

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

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PRESENTS

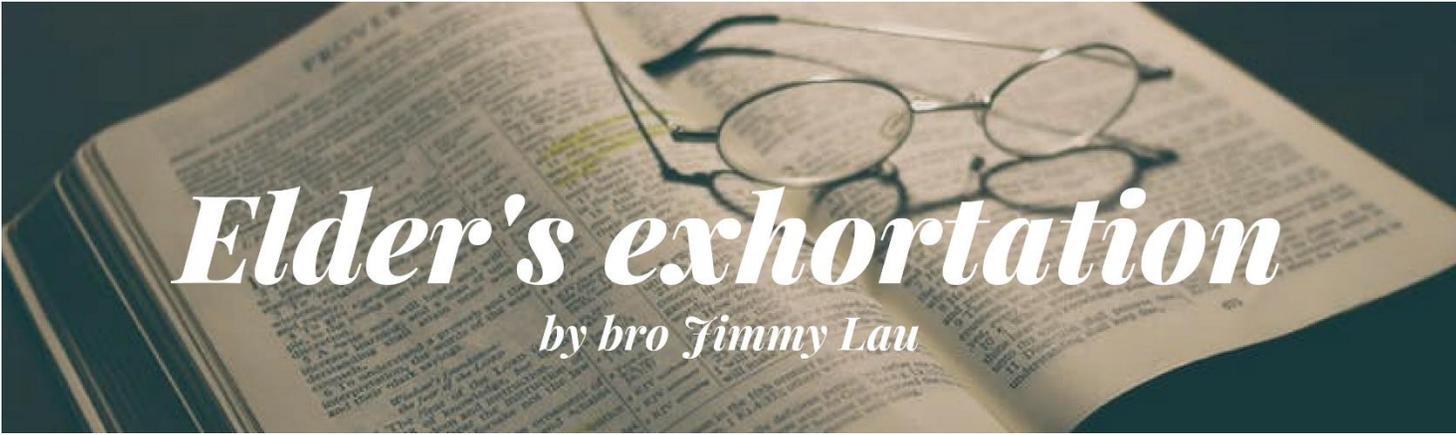
DO I NEED THE BIBLE?

Speaker: Peter Chin

31 March 2019, Sunday | 9.30am |

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Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

Jdg 20:11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man.

In Judges 19, we read of an account of a Levite who went to his father-in-law's house to redeem his wife who had run away. As they returned home, they passed through Gibeah, a city belonging to the Benjamites, and dwelled with a man who offered them lodging. In the night, some worthless fellows came to the house and wanted to commit sodomy with the Levite. His wife was offered instead to those men, who then gang raped her. In the morning, she was found dead at the man's doorsteps. The Levite took her lifeless body home, cut her into twelve pieces and sent them throughout all the territory of Israel. They were all struck with the enormity of the crime and considered what was to be done concerning it.

In Judges 20, the children of Israel wrote to the Benjamites and demanded they hand out the men from Gibeah who had done such a wicked thing. But the Benjamites rejected their appeal. The children of Israel decided to go to war against the Benjamites.

The scripture says: "**And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn into his house**" (Judg 20:8). It was repeated in verse 11: "**So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man.**"

We see the marvellous unity displayed by the children of Israel against sin. Observe their zeal against the sin that was committed: they would not return to their houses, until they had removed the evil from among their brethren.

Why wouldn't the Benjamites hand over to them the wicked fellows who had committed such atrocity? I think it's because of relationship. They would not hand over their own brethren to be executed. It's like: 'I don't care how much evil deed he has done; but he's my brother.' The Benjamites were united, albeit for a bad reason.

Evil workers are united in their evil deeds. False teachers will congregate together. We have an English proverb: ‘Birds of a feather will flock together.’ Today, if we mark a brother for teaching falsely, he will join himself to the false brethren. Today, if I quarrel with a brother and we become enemies, he will join himself to those who already do not like me. Somehow, it always happens in this manner: your new enemy will join with your old enemies.

The Benjamites were knitted together to do evil. The children of Israel were also knitted together as one man. They went heart and hand together, united in their sentiments and resolutions, to remove the evil in Israel.

The tissues in our body are all knitted together. This unity enables us to function properly. Any member in the body that goes out of joint or any tissue that fails to function as it should will affect the whole body system.

