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2019

# 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



*The bulletin committee wishes all a  
Happy Lunar New Year!*

JOIN US IN THIS FESTIVE SEASON!

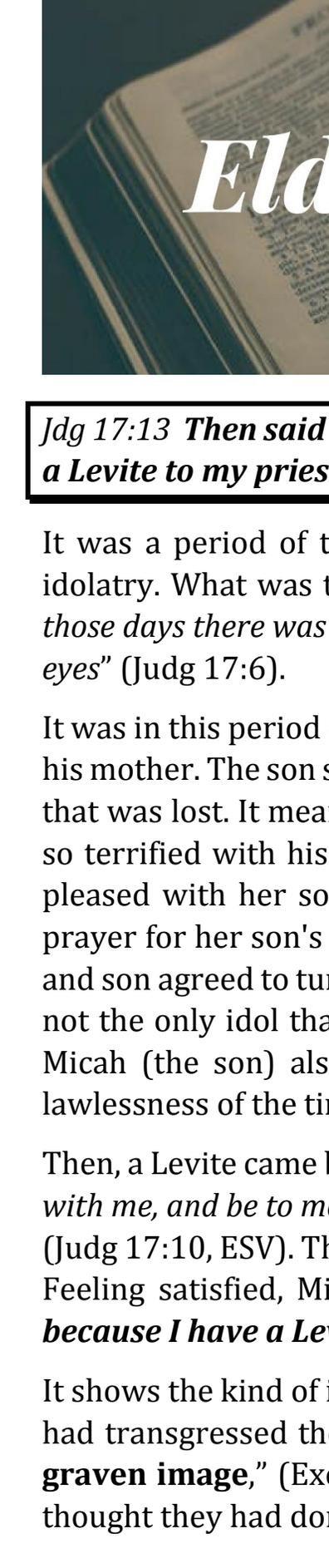
17 FEB | SUNDAY | 1.30PM | LAP

HIGHLIGHTS:

PERFORMANCES & GAMES

PLEASE BRING ALONG 2 MANDARIN ORANGES.





# *Elder's exhortation*

*by bro Jimmy Lau*

***Jdg 17:13 Then said Micah, Now know I that the LORD will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to my priest.***

It was a period of the Dark Ages for Israel. There was widespread corruption and idolatry. What was the cause of this corruption? The answer is found in verse 6: *"In those days there was no king in Israel, but every man did that which was right in his own eyes"* (Judg 17:6).

It was in this period of the Dark Ages that we read of an amusing story about a son and his mother. The son stole from the mother. The old woman placed a curse on the money that was lost. It means the person who took the money would be cursed. The son was so terrified with his mother's curse that he restored the money. The mother was so pleased with her son's repentance that she recalled her curse, and turned it into a prayer for her son's welfare: *"Blessed be thou of the Lord, my son"* (Judg 17:2). Mother and son agreed to turn their money into a god, and set up idolatry in their family. It was not the only idol that he had: *"And the man Micah had an house of gods"* (Judg 17:5). Micah (the son) also made his own son priest in his house. It is a picture of the lawlessness of the times.

Then, a Levite came by his house, and learning he was a Levite, Micah said to him: *"Stay with me, and be to me a father and a priest, and I will give you ten pieces of silver a year"* (Judg 17:10, ESV). The Levite was delighted and took the job to be a priest in his house. Feeling satisfied, Micah exclaimed: ***"Now I know that the LORD will prosper me, because I have a Levite as priest"*** (Judg 17:13, ESV).

It shows the kind of ignorance and superstition that was prevalent in the society. They had transgressed the second commandment: **"Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image,"** (Exo 20:4). They had a Levite in their house to serve as priest. They thought they had done right and God would, from that day on, bless him.

Wesley commented: *“So blind and grossly partial he was in his judgment, to think that one right circumstance would answer for all his substantial errors, in making and worshipping images against God's express command, in worshipping God in a forbidden place, by a priest illegally appointed.”*

Micah had not utterly forsaken the Lord, but worshipped Him with his images. It was a mixture of the worship of God, and of the worship of images. He thought that by having a Levite in the house with him, he would be entitled to the divine favour. He thought he had done great because nobody else had a Levite for a priest. So, when he added all up: his house which he considered as a tabernacle of God, the image he had made, and the Levite, you can see a smile on his face; it was a feeling of satisfaction and confidence that God would bless him.

