



# THE LAVENDER BULLETIN

*Let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. (1 John 3:18)*

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## A WARM WELCOME !

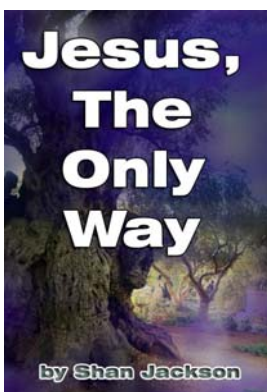
Dear Friends,

We are thankful that you are with us today to worship our almighty God together, and have this fellowship together.

We like to take this opportunity to thank you for the friendship you have with our brothers and sisters who have invited you. We hope that you will make new friends as we come to know you.

We like to introduce Jesus to you as your Friend. He came down to earth and laid down his life for us. Jesus said in John 15:13, "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends". We pray that through the teaching of God's Word and by our lives, you will come to know Jesus and his love.

May God bless you and keep you!



On the night of His betrayal, Jesus was with the disciples. He sought to comfort them in face of His imminent departure. He assured them that, though He was going away, He would return and receive them to Himself. In the course of that discussion, Jesus made a statement which is among our favorites. He said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father but by Me" (John 14:6).

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**COME WORSHIP WITH US !**  
Sunday – Worship: 9.30 am | Bible Class: 11.15 am  
Wednesday – Midweek Service: 8.00 pm

This passage from John's gospel account states that Jesus is the only way to the Father. He did not say that He was one of several ways, but instead He presented Himself as the exclusive way to the Father (salvation). In this age of tolerance it is hard for some people to accept this truth, but Jesus was not infected by political correctness as His discussions with the Pharisees illustrate. The apostle Peter likewise understood Jesus to be the only way to salvation. He affirmed to the Jewish leaders: "Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

Now, why did the apostles and early Christians feel compelled to preach Jesus, even to the point of losing their lives, if salvation could come by other means? Friend, Jesus was not simply a prophet sent by God. He was, as He claimed to be – the Son of God. And His claim was completely substantiated by His resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4). Either Jesus was, or was not who He claimed to be. And if we do not believe that He is, we will "die in our sins" (John 8:24).



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## **THE WORSHIP OF THE CHURCH**

The worship of the church of Christ consists of five items according to the New Testament. They are as follows: praying, preaching and teaching, singing, observing the Lord's Supper every first day of the week, and giving. The early church prayed together (Acts 2:42). Christians sang psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to the Lord and to one another (Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19). They sang making melodies in their hearts. They observed the Lord's Supper every first day of the week to remember what Jesus Christ had done for them (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26). They gave of their financial resources as they had been prospered (1 Corinthians 16:1,2). And the early Christians also preached the gospel or good news of Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:18-25; Galatians 1:8,9).

## WHEN COMING TO WORSHIP

**God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.** (John 4:24)

When we come together to worship God, there are some things that we should bring along, and there are some things we should leave at home.

### We should bring along

- **A cheerful disposition.** Worship will be joyful. A pleasant smile. Others will be encouraged.
- **An open mind, ready to learn.** The preacher's efforts will be more successful.
- **A honest heart.** We can worship with a clear conscience.
- **A humble and contrite spirit.** Worship will be more acceptable to God.
- **A rested body.** Tired bodies often cause one to drop off to sleep. One does not worship while asleep.

### We should leave at home

- All home and business problems and worries.
- The plans for the week.
- Thoughts and plans about the vacation.
- All envy, malice, ill will and insincerity.

**I was glad when they said to me, 'Let us go into the house of the Lord'.**  
(Psalm 122:1)

- Author unknown



#### A True Friend

A true friend is a person who remembers your birthday but forgets how many you've had.



#### How to Lose Friends

One sure way to lose friends is to win all the arguments.



#### Remember Your Friends

Be nice to your friends. If it weren't for them, you would be a total stranger.



#### Happy Saver

The happiest person on earth is the one who saves friends.

## CONGREGATION UPDATES

### A Warm Welcome

We like to bid a warm welcome to all our guests. We thank you for coming, and we hope to see you again next week!

### Combined Bible Class

There will be a combined Bible class at the auditorium today. Brother **Rich Dolan** will be sharing another lesson with all of us entitled "**Friendship of Peter and Jesus**".



### Lunch Fellowship

We are having buffet lunch today. Do make plans to stay back and have a meal together with all our friends!

### Tea Break Preparation

15 Aug – Sharon Chew  
22 Aug – Teo Suay Hua  
29 Aug – Hannah Cai  
05 Sep – Grace Hiew  
12 Sep – Eileen Wat



### Midweek Service

Wednesday (18 Aug 2010), 8.00pm.  
"**How Can I Live Above Average?**"

### Men's and Ladies' Class

Please note that for next week's Bible class (22 Aug 2010), the students from the Foundation and Young Adults' classes will be joining the Men's class (in the Fellowship Hall) and the Ladies' class (Auditorium). Shellon Chang will be sharing the lesson "**Submission: God's Plan for Women**".

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Our expectant mothers, Elgie and Jeannie.
- Spiritual growth of all members, especially our new converts and those who are weak in their faith.
- Students who are preparing for their year end examinations.
- The appointment of elders.
- Our Mission Work in Cambodia.



## LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

8 August 2010

Attendance : 95

Contribution : \$ 14,254.70

## SERVING IN WORSHIP

	15 August 2010	22 August 2010
<b>Song Leader</b>	Peter Low	James Wong
<b>Preacher</b>	Rich Dolan	Kuek Lee Hock
<b>Ushers</b>		
<b>Scripture Reader (OP)</b>	Roy Low	Chew Wai Soon
<b>Lord's Supper I/C</b>	Tan Tian Huat	Tony Poh
<b>Lord's Supper Asst</b>	Michael Wee	Voltaire John Tan
<b>Announcer (CP)</b>	Stephen Chang	Katheravan Ramasamy
<b>Premises Steward</b>	Roger Hiew	Peter Low

*Men who serving – please gather at the back of the auditorium for a briefing at 9.25am.*