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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**

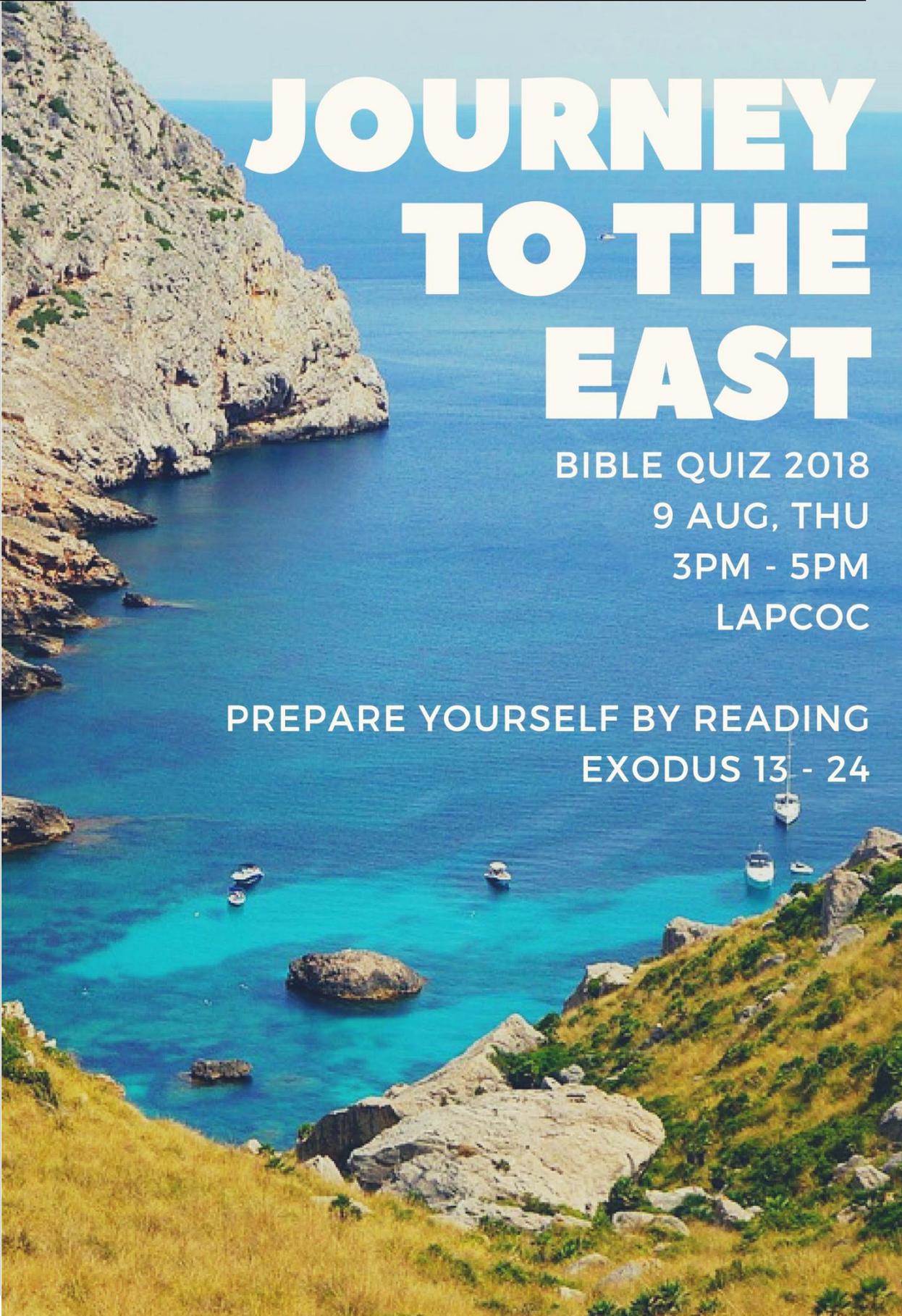
Bro Henry Leow  
Bro Jerry Cheong

**Preachers**

Bro Alvin Lin  
Bro Ernest Lau

**Administrator**

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# JOURNEY TO THE EAST

BIBLE QUIZ 2018

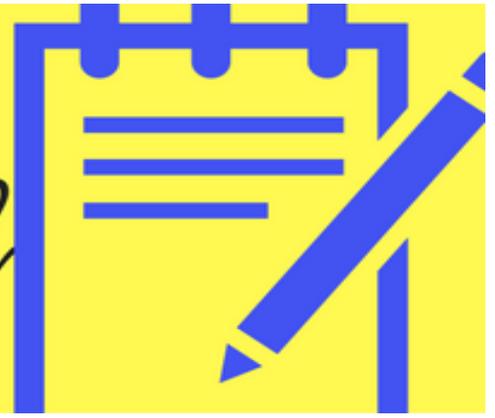
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3PM - 5PM

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PREPARE YOURSELF BY READING  
EXODUS 13 - 24

# From the Brotherhood



## The Sin of Presumption

Adapted from Sunny David

(<http://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2018/jul/page14.html>)

King David, in Psalm 19:13, prayed to God, saying, “Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me...” To sin presumptuously against God means to defy or to refuse to obey God, and thus to show disrespect to God’s authority. The sin of presumption is one of the deadliest sins. Those who were found sinning presumptuously against God in Old Testament time were certainly and promptly punished (Numbers 15:30-31), as the following examples show.

