.” Are we inviting others likewise?

Nathanael became a disciple after hearing Christ (John 1:49). Paul wrote: *“I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase”* (1 Cor 3:6). We may not know if our invitation will produce fruit for Christ but when God’s word is preached, the tender hearted will be convinced and be converted.

“Come and see” is the message we need to send out to our friends. Let us do whatever we can – Seek, find, tell, and invite. That is personal evangelism.



Preacher's exhortation

Confident of Salvation

By bro Ernest Lau

How many of us are able to say, if we were to die now, that we are confident of going to Heaven? Is this something that we can even be confident about? Unfortunately there are those who believe that it is impossible for Christians to be sure about our destination after death. On the other extreme, there are those who believe that once they have embraced Jesus, it is impossible for them to lose their place in Heaven. The truth is somewhere in between. The Bible teaches that we can certainly be confident about our salvation... but only if certain conditions have been met. Let us have a look, from the epistle of 1 John, four things that we need in order to have confidence in our salvation:

1. A Dwelling in Jesus (1 John 2:28)

“And now, little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming” (1 John 2:28)

In order to have confidence about our salvation, we must abide in Jesus. Abiding in Jesus involves abiding in Jesus' truth, instead of false teaching. In the preceding verses, the apostle John warns about those who would come teaching false doctrines about Jesus. Instead of listening to them, Christians must abide in the doctrine which the apostles have taught since the beginning (1 John 2:18-24). To abide in Jesus is to abide in the words which Jesus taught (John 15:7), and to keep Jesus' commandments (1 John 3:24).

When we abide in Jesus, we will *“not be ashamed before him at his coming”*. Confidence is being able to see Jesus and be joyful. The apostle Paul had such a confidence, for he looked forward to Jesus' second coming, and exhorts that all who love Jesus' appearing will receive the crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:6-8). In contrast, those who are unprepared will wail when they see Jesus come again (Revelation 1:7). We can be confident when Jesus comes if we abide in Jesus.

2. A Good Conscience (1 John 3:19-22)

“And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him. For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.” (1 John 3:19-21)

In order to have confidence regarding our salvation, we must not do anything that would hurt our conscience. Certainly we do not want to hurt our conscience by committing any sin. Sin has devastating consequences (Isaiah 59:1-2; Romans 6:23). If we sin, we must repent and confess it before God, in order to maintain fellowship with Him (1 John 1:7-9). It is imperative that we do not do anything that would go against our conscience, because one consequence is that our conscience may become seared to the point that it becomes immune to sin (cf. 1 Timothy 4:2). Furthermore, if we do anything against our conscience, we can be sure that God knows about it, for He knows our hearts and He knows all things (1 John 3:20).

When we live in good conscience, we have *“confidence toward God.”* When we are able to live our lives in good conscience, we know that God, who sees our hearts, will approve of us. We can therefore have confidence that, when our soul finally returns to God, He will accept us and not reject us.

3. A Perfect Love (1 John 4:16-17)

“And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.” (1 John 4:16-17)

In order to have confidence in our salvation, we need to have a perfect love. To have a perfect love, we are to love others unconditionally and sacrificially as God does towards us (Romans 5:8; Matthew 5:43-48). Our love must be manifested not just verbally, but in action (1 John 3:16-18). Additionally, the love of God is perfected in us when we keep His Word (1 John 2:5).

When we have a perfect love, we will *“have boldness in the day of judgment.”* From the Judgment scene in Matthew 25:31-46, we see that one of the bases of judgment is whether we have displayed love towards those who are in need. If we have displayed perfect love towards others, we can be confident in the judgment because we know we had done what God wants us to do.

4. The Truth of Jesus (1 John 5:13)

“These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God” (1 John 5:13).