The church is like the members of a body. Paul wrote: **“So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another”** (Rom 12:5). We are many members but one body of Christ. The members in the same body must “knit together in love” (Col 2:2).

In canoeing, the paddlers must paddle in the same direction for the canoe to move and if every paddler paddles differently, the canoe will stay stationary. In the church, the members must paddle together for the church to make progress. Members must knit together in work, love, faith, doctrine and in discipline.

One is either knitted together with the body or one is out of joint with the body. If you are out of joint, you need to join back in; you need to be knitted again.

We are the body of Christ. Let us stay in this spiritual body and work together that the body may be glorified.

March			
10	Daniel	24	Melvin
14	Shanice	25	Lynn
19	Irene Marc Rachel Quek	26	Alice
20	Amy Yap	28	Long Jun
21	Tuan Sang Nicodemus Christine Oey	29	Kenneth Quek
23	Annie Cheong	30	Celest





Reflections from Ladies Fellowship 23 Feb 2019

by sis Eunice Chua

The afternoon sun was beating down as a group of us walked from Pasir Ris MRT station. As we cut across Pasir Ris Park, the heat was literally emanating from the ground. It was a real blessing to reach the cool interior of Sis Kim Tian's house where a number of sisters had already gathered. Her dining table was arrayed in an artistic way with many bowls of ingredients needed for the "live cooking demonstration" of her delicious Steamed Glutinous Rice.



We sat through a slideshow as Sis Kim Tian shared with us step-by-step, the ingredients and special secrets to produce a delectable dish of steamed glutinous rice. She had meticulously prepared printed recipes for everyone and there were many eager students in the audience. We subsequently adjourned to the kitchen where we got to see Sis Kim Tian in action! Some of the ladies gamely had a hand in helping to stir the huge mound of rice in the giant wok – a good exercise to whet our appetites. After the rice was put into the steamer, we returned back to the living room where Sis Constance led several hymns. It was really pleasurable to hear all the voices blending harmoniously as we contemplated the words in





the hymns. Sis Mary Ann and Sis Yan Ling gave heartfelt and thoughtful devotions centred on the topic of "Standing in the Gap". After the devotions, the glutinous rice was brought out to the table and we all gathered around, ready to eat! There were other ladies who had also prepared various desserts and fruits, and we had a really lovely time enjoying the food and chatting with one another.

I especially enjoyed this ladies fellowship as I learnt so much about various aspects of cooking and ingredients that I never knew before (Like Hae Bi or dried shrimp, cannot be soaked for too long else it will lose its flavour)! Granted, I hardly cook at home, but to hear the practical pearls of cooking advice shared by the older ladies made me thankful for this opportunity for the younger and older ladies to spend time together.

The devotions prepared by Sis Mary Ann and Sis Yan Ling were particularly heartfelt. Sis Mary Ann reminded us that love as exemplified in 1 Corinthians 13 needs to have a foundation in a deep committed relationship with God. She asked a question which particularly cut to the heart – How would you describe your relationship with God? Would it be "exploring", "it's complicated" or "deeply committed"? Amidst our busy schedules



and various commitments that all scream for our attention and energy, how much effort and time do we put into building a close and intimate relationship with our Heavenly Father? Sis Yan Ling shared her personal reflections on what it means to stand in the gap and her struggles as a young Christian. Other ladies also shared their similar struggles in their Christian walk and what helped them pull through. It was encouraging to know that we are not alone in our struggles as a Christian and a reminder to always seek out others for advice and a listening ear, instead of keeping our struggles to ourselves. I thought one of the good points shared was not being too harsh with ourselves when we fall short, but just try again and look to Jesus Christ as our standard, not over-inflate what we have to do by using man's

standards. As Jesus promises in Matthew 11:28-30, He can give us rest from our troubles as His yoke is easy and His burden is light.

I'm really thankful to Sis Kim Tian and Sis Guek Hoon for organising this year's first ladies fellowship, and am encouraged by the devotions and good turnout as well! I look forward to the next ladies fellowship, and strongly encourage all ladies – young and old, to come and experience the joy of sisterhood in Christ at the next gathering!



WEEKLY NEWS



Business Meeting

Date: 24 March, Saturday

Time: 12.15pm

The agenda of the meeting is pinned on the noticeboard.