In 1 Samuel 15, we read about Saul, the first king of Israel. God, through His prophet Samuel, had commanded Saul to go to Amalek and to utterly destroy all and everything of the Amalekites because of their hostility toward Israel when the new nation was coming out of Egypt. Saul gathered his army and went to Amalek to do what God had commanded him to do. When he was coming back from Amalek, Samuel met him on the way. On seeing Samuel, Saul proudly said to him, “Blessed are you of the Lord! I have performed the commandment of the Lord.” But Samuel said to him, “What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?” To that Saul replied, “They [that is, the people who had accompanied him] have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the Lord your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.” Saul’s reasoning was, since he had brought with him all those things, which should have been destroyed along with all other things, to offer to God, therefore, he should be commended and not rebuked. Notice too, that he blamed the people for failing to obey God completely! However, Samuel told Saul, “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.” Saul

had despised the Word of the Lord. He didn't do exactly what he was asked to do. He had, therefore, presumptuously sinned against God.

Another example is of Nadab and Abihu, two sons of Aaron, who were priests in God's Tabernacle, according to the Old Testament order. The record says, "Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered profane fire before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord" (Leviticus 10:1-2). According to Leviticus 16:12, the fire that was to be offered must have been from the altar. Evidently, both Nadab and Abihu had offered a fire from another source, and not the one from the altar that was specified. As priests of God, both Nadab and Abihu knew from where the fire was to be taken. Yet, in this instance, they didn't take God seriously. They reasoned, a fire is a fire, no matter from where it was taken. However, it did matter to God. To Him it was a profane fire, because He had not commanded that. Like Saul, Nadab and Abihu too had sinned presumptuously, and like Saul, they too were punished for their sin.

Yet again, we read about another man named Uzzah in 2 Samuel. On impulse, he presumptuously sinned, and Uzzah was also punished with death. He, with another man, in this instance, was driving a cart on which the holy Ark of God was set. The record says, "And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled. Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah, and God struck him for his error; and he died there by the ark of God" (2 Samuel 6:6-7). What was Uzzah's error? In Numbers 4:15, we read, God had earlier commanded, "They shall not touch any holy thing, lest they die." Since the oxen stumbled and Uzzah thought the ark would fall, he tried to save the Ark from falling. However, as soon as he touched the Ark, God punished him with death. From human reasoning, Uzzah was right, and you or I *would have done the same thing, if we were in his place*. Yet, God does not think as man does. He requires from man exactly the same as what He has asked him to do (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Man often tries to make changes in what God has said. Man thinks making a little change here or there in what God has said, if it seems good and reasonable, makes no difference. In fact, man thinks that some changes would improve on what God has said. This is exactly how many think about using musical instruments with spiritual songs in the worship of God today, even though the Scripture says, "Speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Ephesians 5:19). To sing is God's command. The melody or music should be made in the heart and not with an instrument of music that man has made. Yet, man doesn't seem to learn that God means exactly what He has said. Man thinks that playing musical instruments while singing spiritual songs makes singing sound

better and lovelier. Therefore, many presume that there is nothing wrong in using them. The point is not what man thinks, feels or likes, but the point is, has God commanded or authorized it? When man offers his worship to God in the manner He has not specified, he does that presumptuously, against the will of God.

Many more examples from the Bible could be given to show the destructive nature of the prevalent sin of presumption; however, one more, that of King Uzziah, may be cited. Then, it will adequately suffice to illustrate the point. Uzziah was the king of Judah. The Bible says that he did what was right in the sight of the Lord, and as long as he walked with the Lord, God made him prosper in various ways. As a result, he became very powerful. We read:

But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up, to his destruction, for he transgressed against the Lord his God by entering the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar of incense. So Azariah the priest went after him, and with him were eighty priests of the Lord—valiant men. They withstood King Uzziah, and said to him, “It is not for you, Uzziah, to burn incense to the Lord, but for the priests, the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense. Get out of the sanctuary, for you have trespassed! You shall have no honor from Lord God.” Then, Uzziah became furious, and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense. And while he was angry with the priests, leprosy broke out on his forehead, before the priests in the house of the Lord, beside the incense altar. And Azariah, the chief priest and all the priests looked at him, and there on his forehead, he was leprous; so they thrust him out of that place. Indeed he also hurried to get out, because the Lord had struck him. King Uzziah was a leper until the day of his death. (2 Chronicles 26:16-21)

