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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

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
PRESENTS

I AM  
THE BREAD OF LIFE

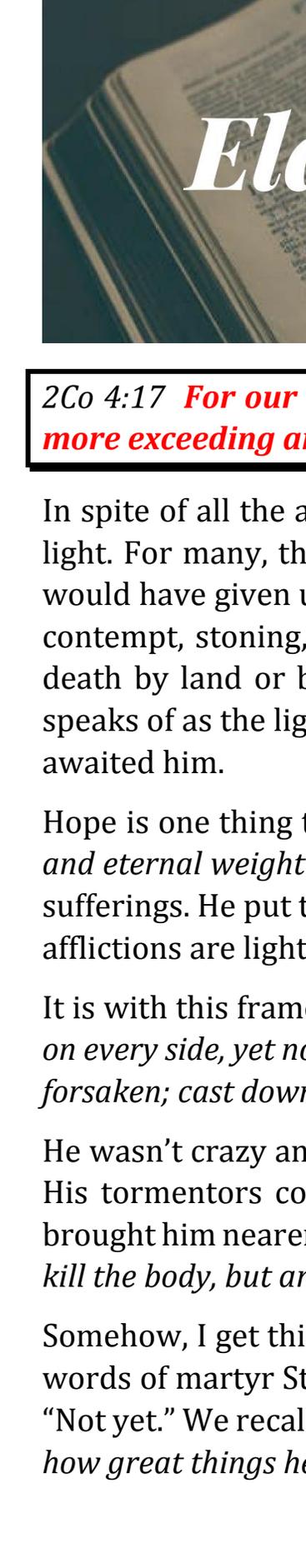
Speaker: Alvin Lin

29 March '20, Sunday

| 9.30am |

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# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

**2Co 4:17 *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.***

In spite of all the afflictions that Paul had undergone and suffered, he said they were light. For many, the trials that Paul had been through were anything but light. Many would have given up their faith. What were his trials? They consisted of want, danger, contempt, stoning, toil, weariness, the scorn of the world, and constant exposure to death by land or by sea. Yet these trials, though continued through many years, he speaks of as the lightest conceivable thing when compared to that eternal glory which awaited him.

Hope is one thing that keeps faith alive. Paul looked forward to "*a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.*" He saw heaven waiting for him and he compared it to his sufferings. He put them in a balance and his conclusion was: heaven is weighty and his afflictions are light.

It is with this frame of mind that he was able to say with confidence: "*We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed*" (2 Cor 4:8-9).

He wasn't crazy and he certainly felt the pain with every lash of the whip on his body. His tormentors could only hurt his body; they could not hurt his soul. Every whip brought him nearer to God. He remembered the word of Jesus: "*And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul*" (Matt 10:28).

Somehow, I get this feeling that with every lash that he bore, he would be echoing the words of martyr Stephen: "*Lord Jesus, receive my spirit*" (Acts 7:59). But the Lord said: "Not yet." We recall what the Lord said to Ananias concerning Paul: "*For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake*" (Acts 9:16).

Observe the comparisons made by Paul in this verse: *For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory* (2 Cor 4:17). Can you see them?

1. LIGHT VERSE WEIGHT – The afflictions were so light that they could easily be borne. The reward was heavier. He was exchanging something that was light to a thing that was heavier. The moment an Olympian received his trophy, he didn't think of his training as tough. He would say it is all worth it. *“But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ”* (Phil 3:7).

2. A MOMENT VERSES ETERNAL - The training may take years, but that moment of glory is immeasurable. You will not remember the years of training; you will remember that moment of glory. That moment of glory will last forever. What is seventy years when compared to eternity? It is a moment. *“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life”* (Rev 2:10).

3. AFFLICTIONS VERSES GLORY – Why do parents work so hard and make sacrifices? Is it not for the sake of the children? Do they count the toils and sacrifices they are making? Of course not! But, each smile on the children's faces lightens their burden and warms their hearts. I know of a wonderful woman who singlehandedly brought up four wonderful children. While she was working hard to raise her children, did she complain and blame them for her misery? Did she beat them up every time she returned home from her toils? She didn't; but every smile on her children's face makes her forget her afflictions.

