



# be ye reconciled to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

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from the pastor's heart

## MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY



*... men ought always to pray,  
and not to faint;*

Luke 18:1

Prayer is asking something of God. Prayer, to the child of God, is as natural as breathing. Our hearts are automatically tuned to heaven when there is a need, when there is praise or when there is pain in the heart. This act of turning to God automatically can only be possible for a man who has been changed from the inside

by the power of God. The Lord Jesus teaches His disciples and us that we ought always to pray and not to faint. Prayer, though natural to the child of God, is unnatural to the sinful man, which does not want to pray. Is it not true that oftentimes, prayer is neglected because of distractions? Yet, the Lord still tells us that men ought always to pray and not to faint.

**Notice that prayer is to be**

**the constant occupation of the child of God.**

In 1 Thessalonians 5: 17 we are told to pray without ceasing. We are to be in an attitude of constant prayer, we are to have a constant heart for communication with God. How do we pray constantly? When we awake, we can thank God for rest and a new day. When we wash up, we can thank the Lord for refreshing

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## from the pastor's heart

us. When we are having breakfast, we may give thanks in prayer for the food and ask God's leadership and guidance for the day. When we read our Bibles in the morning, we can seek the Lord in prayer for His will and wisdom for the day's activities. When we travel to work, we can keep our minds and hearts on Christ by quiet prayer for the people around us, the friend we are going to meet, the colleagues at work, the project that we are working on, or the presentation we have to produce. When we finish a day's work, we can thank God for the ability to complete the work in the jobs we have. When we are home, we can thank God for peace and a place for rest and for our family. When we rest, we may ask the Lord's forgiveness and give Him praise for His grace and mercy throughout the day. We can and are to be in constant communication with God.

*We are not  
to...waver when we  
are asking something  
of the Lord.*

### **Notice we are not to faint.**

The word faint means to be weak in heart, to fail. We are not to fail in our efforts to reach God with our petitions for our loved ones' lives and salvation. We are not to be weak in our hearts, or waver when we are asking something of the Lord. We are to be strong, to persevere and to endure in prayer because God wants these qualities to be developed in us for His glory. For the sake of saving our loved ones from sin, sinful decision, and hell, we must not fail. We are to plead with God, without failing in our energy and our heart, that

we might win them to Christ and that God might save them from their sins.

### **Notice that this is a command; the word "ought" implies an obligation.**

God commands us to pray always. He instructs us that we must obey this instruction without reservation. We must pray because there are many many implications if we do not pray. When we do not pray, our spiritual life is without power, our families are unprotected, our work will be without leading and wisdom, our souls will be dry and our loved ones will perish!

Christians, will you pray and pray more? Man ought always to pray. Let us pray always as a church.

*Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan  
Ambassador Baptist Church*

## thought for the week

It is well said that neglected prayer is the birth-place of all evil.

C.H. SPURGEON

## memory verse

Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

John 16:24

Sunday Worship Service

11 September 2011

“When Praying for Someone - Lessons from a Gentile Woman”

- I. **The title of the message** is \_\_\_\_\_
- II. **The passage for the message** is \_\_\_\_\_
- III. **God wants us to have great** \_\_\_\_\_ **when praying for**  
\_\_\_\_\_
- IV. When praying for someone, **we need to** \_\_\_\_\_ **in the** \_\_\_\_\_  
(verse 21)
- V. When praying for someone, **bring that p** \_\_\_\_\_ **before C** \_\_\_\_\_
- VI. When praying for someone, **we need to p** \_\_\_\_\_ **even when we feel**  
**that God is s** \_\_\_\_\_
- VII. When praying for someone , **keep praying even when everyone’s prayers are**  
**being** \_\_\_\_\_ **but** \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 24)
- VIII. When praying for someone , **keep praying even when** \_\_\_\_\_  
(verse 23b)
- IX. When praying for someone , **keep praying even when** \_\_\_\_\_  
(verse 26 - 27)
- X. When praying for someone, **realize that God** \_\_\_\_\_ **your**  
**p** \_\_\_\_\_ (verse 28)

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Turn to **Matthew 15:21 – 28**

**Acts 10:34-35** Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

Turn to: **John 3:16**

**Mark 7:24 - 26** And from thence he arose, and went into the borders of Tyre and Sidon, and entered into an house, and would have no man know it: but he could not be hid. For a certain woman, whose young daughter had an unclean spirit, heard of him, and came and fell at his feet: The woman was a Greek, a Syrophenician by nation; and she besought him that he would cast forth the devil out of her daughter.

**Hebrews 11:1** Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

**Job 23:8 - 10** Behold, I go forward, but he is not there; and backward, but I cannot perceive him: On the left hand, where he doth work, but I cannot behold him: he hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him: But he knoweth the way that I take: when he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.

