



# Lively Stones

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*Holding forth the word of life*

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## Senior Department Promotion Sunday

**D**o you know that the average attendance of our Sunday School is around 400, or 40% of the estimated 1,000 people that attend the Lord's Day services on Sunday? This makes it one of the biggest ministries in the church.

Our motto in the Sunday School is that we have a class for every age, from the youngest at 3 years old to the oldest in the Adults Department, some of our students are into their seventies! Probably hundreds have gone through the Sunday School growing up in church, and many of our Session members today were once or are still Sunday school teachers today. It is thus no accident that we take the effort every year to share with one and all about the Sunday School.

Today we would like to share with you more about the Senior Department of the Sunday School.

The Senior Department comprises 9 classes and caters to people between the ages of 17 and 23, i.e. from JC1 / Poly, through to Army and all the way to at least halfway through tertiary education. We have a total of 16 teachers and an average attendance of 65 – 75 students each week.

This year, our theme is "Cultivating Godly Characteristics to the Glory of God". One of the dangers of being in a reformed and conservative church is that one tends to be only filled with head knowledge. How often it is lamented that we have all the right answers and know all the hard doctrines of the Christian faith, but find ourselves sorely lacking in the softer side of Christian living and in our individual areas of testimony.

The challenge for the Senior Department this year is to equip ourselves with godly characteristics that the Apostle Peter speaks of in 2 Peter 1:3-8. The Bible tells us that if we cultivate these characteristics, we will be neither barren nor unfruitful, and we will never be shaken.

We warmly invite you to join us every Sunday as we study the Word of God together.

Please find below the details of the individual classes, as well as the schedule of topics for the Open Sundays for the rest of 2013. Do contact Mark Liu at 9667-4268 or [post2mark@yahoo.com](mailto:post2mark@yahoo.com) if you need further information. We look forward to extending the right hand of fellowship to you soon.

God Bless,

Senior Department Sunday School

## Class Details

Class	Age Group	Location	Teachers
1B	1st Year JC/Poly	Beulah Centre Level 4 Room 4	Dn Lim Pin and Junyi
1G		Beulah Centre Level 4 Room 10	Trudy and Weiyan
2B	2nd Year JC/Poly	Beulah Centre Level 4 Room 5	Dr Mark Lim and Dn Peter Koy
2G		Beulah Centre Level 4 Room 6	Wai Peng
3B	3rd Year Poly/ 1st Year NS	Beulah Centre Level 4 Room 9	Eld Heok Seng and Daniel Wong
3G		Beulah Centre Level 4 Room 7	Peng Chuan and Angela
4B	2nd Year NS/ 1st Year University	Beulah Centre Level 4 Room 8	Solomon Yoong
4G		Beulah Centre Level 4 Room 3	Dn Roger Lim and Veronica
Young Adults Class	University Age Class	Beulah House Level 2 Room 13	Daniel Tay, Mark Liu and Poon Chin

## Open Sunday Schedule

Date	Topic	Speaker
26 May 13	Temperance and Patience	Rev Charles Seet
16 Jun 13	Missionary Sunday	To Be Confirmed
28 Jul 13	Godliness and Brotherly Kindness	Rev Colin Wong
25 Aug 13	Charity	Rev Quek Keng Khwang
29 Sep 13	Faith & Good Works	Eld Chin Hoong Chor
24 Nov 13	Dilligence Till the End	Eld Khoo Peng Kiat

### **Character Qualities to consider**

#### **Virtue vs. Impurity**

The moral excellence and purity of spirit that radiate from my life as I obey God's Word (II Peter 1:3)

#### **Wisdom vs. Natural Inclinations**

Seeing and responding to life's situations from God's frame of reference (Proverbs 9:10)

#### **Self-Control vs. Self-indulgence**

Instant obedience to the initial promptings of God's Spirit (Galatians 5:24-25)

#### **Responsibility vs. Unreliability**

Knowing and doing what both God and others are expecting from me (Romans 14:12)

#### **Patience vs. Restlessness**

Accepting a difficult situation from God without giving Him a deadline to remove it (Romans 5:3-4)

#### **Meekness vs. Anger**

Yielding my personal rights and expectations to God (Psalm 62:5)

#### **Forgiveness vs. Rejection**

Clearing the record of those who have wronged me and allowing God to love them through me (Ephesians 4:32)