In order to be confident about our salvation, we need the truth of Jesus. Only in Jesus, can we find salvation, and only through Him we can find the way to eternal life (Acts 4:12; John 14:6). The apostle John has written to us in order to testify of the Deity of Jesus, for he himself had witnessed Jesus (1 John 1:1-3). The miracles recorded in the Gospel of John proves to us that Jesus is truly the Son of God (John 20:30-31). If Jesus is the Son of God, we must believe on Him, and obey His plan for salvation (John 6:24; Mark 16:16).

When we have embraced the truth of Jesus, we “*know that [we] have eternal life.*” Jesus has promised that those who believe on Him will live forever (John 11:25-26). Therefore if we continue to hold fast to the truth of Jesus, we can be assured of our salvation. Heaven is too important for us to be uncertain about. God has made Heaven sure for His people. Let us strive faithfully so that we can be confident about our own salvation.



Note of Thanks

A big thank you to **bro John Moore** for speaking at the Combined Gospel Meeting from 11-13 April. Thanks also to those who have served in various capacities, invited your friends and family members, and attended the Gospel Meeting over the three nights.

Travels *(Please pray for travelling mercies)*

1. **Four Seas College** will be having its term break starting tomorrow. The students will be leaving on Thursday for Kota Kemuning, Malaysia. They will be attending the Gospel Meeting at Kota Kemuning (Fri/Sun) and Klang (Sat) featuring bro. John Moore as speaker. They will also participate in the Impact Day Seminar on Saturday organized by the KK congregation and return on Sunday after worship. Bro Peter & sis Pooi Fun will leave on Monday and return also on Sunday.
2. **Sis Mergie** in the Philippines till 20 Apr
3. **Sis Susan Ng** in Korea till 21 Apr
4. **Bro Shawn** in Europe till 25 Apr

Guests last week

1. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen *(Canada)*
2. Sis Deborah Tan *(Tai Ping COC, Msia)*
3. Sis Julia Ng *(Wahfu COC, Hong Kong)*
4. Bro David Lee *(Jurong COC)*
5. Sis Cynthia Lim & bro Izaac *(Jurong COC)*
6. Kenny Kee *(sis Debbie's husband)*
7. Alexis Lim *(bro Samuel's wife)*
8. Gan Sok Ting *(bro Reuben's friend)*
9. Triston
10. Narette Cuplang
11. Jovi

Health

Please pray for the health of:

1. **Sis Molly** from her recent surgery
2. **Sis Shermin's grandmother** from her urinary tract infection

Farewell

Bro James and sis Yen have completed their studies at Four Seas College. Bro James will be leaving for Malaysia for internship on 19 April and will fly back to the Philippines on 16 May. Sis Yen will fly back to Vietnam on 30 April. We thank them for their service in LAP and wish them Godspeed in their future endeavours for the Lord.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!



SPECIAL SERIES OF STUDIES ON:

“THE BOOK OF REVELATION”

April 23 & 24 (9.30am – 2.30pm)

April 25 (9.30am – 11.30am)

“BIBLICAL GUIDANCE & AN INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN COUNSELING”

April 25 (11.30am – 2.30pm)

April 26 & 27 (9.30am – 2.30pm)



Speaker:
John Moore

A native of Dripping Springs, Texas, John has served as an evangelist, teacher, preacher and minister of the gospel for over 30 years. He and his wife, Carla are working with Bear Valley Bible Institute International, and serve as the Directors of Bible Land Passages Project, a ministry dedicated to training preachers, defending the faith, and guiding souls to Jesus.

John also serves on the advisory board of World Video Bible School and he is the narrator and author of both the book and video, “Searching for Truth” and the narrator and instructor of “Learning To Use The Greek New Testament” — a thorough study of New Testament Greek presented in 35 lessons on 13 DVDs. Since 1986, he has preached in gospel meetings in over 18 states, and has conducted or participated in yearly campaigns in various foreign countries including Jamaica, Tobago, Malaysia and Singapore.

