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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**

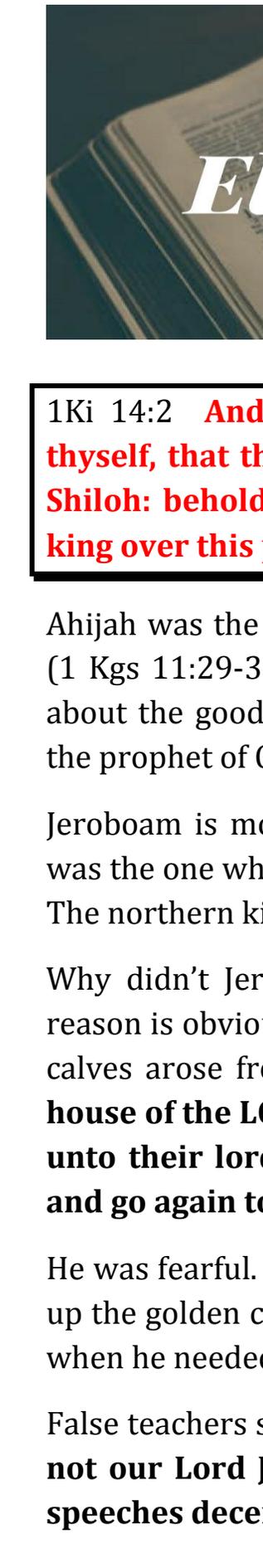
Bro Alvin Lin  
Bro Ernest Lau

### **Administrator**

Sis Goh Ser Ern

No matter how  
long it takes,  
when God  
works, it's  
always  
worth  
the wait.





# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

**1Ki 14:2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be the wife of Jeroboam; and get thee to Shiloh: behold, there is Ahijah the prophet, which told me that I should be king over this people.**

Ahijah was the prophet who prophesied that Jeroboam would be king over Israel (1 Kgs 11:29-35). Jeroboam became the king as prophesied by Ahijah. He forgot about the good prophet. But now, his son was very sick, he remembered Ahijah, the prophet of God.

Jeroboam is most remembered for introducing two golden calves into Israel. He was the one who caused the northern kingdom to turn to idolatry (1 Kgs 12:27-29). The northern kingdom had, from that time, never come out from idolatry.

Why didn't Jeroboam turn to the golden calves to inquire about his son? The reason is obvious: he knew they were dumb idols. The reason he set up the golden calves arose from a selfish desire: **"If this people go up to do sacrifice in the house of the LORD at Jerusalem, then shall the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah, and they shall kill me, and go again to Rehoboam king of Judah"** (1 Kgs 12:27).

He was fearful. He needed to secure his position as king of Israel. Therefore, he set up the golden calves. He didn't believe they were deity. He had to approach Ahijah when he needed help.

False teachers serve their own pockets. Paul wrote: **"For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple"** (Rom 16:18).

Do you think the false teachers do not know they are lying about the truth? Of course they know. But they need to keep their job. Some have become millionaires as a result.

There are many who seek God for the wrong purpose. Some have called the church to ask if we give food and donation to them. They stop calling when we answer them in the negative.

Such was the case with Jeroboam. He sought the prophet only when he needed help. He knew his calves were dumb idols. He needed a true prophet now.

During our Lord's ministry, there were many who followed Him also for the wrong reason: **"Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled"** (John 6:26).

Why do you come to church? In this so-called, religious world, many seek God for the wrong reasons. Some of which are:

1. To find a wife or husband.
2. To find friendship or business contacts.
3. To get out of depression.
4. To seek financial help.
5. To seek entertainment.

Our Lord says: **"My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves"** (Lk 19:46). What should a house of prayer look like? A rock entertainment? What was worship in the Old Testament like? It was solemn and serious.

Let us not seek God only when we need help. Let us seek God because He is God and we are His creations. True worshippers worship the Father in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).



