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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 Michael Yeo

Deacons

Bro Benjamin Tan
Bro Jerry Cheong

Preacher

Bro Ernest Lau

Administrator

Sis Goh Ser Ern



**A BIG THANK YOU TO
ALL THE GOSPEL
MEETING SPEAKERS
AND ALL THE HELPERS
FOR MAKING THE
EVENT A SUCCESS!**

AGAPE LUNCH

1 DEC, SUN @ 12.30PM
LAPCOC

**STAY BACK TO ENJOY A HEARTWARMING &
WONDERFUL FELLOWSHIP!**

“I WILL DO IT!”

Taking the Initiative

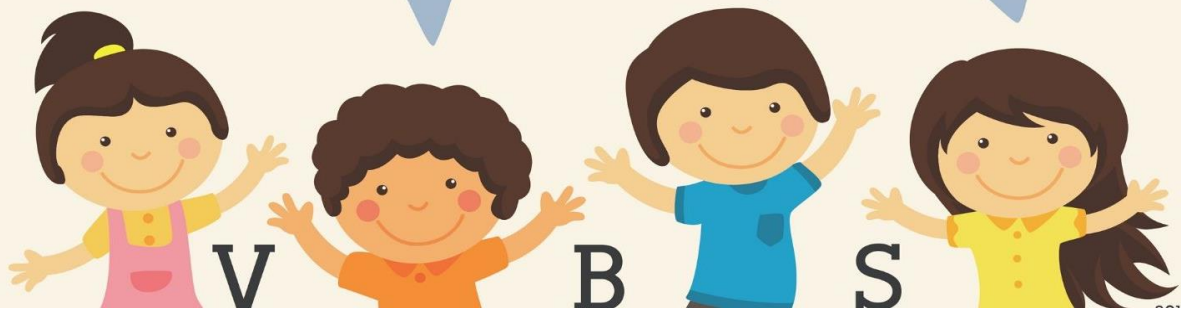
3 - 5 December 2019 (Tuesday to Thursday)

9am to 5pm daily

Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ

20 Lim Ah Pin Road, Singapore 547839

(For children aged 4 - 12)





Elder's exhortation

by bro Jimmy Lau

1Co 6:11 And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

Corinth was a sin city. It was good that a church could be found in Corinth. It showed that there were some good people there; people who could see their sins and make a change. But it was bad when Corinth was in the church; when the ways of the Corinthians infiltrate the church and cast a bad influence on her.

When you are in a boat and rowing, you see water everywhere surrounding you. Your boat will sail as long as the water does not come into the boat. But when there is a leak and water keeps coming into the boat, the boat will sink.

It is the same with a church. As long as she keeps the world outside from influencing her, she will remain pure and holy as the bride of Christ. But when she let the world in and cast a bad influence on her members, she becomes corrupt and unfit for the kingdom of God: "*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God?*" (1 Cor 6:9).

The Corinthian church allowed the world to get into her. The members had forgotten their new identity as Christians. Paul had to remind them: "*And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God*" (1 Cor 6:11).

"*And such were some of you*"; how apt a reminder! Fortunately, it was not all of them, but some. Some of the worst classes had been converted. They could be some who were former drunkards, extortionists, adulterers, thieves, and liars etc (1 Cor 6:9-10). Paul was saying: "That was before your conversion; but now you were washed, sanctified and justified in Christ Jesus. You should be living as new men in Christ." "*Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life*" (Rom 6:4; see

also 2 Cor 5:7). But sad, some remained the same as before their conversion. They had gone back to their old ways.

Preachers coined a term “a wet sinner.” A wet sinner is one who has been baptised and therefore has his sins washed away but still return to his sinful ways. A dry sinner is one who has never been baptised.

A Christian who is living in sin is a wet sinner. Such was the state of some of the Christians in Corinth. Some were thieves before their conversion; they were still thieves after their baptism. Some were adulterers before their conversion; they didn't get rid of the mistress after their baptism – they still kept her. Some were homosexuals before their conversion; they were still homosexuals after.

Paul warned: “*Be not deceived*” (1 Cor 6:9). He said those who continue to practice their sins would not inherit the kingdom of heaven. They thought baptism would save them once and for all; they were deceived.

Be not deceived: Church attendance does not guarantee one a place in heaven; repentance does. “*I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish*” (Luke 13:3, 5). Repentance is a change. It means one becomes a new person. For example, he was a wife beater; he is not one now. Or, he was a thief or a liar; he is not one now. Or, he was a drunkard; he is not one now.

The church will be a glorious place to be in when the members do not carry their sins into her. It is only possible when everyone has made the change. There will be no divisions, gossiping, backbiting, quarrelling, immorality and every sin that is named in this world. The only language that is heard and spoken is the language of love and every action is towards love.

Such were some of you; but are you still the same? Let us always be reminded that we have put on the garment of Christ (Gal 3:27) and hence, let us follow the example of Christ. Let us remember our conversion and that we have been sanctified (set apart) and justified (declare righteous).

