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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



Joh 11:48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans shall come and take away both our place and nation.

Jesus had raised a man from the dead. As a result of this miracle, many of the Jews believed on Him (John 11:45). But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done. The chief priests therefore and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, "What do we? for this man doeth many miracles. If we let Him thus alone, all men will believe on Him: and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation" (John 11:47-48).

What they were saying is this: If we permit Jesus to work but a few more miracles like these two last (the cure of the blind man, and the resurrection of Lazarus) He will be universally acknowledged as the Messiah. The people will proclaim Him king. And the Romans, who can suffer no government here but their own, will come against us with their powerful armies and destroy our nation and our temple.

What was their actual concern? Their position as religious leaders in the Jewish nation! If all men followed Christ, their positions as leaders of the Jewish community would become shaky. Thus, under the pretence of the public good, the survival of their nation, they resolved to put Christ to death.

They spoke like a dispirited people, as the men of Judah when they basely said to Samson, "Knowest thou not that the Philistines rule over us?" (Jdg 15:11).

The men of Judah had given in to their fate and would rather serve the Philistines than help their hero who was fighting for their deliverance. They cared more for their own lives than the life of Samson. They were not sure if this one man army could crush an entire host of Philistines. They decided to place their bet on the Philistines. They would rather give up

their Deliverer than give up their lives now.

The Chief priests and Pharisees were of the same disposition as the men of Judah. They cared more for their ecclesiastical position than for the Saviour. They would rather sell their Saviour than to sell their position.

When men lose their piety they lose their integrity. It was false that there was any threat of war from the Romans. So far, Jesus had taught men to give tribute to Caesar, and not to resist evil, but to take up the cross. The Roman governor, at His trial, could find no fault in Him (John 18:38). Even if there were really some danger of displeasure by the Romans towards Christ's preaching, it still would not justify their hating and persecuting a good man, especially their Messiah.

The Pharisees and chief priests cared more for their own wealth and safety than for the truth. They pretended to be afraid that their tolerating Christ's gospel would bring desolation upon the nation by the Romans, and therefore, set themselves against it.

It is the same reason why some would not stand up for the truth. It is because the devil is paying their big fat salary. The apostle Paul wrote: *“Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. 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 16:17-18).

Paul also wrote to Timothy: *“For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears”* (2 Tim 4:3).

False teachers serve their own lusts and not God. They would rather preach lies than the truth. They serve the ones who are paying their salaries. They would boldly contradict the teachings of Christ on the subject of baptism (Mark 16:16). They say baptism does not save when our Lord said it saves.

The chief priests and the Pharisees would rather serve the Romans than their Messiah. They just didn't like Jesus at all. They were self-serving, caring only for their positions in the Jewish community.

Let us serve our Lord whom we profess to love. Men will deny Christ because they love the world. But we worship the one and only true God and Saviour Jesus Christ and let us not deny Him as the Jews did.



Impressions on June Family Camp 2018

by bro Nicodemus and sis Christie Oey

4-7 June 2018 will live on in the hearts of many brethren at Lim Ah Pin Road Church of Christ as a beautiful memory: the joyous laughter shared, the impromptu singing into the night, the team bonding sessions with flags and strange poses, uncle John Grubb's jokes, and the tears of joy shed as we spent those



few days together were nothing short of incredible. As first-time campers, my wife Christie and I were especially enthralled by how such a diverse group of people spread over such a huge age range bonded so well together. The theme for the 2018 June Camp was Christians and Communication and the focus was on individual families, which synergizes very well with this year's church theme on Striving For Excellence In Family Growth. As we reflect on these wonderful 4 days spent together in fellowship, we would like to commend all participants for your 1) compassion, 2) contrition, and 3) servitude.

First, you ought to be commended for putting Jesus' golden rule into practice. What strikes us the most as first-time campers is how much brethren care for each other: in fact, well before we departed for camp when we were first greeted by church members back in 2015, we remember fondly the warm welcome that we received as new members of this family of God, and that welcome was not temporary but has

been consistent even until today. What we saw and felt during June Camp was an overwhelmingly warm group of families and single individuals who never hesitated to lend a helping hand: some of you volunteered to be with Auntie Barbara on the way to and back from Johor Bahru, some of you helped our younger brethren with their math homework, some of you offered to buy medicine for friends who didn't feel well, the First Aid Kit was stocked up before departure, people were rushing to be the first to help set up Auntie Baby's wheelchair... For welcoming us to the family and for



making us feel a sense of awe and belonging during June Camp, we applaud and respect each and every one of you!