All along, Uzziah knew that it was the task of the priests alone to burn incense in the Temple on the altar of incense. However, pride had lifted up his heart, and he became haughty and arrogant even to the point where he did not care what the Lord had said. More than eighty priests were not able to convince him that he was doing wrong, because he had made up his mind to do what he wanted to do. “Convince a man against his will,” as the saying goes, “he is of the same opinion still.” No matter how many times one may be told of what the Scriptures say, it will have no effect on the individual who has already made up his or her mind to do and to practice what he or she thinks is right. For example, Christ said, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved” (Mark 16:16), but millions who claim to believe in Christ refuse to be baptized to be saved, because they are convinced that one is saved by faith alone. Yet, the Bible teaches the opposite (James 2:24).

From all of these cited Bible narratives, we need to learn that God means what He says, and He says what He means. Man cannot improve on God’s commandments.

Romans 15:4 says, "For whatever things were written before were written for our learning..." Today, God is not punishing people instantly, as He did in the Old Testament time when He dealt with people directly and personally, but He has revealed His will for us today in the written form of His New Testament of the Bible. Therein one reads that God has appointed a day on which He will judge all people through Christ (Acts 17:31; Matthew 7:21-23), and Hebrews 10:31 teaches, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Happy Birthday!

### August

Matilda	1	Wai Kheng	6	Boon Chiew	8	Germaine	12	Jasmine Yong	23
Mary Ann	2	Poh Im	8	Daryl	10	Sarah Ho	14	Bernice	27
Fong Yoke	3	Max	8	Leonard	10	Cynthia Lee	15	Sharyl	30
Henry Leow	4	Martyn	8	Ludina	12	Veronica	22	Suzanne	31



#### Health

Please pray for **sis Boh's** (*mother of bro William, sis Kim Choo, sis Suzie, and sis Suzanne*) recovery from a bone fracture in her nose and some swelling of the brain lining.

#### Management Committee Meeting

Date: 29 Jul 2018, Sunday (TODAY)  
Time: 1.30pm

#### Travels (*Please pray for travelling mercies*)

1. **Sis Eunice** is overseas till 5 Aug

#### Guest Last Week

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|---|---|
| 1. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen ( <i>Canada</i> )             | 5. Alexis Lim ( <i>bro Samuel's wife</i> )        |
| 2. Peh Guang Rong ( <i>sis Yan Ling's husband</i> ) | 6. Gan Sok Ting ( <i>bro Reuben's friend</i> )    |
| 3. Samuel De Cruz ( <i>sis Mergie's husband</i> )   | 7. Shalen Manuel ( <i>sis Seow Hui's helper</i> ) |
| 4. Stephanie Gostelow ( <i>bro Martyn's wife</i> )  | 8. Lea Lopez De Castro                            |