Do you count your labour and pain when you serve God? Look towards heaven! Paul said the toils and afflictions were for a moment; they were temporary. The pain is not going to last forever. Ultimately, the pain will carry him to a better place. That was his wish. That's also our wish.

Our bodies may be tired; but not our spirit. *“For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day”* (2 Cor 4:16).

Are you in affliction now? Are you in pain? It is for a moment. Job had been through it and he blessed the Lord (Job 1:21). Take it as a needle injection; the pain is for a moment. But the cure is immeasurable. Compared to eternity, our afflictions are for a moment; the reward is eternal. Blessed be the name of the Lord. *“Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing”* (2 Tim 4:8).



# Ladies Corner

## In Remembrance of a Beloved Sister

*By sis Kim Tian*

In view of the Covid-19 (coronavirus disease 2019), are we feeling weary and discouraged? Are we feeling insecure and helpless? We need to pour out our problems to God and let Him help us, and believe in God by walking this Christian life faithfully. As Christians, we need to be an encouragement and cast a good influence on one another. Let us build each other up and help one another along this Christian walk with God.

***Prov 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."***

There are exemplary brethren in our midst who are a great source of encouragement to many of us. One of them is our beloved sis Poh Im who had passed on to be with the Lord on 23 February 2020. I remember visiting her at her home and in the hospital when she was diagnosed with advanced breast cancer and was feeling the effect of her illness. Instead of giving her encouragement, I was encouraged and uplifted by her faith and zeal for God. She was always cheerful in spite of her afflictions and poor health. She would always tell me that there is nothing to be afraid of and when it's time for her to go and be with God, she will accept it and go. She was



so sure of what she wanted in life; to be a good influence to those around her and live life to the fullest for God.

After her retirement, she preferred to serve God by going to church on weekdays to help out with our administrator, Ser Ern, and enjoyed doing anything in the Lord's work. She had taught several Indonesian domestic helpers as she could teach in Bahasa Indonesia. She also



attended the Fishers of Men course and had been teaching her sister, Rosalind, as part of her hands-on assignment. About 2 weeks before the passing of sis Poh Im, Rosalind had a bad fall and was also hospitalised in the same hospital as her. By God's grace, Ernest was able to study with her and she was baptised a day after the passing of sis Poh Im. I am sure sis Poh Im must be rejoicing in heaven over the news of Rosalind's baptism.

Despite her poor health, she continued to serve the Lord and had been a source of comfort and encouragement to those who are in need. She loved her brothers and sisters in the Lord. She was part of the support group that helps to encourage the weak members as well as actively involved in the member care group looking after the new converts too. She was also part



of the Senior Fellowship committee, actively involved in organising activities for the seniors. Each Sunday, she would also stand at the main door to welcome the members and visitors. During the last few months of her life, her poor health did not stop her from coming to church for worship each Sunday. She loved to worship God with the saints at LAP.



Sis Poh Im had been very generous in bringing members, especially church workers, out for meals and she even paid for a big birthday cake to celebrate my husband, Jimmy's, 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. She had great respect for the elders, deacons, preachers, and church workers in the church.

Sis Poh Im will always be remembered as a selfless, generous, cheerful, and godly lady who cared for the church and the work of the Lord. We wish she could be with us for a little longer but God had other plans for her.