Peter wrote: “*That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God*” (1 Pet 4:2). Let us conform our lives to the will of God.

From the Brotherhood



Some Facts About Death

By Wayne Jackson

(<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/1349-some-facts-about-death>)

Death is an unpleasant subject. Unless someone is in the death business (i.e., mortuaries, cemeteries, tombstones, etc.), we usually don't like to talk about it—or even think about our own demise.

Death has had a bad reputation throughout human history. It was pronounced as a penalty for Adam's sin in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:17), and all human beings (with the exception of Enoch and Elijah) have to pay the price, as well (Rom. 5:12).

But it will happen to all of us. So here are some important things to think about death.

Everyone will die.

Eventually, everyone will die. The only people who will not die are those who are alive when Christ returns (Heb. 9:27; 1 Cor. 15:51; 1 Thes. 4:15).

Death is a terror.

Bildad, Job's friend, depicted death as the "king of terrors" (Job 18:14). A psalmist wrote of the "terrors of death," and in connection therewith spoke of pain, fearfulness, trembling, and horror (Psa. 55:4).

Even a New Testament writer tells of the "fear of death" that held all people in bondage prior to the redemptive work of Christ (Heb. 2:14-15).

Death ends biological life.

Exactly what is death?

From the physical vantage point, death is the cessation of the biological life. All the functions of the body will cease. At death, the body immediately begins to decay, with a subsequent disintegration back to the dust of the earth whence it came originally (Gen. 2:7; 3:19; Eccl. 12:7; 2 Cor. 5:1).

Death involves a separation of the spirit from the body.

Death releases our spirit from the body. At the point of death, the spirit (or soul), leaves the body (Gen. 35:18; Jas. 2:26) and enters the appointed depository of spirits.

The state of the spirit after death depends upon the relationship of the deceased with God and his Son (cf. Lk. 16:19ff). But the spirit does not fade into a lifeless nothingness.

The dead ones are conscious.

Death is a sphere of consciousness. While death is sometimes described as a “sleep” (Dan. 12:2; Jn. 11:11; 1 Cor. 15:6ff; 1 Thes. 4:13ff), that expression applies solely to the temporary state of the body—not the soul.

The state of the spirit for **those who die lost** is one of torment and anguish (Lk. 16:24-26). The condition of the righteous is one of comfort (Lk. 16:25).

But what could be so comforting in the death of the righteous? The after-death state of those who are righteous is said to be very far better (Phil. 1:21-23) than the fairest scenes of earth’s environment. To be absent from the body is to be “at home with the Lord” (2 Cor. 5:8), in a state of heavenly happiness (Rev. 14:13).

The idea of soul sleeping is foreign to the Scriptures, though occasionally advocated by misguided professors of Christianity.

The death of the body is temporary.

Death is a **temporary phenomenon** for the body. Even in its decayed disposition in the dust, it awaits the day of resurrection.

The concept of the bodily resurrection is found in both the Old and New Testaments. However, it is more prominent in the New Testament, because “life and immortality” have been brought into fuller view through the gospel of Christ (2 Tim. 1:10).

Daniel spoke of the resurrection of both the wicked and the faithful (Dan. 12:2), as did the Lord Jesus (Jn. 5:28-29). Clearly, there is a destiny for both body and soul—hell for the wicked and heaven for the obedient (Mt. 10:28; 25:46; Mk. 9:43-48).

There is a curious oddity in Hannover, Germany. A defiant atheist had his tomb covered with huge blocks of stone, bound with iron bands. There is this inscription: *“This tomb is purchased for eternity; it will never be opened.”*

Strangely, a poplar seed somehow was enclosed in the dark mold. Eventually, a mighty tree sprang up; it burst the bands asunder and moved the stones as if waving leafy arms in defiance of the godless boast carved upon the marker. I have a photograph of this tomb with the protruding tree.

If a tiny seed can exert such force, think of the phenomenal demonstration, as the Creator of that seed demonstrates his power when **all** graves will be opened.

Death brings mixed emotions.

We approach death with mixed emotions. We are grieved at the thought of leaving work undone and precious family behind.

On the other hand, for the child of God there is the tingling anticipation of being escorted by angels (Lk. 16:22) into the blessed presence of Him who died for us, that we might be forever with the holy Godhead, the angels, the faithful of the ages, and our own loved ones who have died in Christ!



Congratulations to our Four Seas Graduates!



Our heartiest congratulations to **bro Dave, bro James, sis Thyna & sis Jana** (from left to right) over their graduation last week. We wish them well as they continue to serve the Lord in their home congregation.

Clothing Collection

Please contribute and bring your clothing to LAP next Sunday for our brethren in the Philippines who were affected by the recent earthquakes.

Business Meeting

Date: 15 Dec, Sun

Time: 12.30pm

The agenda of the meeting is pinned on the noticeboard.