*Go ye therefore,  
and teach all nations*

## **Six Reasons Why We Do Not Preach The Gospel**

*by bro Bob Xiang*

The Lord has given us the commandment to teach and preach to all the people of every generation (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 8:5). It is not only the duty and responsibility of the evangelists, elders, and Bible class teachers, but also the duty and responsibility of every Christian. But many of us have not become fishers of men yet (Matthew 4:19). Why is that so? I would like to suggest six reasons why we do not preach the gospel:

### **1. We do not know the gospel well:**

Some of us do not know the gospel well enough to share with others. We do not know how to preach to an atheist, or Buddhist etc. "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear" (1Peter 3:15). We need to be ready to tell others about the gospel. The apostle Paul had given a brief account of the gospel, preaching the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 15:4-6). Of course, when we preach in a communist country, we also need to preach the existence of God, the kingdom of God, and the name of Christ (Acts 8:12). Likewise, also the plan of salvation and how to live a Christian life etc.



## **2. We live in a closed circle:**

We do not have non-Christian friends. All our friends are Christians. Our schedule is filled with work and church activities. We do not have time to invite our colleagues or neighbours to our homes. We lose the opportunity to preach to others outside of our social circle.

## **3. We think that preaching the gospel is a special mission:**

Some of us think that preaching is the special mission of the evangelists, church ministers, elders and Bible class teachers. We think that we do not have the ability to share the gospel with others. We fail to realize that preaching the gospel is everyone's duty and responsibility. Remember, it was those ordinary Christians who had brought the gospel everywhere following the persecution from Saul (Acts 8:4).

## **4. The church does not teach about the cost of preaching the gospel:**

The church rarely talks about the cost of preaching the gospel, but the truth is that there is a heavy cost in preaching. At the least, people may dislike us. When I first started the work of preaching, some members said to me, "Was it because you cannot find a job that you became a preacher?" If we are afraid of this, we cannot tell people of our belief in the incarnation of Christ, His virgin birth, His death on the cross, His resurrection from the dead, and His ascension into heaven. There is a cost to preaching the gospel. Look at the book of Acts and 2 Corinthians and you will see the heavy cost of preaching the gospel. Paul was placed in various dangers because of preaching. The church may have failed to teach members about the cost of preaching Christ. We teach them that God only cares about them and their happiness. So, when they find out about the cost involved in preaching the kingdom of God, many of them are not willing to "lose face" to preach.

## **5. We expect immediate results:**

After we preach the gospel to prospects, we expect immediate results that they would make quickly become Christians. If we have such expectations, we will be easily discouraged. I had personal Bible studies with brother Qin Xiao Ming for a year and a half. In the beginning, I had false expectations that my preaching would yield immediate results. However, the prospect needs time to ponder over the message, and if they are sincere and honest, they will realize their need for the gospel and be willing to become Christians. Many of us give up preaching Christ after not seeing immediate results. We do not

know what God is doing by our preaching, perhaps we are just playing a small role in urging that prospect to make the decision to follow Jesus. Just keep on preaching and praying, our role is to plant and God will give the increase (1 Corinthians 3:6). It is not according to our schedule, but God's schedule.

## 6. We are ashamed to share the gospel with others:

We are ashamed to share the gospel with others. I met a brother who once said to me, "I have many opportunities to tell others about Jesus, however I cannot open my mouth to tell them because I feel ashamed and worried about losing face in telling them about Jesus." Well, we must have confidence in God that He will guide us and give us boldness to preach. "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Romans 1:16). We can start by telling our close friends about Jesus, then to our workmates, and neighbours.



### Bereavement

Our deepest condolences to:

1. The family of **sis Fong Yoke** over the loss of her mother, sis Lam Bui Siong, on 26 May
2. The family of **bro Hooi Kok** over the loss of his father on 31 May.

Please pray for the bereaving families as they grieve over the loss of their loved ones.

### Away (Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Capi will be travelling to Taiwan from 7-21 June**
2. **Sis Susan Ng** & family in Nanjing, China, for an immersion programme till 12 June.
3. **Bro Benedict** in Taiwan till 29 June.