Second, you ought to be commended for having a contrite heart. Uncle Mike Yeo said that the bible tells us that being a Christian is not about being a perfect person but it is about having a contrite heart, willing to repent of one's sins, and continue on the path to being one with God (at-ONE-ment). During Camp when we let our hair down, there will inevitably be conflicts and

disagreements along the way, and you continually show how a Christian handles these small tussles. And through these conflict resolutions we see truly what being a Christian embodies: to behold the beam in our own eyes before remarking on the mote that is in our brother's eye, as Christ commands us to. Paul's group activity showed us that communication can be very difficult if we did not focus our attention, while Timothy's Chalk Talk showed us that there are so many things that we could improve on in our day-to-day communication, all of which were being put into practice by brethren as the Camp progressed, which to both me and Christie made the Word come alive.

Last but definitely not least, despite your extreme age range from the youngest to the oldest, you show us what being a true servant of God really means: and it is not limited to just what we do in church or during worship, but also in our day-to-day lives. What a humbling thought to witness Noah who is just months old and Auntie Baby who is more than 90 years old serving the Lord in the same June Camp. The very fact that each one of you set aside the time



and made the effort to attend June Camp is a testament to your humble servitude towards Christ, but it is what you do during this period where you are not obligated or even remunerated for anything that your spirit of serving truly shines. To the committee: Jon Yang our leader, Cornelius, Jeremy, Sharyl and Celest our game masters, Jun Wei, Ernest, Ser Ern, Alvin and Jeshua for their tireless behind-the-scenes work, Justin for collecting payments and settling the rooms, our teachers Paul, Timothy, and Amos, our children teachers Auntie Kim Tian, Constance, Eunice, Mary-Ann, Jacqueline, Bernice, Rachel, Sara, Seow Hui, Shu Fang, Stephanie, and the



devotion sharers Farand and Marc - you are all exemplary Christians in your own family lives and each and every one of you is such a huge inspiration to both me and Christie. To Uncle John Grubb who was such a joy to be with, our utmost respect to your missionary journeys and to your love for all Christians especially those living in Asia. To our elders Uncle Tian Seng for your mood-lifting smile and Uncle Jimmy for your daily devotion at 5AM that has encouraged so many of us... you have shepherded the flock well and we look forward to many more opportunities to learn from you. We look forward to the next June Camp with anticipation and excitement for every opportunity in the meantime to show compassion, contrition, and servitude.



WEEKLY NEWS



Guest Last Week

1. Bro Gary V Wheeler
(*Spring Creek COC, US*)
2. Bro Alex & sis Ruishan (*San Francisco*)
3. Bro Ng Hee Liang & family
(*Section 17 COC, Msia*)
4. Chloe Neo (*sis Sydney's cousin*)
5. Jonalyn F. Balagot
6. Nanette Cuplang
7. Triston

Health (Please pray for speedy recovery)

1. **Sis Germaine's** chronic hives

Birth of baby Anna!



Our heartiest congratulations to **bro Alvin & sis Jasmine Chan** on the birth of their baby girl, Anna Chan on 21 June 2018. Please continue to pray for the health of both mother and child.

Management Committee (MC) Nomination

To replace bro Tian Seng, bro Paul Lim, and bro Amos Yang, who will be leaving for the new work, the church will be holding a MC members nomination. Please nominate up to three mature male members on the Nomination Form and put it in the Nomination box at the pulpit area. **Nomination close TODAY.**

Travels (Please pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Peter Chin (accompanied by sis Pooi Fun)** is preaching at the Section 17 COC in Malaysia this morning. They return later this evening.
2. **Bro Ernest & sis Stephanie** in Philippines & will be travelling to Palau from 26 Jun - 26 Sep
3. **Sis Sarah** in Spain till 28 Jun



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP 2018

NO-SEW CUSHION

7 JULY 2018, SATURDAY
10AM - 12NN
LAP CHURCH BUILDING

PLEASE INFORM BRO ALVIN OR SIS SER ERN
IF YOU ARE INTERESTED TO ATTEND.