Guests last week

1. Bro Tim Burrough (US)
2. Bro Jamie Long (US)
3. Sis Julia Ng (HK)
4. Sis Yeoh Swee Teen (Canada)
5. Brethren from the Philippines: bro Rogelio G.A. Jr, sis Connie, sis Bing, bro Grant, bro Wayne, bro Ruel, sis Danielyn, bro Junas, sis Alma, sis Riviena & sis Jessica
6. Sis Pearl Jean (LCOC)
7. Sis Abby Dorras (LCOC)
8. Joycelin Tok (bro Gideon's friend)
9. Lay Lay (sis Lydia's helper)
10. Sulis (sis Baby's helper)
11. Isaiah (Cheshire Home)
12. Tan Kwang Han

Travelling (Pray for safety)

1. **Bro Ernest & family** will be travelling to the Philippines from tonight till 12 Dec
2. **Bro Kwan** in China till 3 Dec
3. **Bro Wee Sin & family** in Taiwan till 7 Dec. They are worshipping with Taichung COC this morning.
4. **Sis Sarah** in Hong Kong & Japan till 7 Dec
5. **Sis Shu Fang** in Indonesia for diving till 7 Dec

UPCOMING EVENTS

MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR!

Youth Fellowship

Date & Time:

8 Dec, Sun @
1.30pm – 3pm

Venue:

LAP Church Building

Discussion: Is Worship Boring?

Countdown

Date & Time:

31 Dec, Tue @ 8.30pm

Venue:

LAP Church Building

Theme:

CSI: Train to New Year

*More details are on
the sign up sheets at
the back of the hall.*

Thanksgiving Day

Date & Time:

1 Jan, Wed @ 10am

Venue:

LAP Church Building

FROM THE MAKERS OF
CHAMBER OF SECRETS
& MAZE RUNNER
ESCAPE ROOM

CSI: TRAIN TO NEW YEAR

WHERE ESCAPE ROOM MEETS CLUEDO

CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS
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COMING SOON ON 31 DECEMBER 2019



Thursday Bible Class

"The Death and Burial of Jesus" (John 19:16-42)

by bro Timothy Ng

Next Sunday's Sermon

Bridging the Gaps in the Church: Between Leaders & Followers

by bro Michael Yeo

Birthdays this week

2 Dec (Mon) –

Kian Hong & Mei Leng

4 Dec (Wed) – Jenny

6 Dec (Fri) – Farand



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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Overseas

- **Bro Kenneth Liong & sis Iris** in San Francisco
- **Bro Jonathan & sis Joan, bro Jeshua & sis Farah** in UK
- **Sis Shuan Kwee** in Hong Kong

Health

- **Sis Baby's** health
- **Sis Suan Kiang's, sis Linda's & sis Poh Im's** health
- **Bro David Sum's father's** recovery from spine surgery
- **Sis Jasmine Lim's mother's** recovery from fractured ankle
- **Bro Roberto's son's** recovery from kidney stones
- **Bro Kenneth Quek's** recovery from his knee surgery
- **Bro Soo Ping's** recovery from his spine surgery

Pregnancy

- Sis Olivia (Dec/Jan), sis Jasmine Chan (Mar), sis Wenyu (Apr)

NSF

- Bro Titus, bro Shawn, bro Zachary, bro Wei Xiang

MEN-TO-SERVE SCHEDULE

Morning Worship @ 9.30am		1-Dec-19	8-Dec-19	15-Dec-19
Song Leader		Ernest Lau	Jeremy Kwan	Benjamin Kwan
Opening Prayer Leader		Benjamin Tan	Kenneth Quek	Timothy Ng
Preacher		Billy Bland	Michael Yeo	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper Text		Mat 26:26-29	Isa 53:4-9	Php 2:5-11
Lord's Supper Servers	Scripture Reader	Shawn Wong	Axel Chee	Titus Goh
	Prayer: Bread	Chua Kian Hong	Alvin Chan	Chua Kian Hong
	Prayer: Fruit of Vine	Reuben Lim	Melvin Tan	Gordon Loo
	Prayer: Offering	Farand Lim	Martyn Gostelow	Lim Chin Siang
Announcer		Ng Wei Jie	Yew Tian Geng	Alvin Foo
Greeters		Timothy Ng	Benjamin Tan	Charlie Teo
Evening Worship @ 7pm		Shum Chee Ming	Sharyl Lau	Constance Lau
Song Leader & O.P.		Lim Poh Im	Wang Ting Pei	Ellen Hernandez
Speaker		Jimmy Lau	Benjamin Kwan	Ernest Lau
Lord's Supper, Giving & C.P.		Alvin Chan	Jimmy Lau	Michael Yeo
Thursday Service @ 7.45pm		Lim Poh Teng	Gavin Cheah	Kenneth Quek
Song Leader			5-Dec-19	12-Dec-19
Opening Prayer Leader			Benjamin Kwan	Reuben Lim
Teacher			Kenneth Quek	Benjamin Tan
Closing Prayer Leader			Timothy Ng	Timothy Ng
			Charlie Teo	Yew Tian Geng