### Guests Last Week

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| 1. Bro Samuel & Alexis<br><i>(bro Poh Teng's family)</i> | 4. Patricia Chin<br><i>(sis Christine Chan's mother)</i> | 7. Ho Wei Xin<br><i>(sis Sarah Ho's nephew)</i>            |
| 2. Chia Yoke Ee<br><i>(bro Daniel's wife)</i>            | 5. Yip Soo Fun<br><i>(sis Sarah Ho's mother)</i>         | 8. Anna Jezreel F. Tinguil<br><i>(sis Mergie's sister)</i> |
| 3. Arielle Pascual<br><i>(bro Roberto's daughter)</i>    | 6. Phong Pui Yu<br><i>(sis Sarah Ho's niece)</i>         | 9. Diana Phoo<br><i>(sis Seow Hui's friend)</i>            |
|  |  | 10. Triston  |



UPCOMING EVENTS  
MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

IT'S NEXT  
SUNDAY!

# COMBINED CAMP 2017

11 - 14 JUNE 2017  
LOTUS DESARU BEACH  
RESORT

ALL CAMPERS,  
PLEASE STAY BACK  
FOR A BRIEFING AFTER  
BIBLE CLASS TODAY



# NEWS



## Thursday Bible Class The Work & Ministry of Angels in the Old Testament

By bro Alvin Lin

## Birthday of the week

5 Jun (Mon) - Justin

8 Jun (Thu) -

Christine Phang



Please send any news &  
prayer requests to  
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# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Overseas:

- **Sis Joann & bro Mitchell** in Perth, Australia for studies
- **Sis Rachel Ting** in UK for studies
- **Bro Long Jun** in China

## Health

- **Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & Kwan Mama's** health
- **Sis Kim Tian's** recovery from her skin problem
- **Bro Chee Beng's & sis Susan Ng's mother's** recovery  
(Warded in AMK Thye Hwa Kwan Community Hospital, Level 2, Ward 1, Bed 1341)
- **Lisa's (bro David Sum's daughter)** recovery from ACM (operation on 12 June)
- **Bro Roberto's** recovery from osteoarthritis

## Expectant Mothers

- Sis Siew Siew (Sep), sis Adeline (Oct)

## NSF

- Bro Joel Lee, bro Kevin

# MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

| Morning Worship @ 9.30am                |                       | 4 Jun 2017     | 11 Jun 2017    | 18 Jun 2017     |
|---|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Song Leader</b>                      |                       | Amos Yang      | Benjamin Kwan  | Jonathan Yang   |
| <b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>            |                       | Timothy Ng     | Victor Lee     | Jerry Cheong    |
| <b>Psalms Text</b>                      |                       | Psa 32:1-11    | Psa 33:1-11    | Psa 33:12-22    |
| <b>Preacher</b>                         |                       | Robbie Andrews | Alvin Lin      | Ernest Lau      |
| <b>Lord's Supper Text</b>               |                       | Matt 26:26-29  | Isa 53:4-9     | Php 2:5-11      |
| <b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>            | Scripture Reader      | Cornelius Lee  | Axel Chee      | Paul Lim        |
|   | Prayer: Bread         | Lim Poh Teng   | Charlie Teo    | Nigel Poo       |
|   | Prayer: Fruit of Vine | Ng Chee Beng   | Ling Leong Dak | Farand Lim      |
|   | Prayer: Offering      | Joel Lee       | Kenneth Liong  | Martyn Gostelow |
|   | Assistant             | Titus Goh      | Ng Wei Jie     | Zachary Ling    |
| <b>Announcer</b>                        |                       | Arthur Yap     | Lau Jeng Sang  | Benjamin Tan    |
| <b>Greeters</b>                         |                       | Alvin Lin      | Jimmy Lau      | Amos Yang       |
|   |                       | Constance Lau  | Lim Poh Im     | Ludina Carrido  |
|   |                       | Wu Wenyu       | Shum Chee Ming | Susan Cheong    |
| Evening Worship @ 7pm                   |                       |                |                |                 |
| <b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>           |                       | Jimmy Lau      | Andy Lin       | Amos Yang       |
| <b>Speaker</b>                          |                       | Paul Lim       | Jerry Cheong   | Ernest Lau      |
| <b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b> |                       | Jerry Cheong   | Andy Lin       | Lee Tian Seng   |
| Thursday Midweek Service                |                       | 8 Jun 2017     |                | 15 Jun 2017     |
| <b>Song Leader</b>                      |                       |                |                | Alvin Lin       |
| <b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>            |                       |                |                | Lee Tian Seng   |
| <b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>            |                       |                |                | Danny Poo       |