**Isaiah 8:17** And I will wait upon the LORD, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him.

# Friday Church News Notes



## *Former Fundamental Baptist Church Rocking Out on the Emerging Path*

Friday Church News Notes, September 9, 2011 [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org)

New Testament Baptist Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, is an example of what is happening widely among fundamental Baptist churches that are careless about salvation, biblically shallow and man-centered, entertaining youth more than disciplining them, and not holding the flag of biblical separation high and educating the people properly regarding the onslaught of end-times apostasy and compromise. This church used to be a fundamentalist one. Pastor Dino Pedrone was a regular speaker at Highland Park Baptist Church in Chattanooga when I was a student at Tennessee Temple in the 1970s and was a regular speaker at Southwide Baptist Fellowship conferences. He was a separatist then (though he has probably always been a pragmatist), used only the King James Bible and sacred music, had dress standards, preached against rock & roll. But that's all gone. The church was renamed The Gathering Place. Today it promotes the watching of R-rated movies, recommends books by emerging church leaders who reject the infallibility of the Bible, such as Chris Seay, and feeds its youth a steady diet of rock & roll entertainment. The church's youth program, called YouthForce Dade, describes itself on the church web site as follows: "Rock the Universe, All-Niters, Ski Trips, Summer Camps, Chubby Bunny, Water Balloons, Break dancing, WWE Wrestling, The Book Of Ross, Worship, Bible Study, Community, Little Debbie Snack Cakes, Madden, X-Box 360, Lee Admiral Majors!, Eating Dog Food, Samurai Swords, Paintball, Skillet, Shipwrecked, Videos, Ultimate Frisbee, Man Hunt, and Much More!" Notice that they even have a dab of Bible teaching in the midst of the fun. The church's 2011 Imagine Women of Faith conference featured ecumenical charismatic rockers such as Amy Grant, Mary Mary, Sandi Patty, and Sheila Walsh. Jeff Royal, who lives in south Florida, says, "NTBC was once a fundamental church, but obviously it has changed. In my view the change began about ten years ago by allowing CCM to be integrated into the services. I've watched it over the years. It's sad because that's two churches I've personally known to have taken this dangerous path" (e-mail, January 19, 2010).

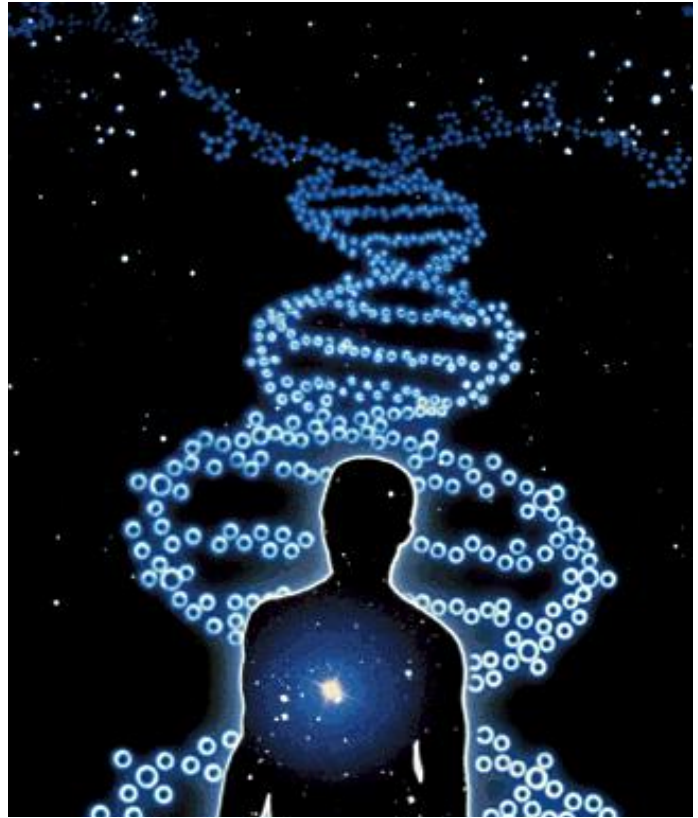
## MILITARY TO CHAPLAINS: CONFORM OR RESIGN



The following is excerpted from OneNewsNow, Aug. 24, 2011: "A coalition of chaplains and other service members is urging members of Congress to stand up for religious freedom in the wake of the appeal of the ban on homosexual military service. The Chaplain Alliance for Religious Liberty comprises mostly retired chaplains who on behalf of their faith groups represent thousands of currently active military chaplains who believe what the Bible says about the homosexual lifestyle. The bill repealing the military's 'don't ask, don't tell' policy was passed by the lame-duck Congress in December and subsequently signed into law by President Barack Obama. Col. Ron Crews (USA-Ret.) served as a chaplain for 28 years, including stints with the storied 82nd and 101st Divisions. He now serves as a chaplain endorser for Grace Churches International. Crews says one of his chaplains attended a briefing by Joint Chiefs chairman Admiral Mike Mullen. 'My chaplain asked him, Will those of us who hold biblical orthodox views concerning homosexuality be protected in this new environment to speak about those views?' the retired chaplain reports. 'And the response he received was, Chaplain, if you can't get in line with this policy, resign your commission.'"