Bible Curriculum

- of the month -

July

Sunday	1-Jul	8-Jul	15-Jul	22-Jul	29-Jul
Worship Sermon	Threats of the Christian Home				Evangelism Sunday <i>Lee Tian Seng</i>
	Breakdown of Authority <i>Benjamin Kwan</i>	Atheism & Humanism <i>Alvin Lin</i>	Television & Internet <i>Paul Lim</i>	Divorce and Remarriage <i>Amos Yang</i>	
Adult Class <i>(Men & Ladies Class)</i>	Facing Struggles When We Face Group Pressures	Facing Struggles When We Face Loneliness	Facing Struggles When Our Self-Esteem is Hurt	Facing Struggles When We Face Discouragement	Facing Struggles When Covetousness Raises Its Ugly Head
	<i>Farand Rachel Poo</i>	<i>Farand Wai Kheng</i>	<i>Jonathan Guek Hoon</i>	<i>Jonathan Jacqueline</i>	<i>Jun Wei Eunice</i>
Young Adult Class	<i>Young men - opportunities to prepare and share a devotion</i>				
Foundation Class	1 Timothy & 2 Timothy <i>Alvin Lin</i>				
Upper Primary Class	Zechariah and Malachi	Daniel Says "No"	Nebuchadnezzar's Troubling Dream	Daniel's Prophecy Of The Church	The Fiery Furnace
	<i>Susan Ng</i>				
Lower Primary Class	All the children of the world	A new disciple	The church is born	Friends of a lame man	Some wicked rulers
	<i>Bernice</i>				
Nursery Class	Mary and Martha	Jesus Teaches Disciples To Pray	The Wise Man and The Foolish Man	Jesus Heals the Centurion's Servant	A Woman Shows Her Love for Jesus
	<i>Dawn</i>				
Cradle Roll	Creation <i>Jacqueline</i>				
Thursday	5-Jul	12-Jul	19-Jul	26-Jul	
Adult Class	Leviticus				
	<i>Peter Kwan</i>				
Primary Class	Salvation	Growing by Studying the Bible	Growing by Praying	Growing by Telling Others	
	<i>Kim Tian</i>				
Nursery Class	Nehemiah Rebuilds the Wall	The Prophets	Time of Waiting	Jesus is Born	
	<i>Jacqueline</i>				

NEWS



Thursday Bible Class
How To Encourage & Motivate People
by bro Danny Poo

Birthday of the week

24 Jun (Sun) – Clara
 28 Jun (Thu) – Jessica Patete
 29 Jun (Fri) - Danny
 ★★★★★★★★

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas:

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

Health

- *Sis Baby's & Auntie Yeoh's* health
- *Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Molly's* health
- *Sis Doris'* recovery from her trigger finger surgery
- *Sis Alice's* recovery from a closed fracture
- *Lisa's (bro David Sum's daughter)* recovered from her surgery.
- *Sis Molly's brother's* health
- *Bro Capi's mother's* health
- *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
- *Bro Gideon's* recovery from his jaw recovery

Pregnancy

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

NSF

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

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		24-Jun-18	1-Jul-18	8-Jul-18
<i>Song Leader</i>		Isaac Chua	Alvin Lin	Amos Yang
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>		Benjamin Tan	Low Chong Ping	Michael Yeo
<i>Psalms Text</i>		Psa 68:27-35	Psa 69:1-12	Psa 69:13-25
<i>Preacher</i>		Jerry Cheong	Benjamin Kwan	Alvin Lin
<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>	Yew Tian Geng	Shawn Wong	Nicodemus Oey
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Henry Leow	Andy Lin	Charlie Teo
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Kenneth Quek	Henry Chee	Kenneth Quek
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Marc Wee	Joel Lee	Alan Poon
	<i>Assistant</i>	Jose Cardoza	Ng Wei Xiang	Leonard Chia
<i>Announcer</i>		Benjamin Kwan	Paul Lim	Jimmy Lau
<i>Greeters</i>		Grace Ler Lois Chee	Constance Lau Wu Wenyu	Lim Poh Im Shum Chee Ming
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<i>Song Leader & O.P.</i>		Timothy Ng	Joel Lee	Jeremy Kwan
<i>Speaker</i>		Paul Lim	Alvin Lin	Jimmy Lau
<i>Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.</i>		Jerry Cheong	Lim Poh Teng	Alvin Chan
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
<i>Song Leader</i>			28-Jun-18 Alvin Lin	5-Jul-18 Alvin Lin
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>			Henry Leow	Lee Tian Seng
<i>Closing Prayer Leader</i>			Reuben Lim	Kenneth Quek