LAP BULLETIN

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EVANGELISM SUNDAY

Is the End of the World Coming Soon?

Invite your family & friends!

by bro Ernest Lau

OTUNE IN

FACEBOOK PUBLIC PAGE
(LIM AH PIN CHURCH OF CHRIST)

TOMORROW @ 9.30AM

DON'T FORGET

E-ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TOMORROW @ 2PM VIA ZOOM

HYMNS FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP

2 CORINTHIANS 8

Elder's exhortation by bro Jimmy Jan

PRAYER REQUESTS, BIRTHDAYS & MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

NEWS & UPDATES

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

Elders

Deacons

Preacher

Administrator

Bro Jimmy Lau Bro Michael Yeo Bro Jerry Cheong Bro Benjamin Tan Bro Ernest Lau

Sis Ser Ern



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Prepare to Meet Thy God

James Henry Stanley, 1909 James Henry Stanley, 1909 1. Care - less why will you lin - ger, Wand-ring from the fold of God? soul, 2. Why less are you stand - ing While the fleet ing years go tho't your friends who wish thee 3. Hear you not the earn-est plead - ings Of you spurn the in - vi - ta - tion Till the Spir it shall de - part, Hear you the in - vi - ta - tion? O pre - pare to meet thy God. not is spent in fol - ly? O pre - pare be-fore to - mor - ow You'll be called God. And your life to meet thy God. And per - haps to meet thy Then you'll see your sad con - di - tion, Un - pre - pared to meet thy God. O heed the warn- ing, care-less soul, heed the warn-ing, will soon be gone; O how sad will soon be gone, O yes, your life will soon be gone; to face the judg-ment face the judg ment, Un-prepared to meet thy God. O how sad to face the judg-ment Un-pre-pared to meet thy God.



HOW THAT IN A GREAT TRIAL OF AFFLICTION THE ABUNDANCE OF THEIR JOY AND THEIR DEEP POVERTY ABOUNDED UNTO THE RICHES OF THEIR LIBERALITY.

2CO 8:2

The churches in Macedonia were very poor congregations. They were also experiencing severe trials of affliction. Yet. spite of the extreme circumstances they were undergoing, those things did not kill their spirit of giving. They also could not rob them of the joy they had in the gospel. They remained very joyful and generous in spite of their deep poverty and great trials that were facing them.

There are at least two lessons we can learn from this verse about the churches in Macedonia:

- 1. They demonstrate to us that we are never too poor to give.
- 2. They demonstrate to us that we can remain joyful in any circumstances.

1. THEY DEMONSTRATE TO US THAT WE ARE NEVER TOO POOR TO GIVE.

The willingness to give lies in the attitude and not in the circumstances. If you thinking of raising funds for your congregation, you would not think of asking from the Macedonian churches. You would have thought that they had enough problems of their own. You would assume they are too poor to be able to give. You would even suppose that they needed help from others instead. You would imagine that their minds would be so wholly engrossed with their concerns be own to concerned with yours. Well, you are wrong!

Generosity lies in the character and not in the wallet. One can be a millionaire and yet a miser. You will find that a poor man is more willing to share whatever little things he has than one who is rich. Why?

A life of comfort has made many people to become selfish and self-centred. But the poor knows what it is like to be poor and they can sympathise with them. The poor and afflicted churches of Macedonia felt this duty, and therefore came forward to the uttermost of their power to relieve their more impoverished and afflicted brethren in Judea. They knew what it is like to be hungry; they didn't want their poorer brethren to suffer hunger. Hence, we do see the poor helping those who are poorer than themselves: and afflicted, comforting those who are more afflicted than they are.

Money is always a delicate topic to handle in the church.

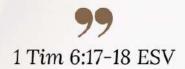
Few preachers want to preach about it and members are divided on how to use it. Some would want to spend only for themselves. When the poor brethren from another country ask for aids, they grumble: "Why do they keep for money?" asking commentator wrote: "Comfort makes selfish. even men though they are Christian; but if they are Christian, affliction, even to the spoiling of their teaches goods. generosity," (Expository Bible Comm, e-sword).

Paul's instruction to the rich also applies to any churches that are rich:



As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share.



