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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

**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

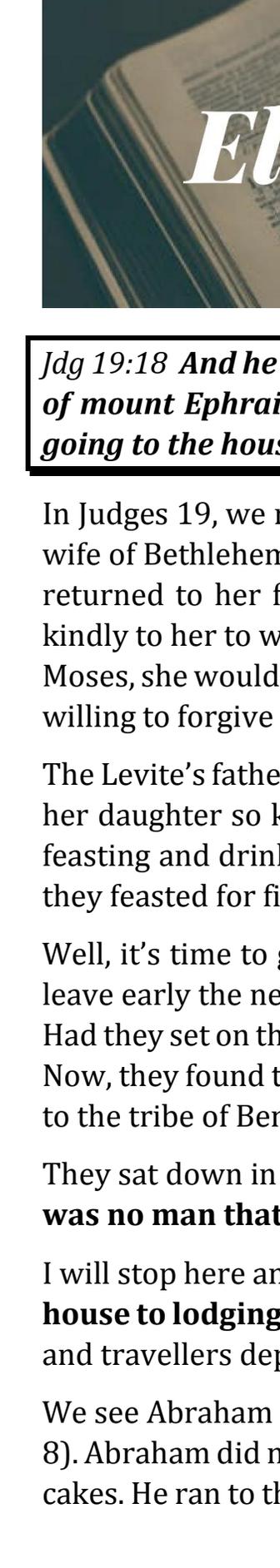
2019年3月2日 (星期六)

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



# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

***Jdg 19:18 And he said unto him, We are passing from Bethlehemjudah toward the side of mount Ephraim; from thence am I: and I went to Bethlehemjudah, but I am now going to the house of the LORD; and there is no man that receiveth me to house.***

In Judges 19, we read of another Levite. This Levite was of Mount Ephraim. He married a wife of Bethlehem-Judah. His wife played the whore and ran away from her husband and returned to her father's house. The Levite himself went to court her return. He spoke kindly to her to woo her hoping to win her once again to his love. According to the Law of Moses, she would have been charged as an adulteress and put to death. But this Levite was willing to forgive her and accept her back. What an amazing husband! He really loved her.

The Levite's father-in-law was so glad to see him. He was so pleased his son-in-law treated her daughter so kindly and was willing to take her back. He entertained him with much feasting and drinking. This father-in-law and son-in-law had a wonderful friendship and they feasted for five days.

Well, it's time to go home. It was late afternoon. The Levite's father-in-law asked him to leave early the next morning. But the Levite insisted on leaving. It was a terrible mistake. Had they set on their journey early, they might have reached their destination before dark. Now, they found themselves stranded and were forced to lodge at Gibeah, a city belonging to the tribe of Benjamin.

They sat down in the street, nobody offering them lodging. The scripture said: "**for there was no man that took them into his house to lodging**" (Judg 19:15).

I will stop here and dwell on this statement, "**there was no man that took them into his house to lodging.**" That was poor hospitality. In those days, there were no inns and hotels and travellers depended on the hospitality of strangers to take them in.

We see Abraham running towards the strangers and offering them hospitality (Gen 18:2-8). Abraham did not just offer them water. The scripture says he hastened his wife to make cakes. He ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who

prepared it quickly. He did not serve the leftover or simply bread and water; he treated the strangers like VIPs.

The scripture exhorts: **“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares”** (Heb 13:2). Abraham entertained angels. Lot did the same too (Gen 19:1-3).

Are we hospitable? Not everyone who comes to this great city can afford to stay in hotels. Yet, I’m not talking about total strangers. I’m referring to preachers and Christian brethren who are in town to attend lectureships or gospel meetings. Some preachers have big budgets from their sponsoring churches; some don’t. Those who do not have the funds, struggle to pay for their air fare and lodging. Sometimes, announcements are made through the pulpit requesting members to open their homes to receive some brethren. What is your response?

I have heard some of the excuses:

“I can’t; it’s so inconvenient.”

“I don’t know him/her.”

We prefer to entertain someone we know and are close with. We don’t mind bringing them out for a meal, but definitely not staying in our homes. I’m guilty of it too.

Yet, we can definitely show some minimum hospitality. I observe that we always have the same brethren who will bring our overseas guests out for meals and transporting them from hotels. What about the rest? Why aren’t they responding to requests to bring our guests for meals and providing transportation to bring them to church and back?

I love to have guests over at my home for a meal. I enjoy cooking for them. Of course, there will be certain inconveniences and much hassle. But, the fellowship is worth the effort and hassle.

“Love makes the ride worthwhile.” Do we have love? Love is the driving force behind a lot of things. Love does not think of the inconveniences and hassle. Love does not think of the sacrifices that have to be made. Love overcomes all obstacles. Love will do the right thing.