He thought that God owed it to him because he had done better than others. Many think the same too. The Pharisee in his prayer said: **“God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are”** (Luke 18:11). The Pharisee measured himself against others and believed he was doing right and good. It's like telling God: “God, you have got to bless me. I'm just too good.” That was the message Micah and the Pharisee were sending.

Can we be such good persons that God owes us anything? Hear what the Lord says: **“So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do”** (Luke 17:10).

Many who think they have done enough or are doing good, are in most cases, not doing enough, and could, in fact, be doing wrong. Micah wasn't doing right at all; but he thought he was. The Pharisee wasn't doing right; but he thought he was.

Like Micah, many do not know they are doing wrong. God cannot bless a sinful work. And if in the eyes of the world, they are “blessed” because they see their prosperity, they forget that there is another one who can offer it to them: **“All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me”** (Matt 4:9). Those words were spoken by the devil. Sin is deceitful; and so are riches (Heb 3:13; Mark 4:19).

Let us serve our Lord with sincerity and truth. We cannot expect God to owe us anything. But God will bless when we serve Him. Be ye servants.



## Preacher's exhortation

# LEAVING IT TILL LATE

by bro Ernest Lau

According to U.S. News & World Report, 80 percent of New Year's resolutions fail by February. There are many reasons why we fail to keep up with our resolutions: lack of commitment, distractions etc. In this article, we will discuss one of the top reasons for this failure: procrastination. Procrastination is something we face in our everyday lives; it is also something that may adversely affect our Christian walk with God.

### 1. REASONS

One of the reasons we procrastinate is because we think there's still plenty of time. Isn't it so, that students sometimes procrastinate revising for exams, thinking they're still months away? The Proverbs writer had something to say about such a procrastinator: *"Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, A little folding of the hands to sleep; So shall thy poverty come as a robber, And thy want as an armed man"* (Proverbs 24:31-34). There's still time for a little more sleep, he thought! By the time he's awake, he finds his estate in ruins.

Really, there could be a thousand and one reasons we could give to leave our work till later. It actually boils down to one word: laziness. As the Proverb writer wrote: *"The sluggard saith, There is a lion in the way; A lion is in the streets."* Is there really a lion outside? The lazy man could give any excuse to procrastinate, and not to work.

### 2. REPERCUSSIONS

While we are often tempted to procrastinate, procrastination only does us evil, and not good. For one, procrastination makes our work extra difficult. How many times have we caused ourselves panic and stress because we had procrastinated on a deadline? When we procrastinate on spiritual matters, we make things more difficult for ourselves also, without realizing it. Hence, the Bible repeatedly calls for us not to procrastinate:

- a. Hebrews 3:13 – *“Exhort one another daily, while it is called To day.”* If we procrastinate to join in fellowship and mutual encouragement, we risk causing our hearts to be *“hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.”*
- b. Matthew 5:23-25 – Resolve our conflicts with our brethren before we *“bring [our] gift before the altar.”* If we procrastinate on resolving our relationships, we risk having broken relationships with the brethren, and we hinder our worship to God!
- c. Ephesians 4:26-27 – Resolve your anger before *“the sun [goes] down.”* If we procrastinate to resolve our anger, we *“give place to the devil,”* and risk falling into Satan’s temptation.
- d. Ecclesiastes 12:1 – *“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth.”* If we procrastinate to serve God now, the *“evil days”* will come when we will become old and too tired to do so.

### **3. REMINDERS**

It is difficult to give remedies for procrastination, because procrastination is something that begins from the heart. However, there are some things that we ought to remind ourselves, to prevent us from procrastinating. Firstly, we need to be reminded that time is short. James reminds us: *“For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away”* (James 4:13-15). Many would put off serving God in order to do their business and build up their financial security (v.13). Can we guarantee that there would be opportunity next time to serve God? Life is short and unpredictable! Instead, we *“ought to say, If the Lord will, we shall live, and do this, or that”* (v.15). We ought to live each day doing whatever God desires from us.

We also need to be reminded that, even if we manage to find time later, we may not find the energy. Were there times that we put something off to later, only to find we are too tired to do it later... and we put it off again? Hence, the wise man exhorts us to serve God while we are young, because if we put it off to the time we are old, we will not have the energy to do anything productive (Ecclesiastes 12:1).

We also need to remember that whatever we do, we are doing to God: *“And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men”* (Colossians 3:23). In school or at work, we know the importance of submitting our work promptly and with high quality. In our service to God, God is certainly expecting us to do His work with due diligence (cf. Romans 12:11). We do not want to give God substandard work! Furthermore, Jesus warns us that He may come again at a time when we least expect it, and we do not want to be found unprepared (Matthew 24:45-51). Brethren, let us therefore not be procrastinators. Let us not put off God for tomorrow. Let us serve God today.