Date: April 23 – 27, 2018 (Mon-Fri)

Time: 9.30am – 2.30pm

Venue: Lecture Hall, Four Seas College

Singing Fellowship

Date: 6 May, Sunday

Time: 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: Church Building

All are welcome to attend!

Senior Fellowship

Date: 12 May, Saturday

Time: 9.30am – 12.15pm

Venue: Punggol Waterway Park/SAFRA Punggol

Please inform bro Alvin or sis Ser Ern if you are interested to attend.

Family Camp 2018

Date: 4 – 7 June, Monday - Thursday

Venue: Berjaya Waterfront Hotel

Theme: *Christians & Communications*

Cost:

\$190/adult

\$150/child with bed

\$90/child without bed

Please sign up on the events noticeboard in the hall by 6 May!

Ladies Fellowship

Encouragement Gestures

Date: 12 May, Saturday

Time: 2:30pm - 5:30pm

Venue: Sis Kim Tian's place

(Blk 546 Pasir Ris St. 51 #10-19 S510546)

Programme highlights

Basic Cardmaking

- Learn how to compose a card layout via basic design theory

Encouraging Session

- A biblical discussion in how gifting a card can be encouraging to people around us

5 O'clock Tea

- Waffles as afternoon tea served with coffee/tea

Material Fee: \$5/pax

Kindly make payment to sis Ser Ern by 6 May to indicate your attendance.

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class

The Profound Significance of "I Do"

by bro Andy Lin

Birthday of the week

15 Apr (Sun) - Wenyu



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong
- *Sis Farah & bro Siang Yee* in London, UK, for studies
- *Bro Long Jun* in China
- *Bro Nigel* in Dubai
- *Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris* in San Francisco

Health

- *Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's* health
- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Peiyi's & sis Molly's* health
- *Sis Molly's brother's* health
- *Bro Roberto's* migraine
- *Sis Doris'* recovery from her trigger finger surgery
- *Bro Capi's mother's* health
- *Sis Jenny's mother's, Sis Siew Siew's mother's, sis Shu Fang's mother's, sis Doris' mother's, sis Shermin's grandmother's & sis Sarah's grandmother's* health
- *Lisa, bro David & sis Jenny's daughter,* from giddiness & headaches

Pregnancy

- Sis Lydia (Jun'18), sis Jasmine Chan (Jun'18), sis Debbie (Jun'18)

NSF

- Bro Kevin, bro Wei Jie, bro Benedict

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		15-Apr-18	22-Apr-18	29-Apr-18
Song Leader		Benjamin Kwan	Jeremy Kwan	Ernest Lau
Opening Prayer Leader		Peter Chin	Danny Poo	Victor Li
Psalms Text		Psa 61:1-8	Psa 62:1-12	Psa 63:1-11
Preacher		John Moore	Michael Yeo	Peter Kwan
Lord's Supper Text		Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
Lord's Supper Servers	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Marc Wee	Jeshua Lin	Yew Tian Geng
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Lim Poh Teng	Wong Sek Hoong	Chua Kian Hong
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Paul Lim	Alvin Chan	Ling Leong Dak
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Alan Poon	Ong Jun Wei	Andy Lin
	<i>Assistant</i>	Cornelius Lee	Gordon Loo	Melvin Tan
Announcer		Justin Kwan	Benjamin Tan	Arthur Yap
Greeters		Lee Tian Seng	Benjamin Kwan	Timothy Ng
		Wang Teng Wee	Malaphone Inthilath	Constance Lau
		Teo Kim Tian	Lois Chee	Wu Wenyu
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Jonathan Yang	Amos Yang	Timothy Ng
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Wong Sek Hoong	Benjamin Tan
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Ong Jun Wei	Alan Poon	Jerry Cheong
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm			19-Apr-18	26-Apr-18
Song Leader			Jeshua Lin	Ernest Lau
Opening Prayer Leader			Lee Tian Seng	Low Chong Ping
Closing Prayer Leader			Danny Poo	Benjamin Tan