A U G

9 - BIBLE QUIZ

10 - 'FISHERS OF MEN' COURSE

12 - SINGING FELLOWSHIP

S E P

8 - FELLOWKIDZ

15 - JCOC BLOOD DRIVE

22 - YOUTH HOMEZONE

29 - BIBLE SEMINAR

**Aug-Sep**

# UPCOMING EVENTS!

O C T

**Oct-Dec**

N O V

28 NOV - 1 DEC -

FSC LECTURESHIP

29 NOV - 1 DEC -

GOSPEL MEETING @ LAP

D E C

4 -6 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

# Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

## August

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5 Aug</b>	<b>12 Aug</b>	<b>19 Aug</b>	<b>26 Aug</b>	
<b>Worship Sermon</b>	<b>Threats to the Christian Home</b>				
	<b>Woman's Movement</b> <i>Alvin Lin</i>	<b>Homosexuality</b> <i>Jimmy Lau</i>	<b>Materialism</b> <i>Low Chong Ping</i>	<b>Sexual Revolution</b> <i>Peter Chin</i>	
<b>Adult Class</b> <i>(Men &amp; Ladies Class)</i>	<b>Facing Struggles When I Have Doubts About My Salvation</b>	<b>Facing Struggles When I Want to be in Control of My Life</b>	<b>Looking to Heaven Where There are No More Struggles</b>	<b>Steps of Salvation</b>	
	<i>Ong Jun Wei Jasmine Kwan</i>	<i>Jerry Cheong Seow Hui</i>	<i>Jerry Cheong Joan</i>	<i>Soo Kok Leong</i>	
<b>Young Adult Class</b>	<b>Books of the Bible/Bible Timeline</b> <i>Benjamin Kwan</i>				
<b>Foundation Class</b>	<b>Philemon – Equality in Christ seen in Brotherly Love</b> <i>Amos Yang</i>		<b>James – Practical Christian Living</b> <i>Isaac Chua</i>		
<b>Upper Primary Class</b>	<b>Nebuchadnezzar's Dream of A Tree</b>	<b>The Writing On The Wall</b>	<b>Daniel In The Lion's Den</b>	<b>Daniel Prays To God</b>	
	<i>Tingpei</i>				
<b>Lower Primary Class</b>	<b>The way to give</b>	<b>Jesus frees his helpers</b>	<b>Stephen's lesson from the Old Testament</b>	<b>Stephen suffers for Jesus</b>	
	<i>Bernice</i>				
<b>Nursery Class</b>	<b>Jesus Teaches of God's Care</b>	<b>Jesus Makes Two Blind Men See</b>	<b>Jesus Walks On The Water</b>	<b>The Woman At Jacob's Well</b>	
	<i>Ser Ern</i>				
<b>Cradle Roll</b>	<b>God made the Day-time and the Night-time</b> <i>Suzie</i>				
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>2 Aug</b>	<b>9 Aug</b>	<b>16 Aug</b>	<b>23 Aug</b>	<b>30 Aug</b>
<b>Adult Class</b>	<b>Being A Good Spouse</b>	<b>Being A Good Parent</b>	<b>What A Spouse Can Mean To A Marriage</b>	<b>Being A Good Child</b>	<b>Being A Good Sibling</b>
	<i>Jimmy Lau</i>			<i>Alvin Lin</i>	
<b>Primary Class</b>	<b>Growing with Your Church Family</b>	<b>Winning over Temptation</b>	<b>Feeding Your Mind</b>	<b>Giving Your Life to God</b>	<b>Choosing Values for Eternity</b>
	<i>Sau Ching</i>				
<b>Nursery Class</b>	<b>Wise Men Visit Jesus</b>	<b>John the Baptist</b>	<b>Jesus Heals the Sick</b>	<b>Zacchaeus</b>	<b>Jesus Feeds 5,000 People</b>
	<i>Kim Tian</i>				

# NEWS



## Thursday Bible Class

Being A Good Spouse

by bro Jimmy Lau

## Birthday of the week

29 Jul (Sun) – Soo Ping & Gideon

30 Jul (Mon) – Geok Eng & Chloe

31 Jul (Tue) – Sis Baby & Lynette

1 Aug (Wed) – Matilda

2 Aug (Thu) – Mary Ann

3 Aug (Fri) – Fong Yoke

4 Aug (Sat) – Henry Leow



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

# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Overseas:

- *Sis Shuan Kwee* in Hong Kong
- *Bro Long Jun* in China
- *Bro Kenneth Liong and sis Iris* in San Francisco
- *Bro Ernest & sis Stephanie* in Palau

## Health

- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's, sis Molly's & bro Soon Heng's* health
- *Sis Alice's* recovery from a closed fracture

## Pregnancy

- Sis Stephanie (Dec'18)

## NSF

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

# MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		29-Jul-18	5-Aug-18	12-Aug-18
<b>Song Leader</b>		Benjamin Kwan	Jeremy Kwan	Joel Lee
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>		Benjamin Tan	Jerry Cheong	Kenneth Quek
<b>Psalms Text</b>		Psa 71:1-12	Psa 71:13-24	Psa 72:1-11
<b>Preacher</b>		Lee Tian Seng	Alvin Lin	Jimmy Lau
<b>Lord's Supper Text</b>		Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
<b>Lord's Supper Servers</b>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Nicodemus Oey	Zachary Ling	Gordon Loo
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Danny Poo	Farand Lim	Andy Lin
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Soo Kok Leong	Michael Yeo	Henry Chee
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Martyn Gostelow	Amos Yang	Timothy Ng
	<i>Assistant</i>	Gordon Loo	Shawn Wong	Jose Cardoza
<b>Announcer</b>		Justin Kwan	Benjamin Tan	Lau Jeng Sang
<b>Greeters</b>		Timothy Ng	Jimmy Lau	Alvin Lin
		Wang Tingwei	Diana Phoo	Benbin Aspacio
		Teo Kim Tian	Malaphone Inthilath	Ellen Hernandez
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<b>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</b>		Timothy Ng	Jonathan Yang	Amos Yang
<b>Speaker</b>		Jimmy Lau	Ong Jun Wei	Lee Tian Seng
<b>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</b>		Jerry Cheong	Benjamin Kwan	Henry Leow
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
<b>Song Leader</b>			<b>2-Aug-18</b>	<b>9-Aug-18</b>
<b>Opening Prayer Leader</b>			Alvin Lin	Benjamin Kwan
<b>Closing Prayer Leader</b>			Ong Jun Wei	Peter Kwan
			John Goh	Reuben Lim