# WEEKLY NEWS



## Guests last week

1. Sis Ruishan
2. Bro Ivan Kwek
3. Lorna & Sheena Tolentino  
(*sis Stephanie's family*)
4. Alexis Lim (*bro Samuel's wife*)
5. Adriel Yeo (*sis Julia's nephew*)
6. Kelvin Kuan (*sis Eunice's friend*)
7. Michael (*bro David Sum's friend*)
8. Gan Sok Ting (*bro Reuben's friend*)
9. Katherine Amurao (*sis Ellen's friend*)
10. Meyske (*sis Debbie's helper*)

## Travels (Pray for travelling mercies)

1. **Bro Peter & sis Pooi Fun** are away in Malaysia for CNY holidays. Bro Peter is also teaching & preaching for the Kota Kemuning congregation this morning.
2. **Bro Benjamin Kwan & sis Deborah** in KL & Penang till today.

## Collection of angbao for our Mission Workers

Thank you all for your generosity to our mission workers.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

### LADIES FELLOWSHIP



**Sharing on 'Standing in the Gap'**  
**Learning how to make glutinous rice**  
**by sis Kim Tian**

**23 FEB, SAT | 2.30-5PM**  
**SIS KIM TIAN'S HOUSE**  
**(Blk 546 Pasir Ris St 51 #10-19 S(510546))**

### 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



# FELLOWKIDZ 2019

**16 MAR, SAT • 11 AM TO 5 PM**

**• BERNICE'S HOUSE (PUNGGOL)**

**Blk 316D Punggol Way #07-681 S824316**



# PRAYER REQUESTS

## Thursday Bible Class

"The Cleansing of the Temple" (John 2:12-25)  
by bro Ernest Lau

## Next Sunday Worship

Standing in the Gap to Give  
by bro Alvin Lin

## Birthday of the week

3 Feb (Sun) - Michelle  
4 Feb (Mon) - Dawn & Katie  
6 Feb (Wed) - Eileen  
7 Feb (Thu) - Jane  
9 Feb (Sat) - Patricia & Naomi  
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Please send any news & prayer requests to [limahpincoc@gmail.com](mailto:limahpincoc@gmail.com)

## 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
- *Sis Shermin's grandmother's* health
- *Bro Wei Xiang* from his fractured arm
- *Sis Candice* from her neck pain

## 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-Feb-19	10-Feb-19	17-Feb-19
<i>Song Leader</i>		Alvin Lin	Isaac Chua	Ernest Lau
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>		Michael Yeo	Benjamin Tan	Timothy Ng
<i>Preacher</i>		Kwan Tai Choom	Alvin Lin	Michael Yeo
<i>Lord's Supper Text</i>		Php 2:5-11	1 Cor 11:23-29	Mar 14:22-25
<i>Lord's Supper Servers</i>	<i>Scripture Reader</i>	Gavin Cheah	Yew Tian Geng	Marc Wee
	<i>Prayer: Bread</i>	Andy Lin	Benedict Yo	Lim Poh Teng
	<i>Prayer: Fruit of Vine</i>	Lau Jeng Sang	Henry Chee	Henry Leow
	<i>Prayer: Offering</i>	Reuben Lim	Joel Lee	Nicodemus Oey
	<i>Assistant</i>	Alvin Foo	Gordon Loo	Ng Wei Jie
<i>Foundation Class</i>		Ng Chee Beng	Justin Kwan	Ong Jun Wei
<i>Announcer</i>		Charlie Teo	Paul Lim	Lee Tian Seng
<i>Greeters</i>		Eunice Chua Ludina Carrido	Wu Wenyu Wang Ting Pei	Naomi Leow Christine Pang
Evening Worship @ 7pm				
<i>Song Leader &amp; O.P.</i>		Benedict Yo	Jeremy Kwan	Jeshua Lin
<i>Speaker</i>		Ernest Lau	Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Tan
<i>Lord's Supper, Giving &amp; C.P.</i>		Martyn Gostelow	Henry Leow	Gavin Cheah
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm				
<i>Song Leader</i>				7-Feb-19
<i>Opening Prayer Leader</i>				14-Feb-19
<i>Teacher</i>				
<i>Closing Prayer Leader</i>				
			Jeshua Lin	Reuben Lim
			Low Chong Ping	Danny Poo
			Ernest Lau	Ernest Lau
			John Goh	Henry Leow