Hospitality is about love. **“Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ”** (Phil 1:27). Our manner of life should be as what we present in the gospel. We cannot preach the gospel of love and not show love. We cannot preach the lesson on hospitality and not be hospitable.

**“There is no man that receiveth me to house”** (Judg 19:15). So sad! What will you do when you know someone has no place to stay?

# From the Brotherhood



## A Lost Generation

*Adapted from Louis Rushmore, Editor*

*(<http://www.gospelgazette.com/gazette/2019/feb/page16.html#article2>)*

Whereas the Book of Joshua is about **triumph**, the Book of Judges is about **failure**. Joshua was such a powerful figure with an immense amount of influence that he was able to stabilize God's people for two successive generations. "So the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord which He had done for Israel" (Judges 2:7 NKJV). However, the very next generation fell away from God into indisputable apostasy.

When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, **another generation arose** after them **who did not know the Lord** nor the work which He had done for Israel. **Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord**, and served the Baals; and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger. They forsook the Lord and served Baal and the Ashtoreths. (Judges 2:10-13)

What happened? Several factors combined led to the downfall of the people of God.

- **There was a breakdown in the home and in religion** whereby reverence and respect for and obedience to Almighty God was not instilled in the next generation. The home is the first occasion of children being indoctrinated with the Word of God. Jehovah intended for fathers to instill in their children and their children's children the Word of God.

Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the Lord your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, that you may fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, **you and your son and your grandson**, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged. (Deuteronomy 6:1-2)

Not haphazardly or sporadically, but God meant for fathers to acquaint children and grandchildren thoroughly and regularly with the ways of God.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:5-9)

We will **not hide them from their children, Telling to the generation to come** the praises of the Lord, And His strength and His wonderful works that He has done. For He established a testimony in Jacob, And appointed a law in Israel, Which He **commanded our fathers, That they should make them known to their children; That the generation to come might know them, The children who would be born, That they may arise and declare them to their children,** That they may set their hope in God, And not forget the works of God, But keep His commandments. (Psalm 78:4-7)

Under Patriarchy, before the implementation of Judaism, Abraham was a father who took seriously the imparting of knowledge about God and His ways to his children. “For I have known him, in order that **he may command his children** and his household after him, **that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice,** that the Lord may bring to Abraham what He has spoken to him” (Genesis 18:19). In the New Testament, we find that Timothy was the product of godly teaching from generation to generation to generation through Timothy’s mother and grandmother (2 Timothy 1:5).

If parents and the church are not zealously and faithfully conveying to upcoming generations God’s Word and leading them to have faith in God, those parents and those congregations of the church have failed their charge from Almighty God.

- **The ungodly people intermingled with Israel during the time of the Book of Judges influenced the children of God to turn from the Almighty and to indulge all manner of sins.** Israel did not drive out all of the heathens with their pagan religions and idolatry (Judges 1:27-35). Consequently, the idolatrous people left in the land were a “snare” to Israel (Deuteronomy 7:16).

When the Lord your God brings you into the land which you go to possess, and has cast out many nations before you, the Hittites and the Girgashites and the Amorites and the Canaanites and the Perizzites and the Hivites and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than you, and when the Lord your God delivers them over to you, you shall conquer them and utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them nor show mercy to them. Nor shall you make marriages with them. You shall not give your daughter to their son, nor take their daughter for your son. For they will turn your sons away from following Me, to serve other gods; so the anger of the Lord will be aroused against you and destroy you

suddenly. But thus you shall deal with them: you shall destroy their altars, and break down their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images, and burn their carved images with fire. For you are a holy people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth. (Deuteronomy 7:1-6)

A lesson for us today is that we cannot live like the world and do the things the world does and still be pleasing to our God. Companionship with ungodly and worldly people today will influence Christians to forsake God and His ways. "Do not be deceived: Evil company corrupts good habits" (1 Corinthians 15:33).

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people. Therefore Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you. (2 Corinthians 6:14-17)

Just like in ancient times, intermarrying with idolatrous and ungodly people is dangerous spiritually. Preceding the flood of Noah's day, intermarriage between ungodly people and godly people led up to the worldwide deluge and God's purge of sinfulness from the planet. "...the **sons of God** saw the **daughters of men**, that they were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves of all whom they chose" (Genesis 6:2). The same thing happened during the time of the Book of Judges. "Thus the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons; and they served their gods" (Judges 3:5-6). The same scenario can and often does unfold today when God's people indiscriminately marry ungodly persons.

Christians are not of the world, though we necessarily live in the world (John 17:14-16). The apostle Paul wrote, "For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light" (Ephesians 5:8). We are losing upcoming generations within our own families because of failures of the home and the church to indoctrinate youth with God's Word and cause them to know Him. We dare not underestimate either the tremendous impact of the ungodly world in which we live upon our children.