***Deut 29:29 "The secret things belong unto the Lord our God but those things which are revealed belong unto us."***

Life is short and unpredictable. "Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. James 4:14

Therefore, while we are on earth, let us **live godly and selflessly**, encouraging and helping one another to **walk this Christian race faithfully to the end.**



***Psalm 55:22 "Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."***



**Guests last week**

1. Min (*sis Baby's helper*)
2. Tita (*sis Precious' helper*)
3. Shalen (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)

# LAP SCHEDULES & EVENTS

**22 MAR, SUN (TODAY).**

**BUSINESS MEETING CUM EOGM**

**@ 12.15PM @ AUDITORIUM**

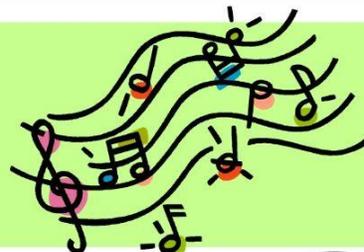
***PLEASE END YOUR CLASSES AT 12.05PM.***



**12 APR, SUN**

**SINGING FELLOWSHIP**

**@ 1.30PM - 3PM @ AUDITORIUM**



**19 APR, SUN**

**PRAYER TRAINING CLASS**

**@ 1.30PM - 3PM @ AUDITORIUM**

***ALL MEN ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND.***

***WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO JOIN AS WELL.***



**25 APR, SAT**

**BLOOD DONATION DRIVE**

**@ 11AM - 5PM @ AUDITORIUM**

***PLEASE 'RESERVE' YOUR BLOOD!***



**1 MAY, FRI (PUBLIC HOLIDAY).**

**TEACHERS' APPRECIATION WORKSHOP**

**CANCELLED**

**8-11 JUNE, MON-THU**

**JUNE CAMP @ LE GRANDEUR PALM RESORT**

**POSTPONED TO 7-10 JUNE 2021**



**Thursday Bible Class**

**Genesis 12: Abram's Call**

by bro Jerry Cheong

**Next Sunday's Sermon**

**Evangelism Sunday:**

**I AM the Bread of Life**

by bro Alvin Lin

**Birthdays this week**

23 Mar (Mon) – Annie Cheong

24 Mar (Tue) – Melvin

25 Mar (Wed) – Lynn

26 Mar (Thu) – Alice

28 Mar (Sat) – Long Jun



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

# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Overseas**

- **Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Siang Yee & sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong

**Health**

- **Sis Baby's, sis Yeoh's & sis Rosalind's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's & sis Linda's** health
- **Bro Soo Ping's** recovery from his spine surgery
- **Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's** recovery from fractured ankle

**Pregnancy**

- Sis Jasmine Kwan (Mar), sis Wenyu (Apr), sis Cynthia Lee (Jun), sis Melissa (Aug)

**NSF**

- Bro Titus, bro Shawn, bro Zachary, bro Wei Xiang

## MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		22-Mar-20	29-Mar-20	5-Apr-20
<b>Song Leader</b>		Emmanuel Licodini	Ernest Lau	Jonathan Yang
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Low Chong Ping	Michael Yeo	Peter Chin
<b>Preacher</b>		Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin	Michael Yeo
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Mar 14:22-25	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Titus Goh	Zachary Ling	Gavin Cheah
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Jerry Cheong	Reuben Lim	James Mira
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Chua Kian Hong	Dave Tapiru	Soo Kok Leong
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Farand Lim	Lim Chin Siang	Henry Leow
<b>Announcer</b>		Leonard Chia	David Sum	Rolly Parada
<b>Announcer</b>		Timothy Ng	Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Kwan
<b>Greeters</b>		Jonalyn Balagot	Wang Tingwei	Shum Chee Ming
<b>Greeters</b>		Ludina Carrido	Teo Kim Tian	Michelle Chan
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Jimmy Lau	Jeremy Kwan	Benjamin Kwan
<b>Speaker</b>		Farand Lim	Ernest Lau	Michael Yeo
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Yew Tian Geng	Gavin Cheah	Henry Leow
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
<b>Song Leader</b>		<b>26-Mar-20</b>		<b>2-Apr-20</b>
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		James Mira		Nove Aguilar
<b>Teacher</b>		Jimmy Lau		Alarico Alves
<b>Teacher</b>		Jerry Cheong		Jerry Cheong
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>		Low Chong Ping		John Goh