Guests last week

1. Sis Pearl Jean (Lavender COC)
2. Kenny Kee (*sis Debbie's husband*)
3. Peh Guang Rong (*sis Yan Ling's husband*)
4. Stephanie Gostelow (*bro Martyn's wife*)
5. Adriel Yeo (*sis Julia's nephew*)
6. Kelvin Kuan (*sis Eunice's friend*)
7. Michael (*bro David Sum's friend*)
8. Joycelin Tok (*bro Gideon's friend*)
9. Clara Chow (*bro Nigel's friend*)
10. Christian (Kit) Reyes & family (*sis Mary Ann's friends*)
11. Shalen (*sis Seow Hui's helper*)
12. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)

Travelling (Pray for safety)

1. **Bro John Goh, bro Jun Wei, sis Ser Ern, sis Sharyl & bro Cornelius** will be travelling to Vietnam for mission trip from 8-11 Mar.
2. **Bro David Sum** in Vietnam for business trip till 3 Mar.
3. **Bro Danny, sis Linda & bro Nigel** in Tokyo till 3 Mar.
4. **Bro. Peter & sis. Pooi Fun** are worshiping with the brethren at Melaka, Malaysia, this morning where bro. Peter is teaching and preaching. Sis. Pooi Fun conducted a workshop for the ladies yesterday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Youth Fellowship

Date & Time: 10 Mar, Sun @ 1.30pm – 3pm

Venue: LAP Main Hall

Come join us for ice-breaker games, singing & a Bible lesson!



FELLOWKIDZ 2019

16 MAR, SAT • 11 AM TO 5 PM

• BERNICE'S HOUSE (PUNGGOL)

Blk 316D Punggol Way #07-681 S824316

CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD GAMES COMBINED FELLOWSHIP EVENT

16 MARCH • SAT • 1 - 5 PM

LAVENDER CHURCH OF CHRIST
20 KALLANG AVENUE
LEVEL 5, PICO CREATIVE CENTRE
SINGAPORE 339411

Try not to get BORED!



Blood Donation Drive

Date & Time: 6 Apr, Sat @ 11am – 5pm

Venue: LAP Main Hall

Please mark the date and 'reserve' your blood!

Upcoming Events

20 April – Ladies Fellowship

4 May – Senior Fellowship

11 May – Health Seminar

1 Jun – FellowKidz

10-13 Jun – Church Camp

28-29 Jun – Combined Youth Gospel Meeting



Thursday Bible Class

"Jesus and the Woman at the Well" (John 4:1-19)

by bro Peter Chin

Next Sunday Worship

**Standing In The Gap -
Lessons from the life of
apostle James**

by bro Jimmy Lau



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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** 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		3-Mar-19	10-Mar-19	17-Mar-19
Song Leader		Jimmy Lau	Benedict Yo	Jeshua Lin
Opening Prayer Leader		Peter Chin	Charlie Teo	Victor Lee
Preacher		Benjamin Kwan	Jimmy Lau	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper Text		Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29
Lord's Supper Servers	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Gideon Quek	Gordon Loo	Marc Wee
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Martyn Gostelow	Justin Kwan	Paul Lim
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Reuben Lim	Wong Sek Hoong	Michael Yeo
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Alan Poon	Ong Jun Wei	Gavin Cheah
	<i>Assistant</i>	Jose Cardoza	Alvin Foo	Zachary Ling
Announcer		Lau Jeng Sang	David Sum	Ng Wei Jie
Greeters		Michael Yeo	Timothy Ng	Amos Yang
Greeters		Mary Ann Catalos Ellen Hernandez	Grace Ler Wu Wenyu	Constance Lau Lim Poh Im
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
Song Leader & O.P.		Benedict Yo	Benjamin Kwan	Jeshua Lin
Speaker		Ernest Lau	Alvin Lin	Michael Yeo
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Benjamin Tan	Nicodemus Oey	Farand Lim
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
Song Leader			7-Mar-19 Ernest Lau	14-Mar-19 Jimmy Lau
Opening Prayer Leader			Low Chong Ping	Lee Tian Seng
Teacher			Peter Chin	Peter Chin
Closing Prayer Leader			Paul Lim	Marc Wee