#### **Travelling (Pray for safety)**

Bro David Sum will be going to Vietnam for business trip from 27 Feb till 3 Mar.

#### **Guests last week**

1. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
2. Alexis Lim (*bro Samuel's wife*)
3. Kelvin Kuan (*sis Eunice's friend*)
4. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)
5. Lay Lay (*sis Lydia's helper*)

# Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

## March 2019

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3 Mar</b>	<b>10 Mar</b>	<b>17 Mar</b>	<b>24 Mar</b>	<b>31 Mar</b>
<b>Worship Sermon</b>	Free Topics				Evangelism Sunday (Do I Need the Bible?)
	<b>Benjamin Kwan</b>	<b>Jimmy Lau</b>	<b>Ernest Lau</b>	<b>Joseph Lee</b>	<b>Peter Chin</b>
<b>Adult Class</b>	Choices that Determine Destiny <b>Jimmy Lau</b>				
<b>Young Adult Class</b>	Galatians <b>Benjamin Kwan</b>				
<b>Foundation Class</b>	Establishing the Authority of the Bible <b>Ernest Lau</b>				
<b>Upper Primary Class</b>	Deacons Chosen	Stephen Preaches Christ	Moses, A Great Deliverer	Stephen's Sermon Applied	They Went Everywhere Preaching The Word
	<b>Susan Ng</b>				
<b>Lower Primary Class</b>	We learn about Joseph's Early Life	We learn that Joseph was Wise	We learn about Joseph's Plan	We learn more about Joseph's Plan	We learn about Joseph's Reunion with his Family
	<b>Peck Lian</b>				
<b>Nursery Class</b>	Rebellion: Jacob Deceives His Father; Jacob's Dream	Arranged Marriages to Leah and Rachel	Enlarged Family; An Agreement Between Jacob and Laban	Love and Forgiveness: Jacob and Esau Meet Again	The Suffering of Job
	<b>Ser Ern</b>	<b>Deborah</b>		<b>Ser Ern</b>	
<b>Cradle Roll</b>	Family <b>Ting Pei</b>				
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7 Mar</b>	<b>14 Mar</b>	<b>21 Mar</b>	<b>28 Mar</b>	
<b>Adult Class</b>	"Jesus and the Woman at the Well" (John 4:1-19)	"True Worshippers of God" (John 4:19-26)	"Sowing and Reaping" (John 4:27-42)	"Jesus' Second Miracle" (John 4:43-54)	
	<b>Peter Chin</b>				
<b>Children Class</b>	The Model Prayer	God's Care for Us; Our Commitment to Him	Be Careful about Being Judgmental, Critical, and Prejudiced	Listen and Obey: The Wise and Foolish Builders	
<b>Primary</b>	<b>Christian Phang</b>				
<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Jasmine Lim</b>				



## Thursday Bible Class

"The Second Testimony of  
John the Baptist"  
(John 3:22-36)  
by bro Ernest Lau

## Next Sunday Worship

*Free topic*  
by bro Benjamin Kwan

## Birthday of the week

25 Feb (Mon) – Yan Ling  
28 Feb (Thu) – Thyna



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prayer requests to  
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# 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
- *Bro Wei Xiang* from his fractured arm

## 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		24-Feb-19	3-Mar-19	10-Mar-19
<i>Song Leader</i>		Jeremy Kwan	Jimmy Lau	Benedict Yo
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>		Danny Poo	Peter Chin	Charlie Teo
<i>Preacher</i>		Ernest Lau	Benjamin Kwan	Jimmy Lau
<i>Lord's Supper Text</i>		Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
<i>Lord's Supper Servers</i>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Marc Wee	Gideon Quek	Gordon Loo
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Jerry Cheong	Martyn Gostelow	Justin Kwan
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Lim Chin Siang	Reuben Lim	Wong Sek Hoong
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Amos Yang	Alan Poon	Ong Jun Wei
	<i>Assistant</i>	Axel Chee	Jose Cardoza	Alvin Foo
<i>Announcer</i>		Benjamin Kwan	Michael Yeo	Timothy Ng
<i>Greeters</i>		Wang Tingwei Teo Kim Tian	Mary Ann Catalos Ellen Hernandez	Grace Ler Wu Wenyu
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<i>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</i>		Jimmy Lau	Benedict Yo	Benjamin Kwan
<i>Speaker</i>		Benedict Yo	Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin
<i>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</i>		Ling Leong Dak	Benjamin Tan	Nicodemus Oey
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
<i>Song Leader</i>			21-Feb-19 Alvin Lin	28-Feb-19 Benjamin Kwan
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>			Peter Chin	Kenneth Quek
<i>Teacher</i>			Ernest Lau	Ernest Lau
<i>Closing Prayer Leader</i>			Benjamin Tan	Ong Jun Wei