2. THEY DEMONSTRATE TO US THAT WE CAN REMAIN JOYFUL IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

The Macedonians, though both poor and persecuted, rejoiced exceedingly. Who says one must be rich to be happy? Who says the poor are always sad?

Happiness is a choice and not a result. The rich are not always happy and the poor are not always sad. Happiness does not depend on circumstances. I can be happy with a simple bowl of noodles. I can be sad when the table is spread out with delicious dainty dishes.

The Macedonian churches abundant joy arising had from the hope and promises of the gospel. And the effect of their joy could be seen in the liberal contribution which they made. Their had afflictions did not rob them of the joy they had as Christians and in helping others. They chose to remain joyful.

Paul wrote about his trials: "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed" (2 Cor 4:8-9, ESV).

Happiness is a reaction. You can choose to dance in the rain or sulk because your plan is affected by it. Paul was in prison when he wrote: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice" (Phil 4:4).

Which prisoner can say the thing? When the same apostles were put in prison, beaten and then released. what was their reaction? "And they departed from presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name" (Acts 5:41). Happiness is a choice; we choose our reaction.

Are you joyful in the Lord? Are you generous with your mammon of unrighteousness? Think about it.



HEALTH

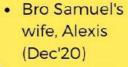


- Sis Baby's, sis Yeoh's, sis Rosalind's, sis Swee Inn's & bro Winston's health
- Sis Suan Kiang's, bro Eddy (JCOC)'s health
- Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's recovery from fractured ankle

OVERSEAS

- Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris in San Francisco
- Sis Farah in UK

PREGNANCY



- Sis Sarah (Mar'21)
- Sis Sheila (Mar'21)



- Bro ZacharyBro Wei Xiang
- Bro Cornelius
 (ECOC)





THIS WEEK

25 Oct (Sun) - Jimmy 30 Oct (Fri) - Melissa 31 Oct (Sat) - Peiyi

NEXT WEEK

3 Nov (Tue) - Wei Jie 4 Nov (Wed) - Barbara

8 Nov (Sun) - Charlie & Nove 11 Nov (Wed) - Mary 13 Nov (Fri) - Shermin **18 Nov (Wed)** - Kim Choo **20 Nov (Fri)** - Chin Siang, Peck Lian, David Sum, Farah & Rolly 24 Nov (Tue) - Susan Ng
25 Nov (Wed) - Angel
26 Nov (Thu) - Jong Wah
27 Nov (Fri) - Chong Ping
28 Nov (Sat) - Lilian

MEN-TO-SERVE (SUN)

25 OCT

1 NOV

SONG LEADER & OPENING PRAYER

BENJAMIN KWAN

ERNEST LAU

SERMON TITLE

IS THE END OF THE WORLD COMING SOON?

FRIEND OF THE WORLD
VS FRIEND OF GOD

PREACHER

ERNEST LAU

MICHAEL YEO

LORD'S SUPPER, GIVING & CLOSING PRAYER

ONG JUN WEI

TITUS GOH

MEN-TO-SERVE (THU)

29 OCT

5 NOV

BIBLE CLASS TOPIC & TEACHER

GENESIS 42
BENJAMIN TAN

GENESIS 43 ERNEST LAU

Health Update

Sis Sarah would like to request for prayers on behalf of her friend's father, Lim Ching Hock. About 2 months ago, he had undergone a surgery for stroke. He is now beginning to respond to voice, move his fingers and able to open his eyes slightly. Thank you all for your prayers on his behalf, and do continue to pray that he can regain full consciousness.

Appeal for Donation from Baonaoang church of Christ

Banaoang church of Christ, Philippines, has made an appeal for help as they are in need of funds for an urgent renovation of their building, which has been in dire conditions. The major item for the renovation is the replacement of their roof, which has become worn and rusty. Additionally, the roof is not ideal as it makes the hall very warm on sunny days, and during rainy days, it leaks water, causing the hall to be flooded. This situation makes their building very inconducive for worship.



We would like to appeal to members to donate generously to help our brethren for this project. Please send your donations by **31 October** (refer to bank account/PayNow in laplist email) inform bro Ernest about your donation.

Upcoming Event