## SCIENTIST SAYS EVOLUTIONARY ORIGIN OF LIFE ACCOUNTS ARE FAIRY TALES

Dr. John Marcus says that evolutionary origin of life accounts are like fairy tales. Marcus has a Ph.D. in biological chemistry from the University of Michigan and is research officer at the Cooperative Research Centre for Tropical Plant Pathology, University of Queensland, Australia. He says: "Two things that confirm my belief in creation are the clear evidence of design in nature, and the vanishingly small probabilities of life coming about by change. ... Truly, the thought of even one single functional protein arising by chance requires blind faith that will not or cannot grasp the numbers! Such thoughts are pure fantasy and have nothing to do with science. It is no wonder that evolutionists have not come up with any specific scenarios that would explain how life arose from non-living chemicals. The stories that are put forward are like fairy tales with some science thrown in to make them sound educated. ... the many deceptive evolutionary scenarios seem to be nothing short of biased myths arising from the desperate desire to exclude God from lives and consciences" (*In Six Days*, edited by John Ashton, pp. 172, 179, 180).



## EMERGING LEADER IS BOTHERED BY USE OF "SAVED" AND "BORN AGAIN"

In his blog and in an interview with the *Christian Post*, Tim Stevens, pastor of Granger Community Church of Granger, Indiana, says he is bothered by the use of the terms "saved" and "born again." He wrote: "I've recently noticed that I'm becoming more annoyed by the word 'saved' than ever before. Not in the 'I saved money' use of the word, but in the Christian-ese context: Is Johnny saved? or It's only a matter of time until Martha gets saved. ... A lot of times churches can be a very uncomfortable space for someone who is searching. They feel this need for God, so they show up at church on a Sunday morning and then they just don't get it because it's not the world they live in. The language doesn't make sense, the communication style is weird, the music is strange ... I think language is a big piece of that" (*Christian Post*, Sept. 1, 2011). Granger is the epitome of a 2 Timothy 4:3-4 church that lives according to its own lusts and has heaps of teachers who scratch the itching ears of an apostate generation with a new kind of Christianity. It is a rock & roll party church. Churches are forbidden to conform to the world to win the world (Romans 12:2). While unbelievers should sense that they are loved and welcome when they come to church services, and God's people need to go out of their way to make sure that this happens, and while the gospel should be clearly explained, unbelievers should not feel comfortable at church. They

need to be understand that mankind is divided into lost and saved, and unless they move through a born again experience into the saved category they will spend eternity in the lake of fire as a punishment for their crimes against Almighty God. When the unbeliever comes to church, he should not feel comfortable; he should feel convicted (1 Corinthians 14:24-25). Spiritual conviction doesn't come through music that makes you want to dance and through turning the church into a sensual party atmosphere and through lowering the dress standards and speech to the level of a foolish pop-culture ruled society. Conviction doesn't come when the churches attempt to replace worldly cool with Christian cool. It comes through serious, separated Christian living and sacred music and the faithful preaching of God's Word and that not from some textually corrupt version or watered-down paraphrase.

## FORMER CHARISMATIC WARNS ABOUT “TOUCH NOT MINE ANOINTED” PHILOSOPHY

The following warning by Kevin Reeves of how he was forbidden to warn about the error of certain protected leaders when he was a pastor in charismatic Latter Rain circles reminds us that fundamental Baptists are not the only ones guilty of this gross misuse of Scripture. “Perhaps the single biggest factor hindering acknowledgment and genuine repentance of false doctrine is the unwillingness for believers to relinquish THE SUPERSTAR STATUS OF THEIR SPIRITUAL HEROES. And how many times had our [church] leadership supported this by telling us not to name names? It was the one thing above all others that tied my hands and put a gag in my mouth. Although I was told to go ahead and speak to whomever I wanted to within our group, such presentations were always followed up with appropriate damage control by the leadership. And I was forbidden to breach the unwritten hyper-charismatic code and expose people like Kenneth Copeland during the times I

filled the pulpit. ... This fear of exposing God’s anointed, even if they are guilty of repeated heresies, bordered on (may I use the term?) paranoia. ... The false shepherds among us have too long used I Chronicles 16:22 and Psalm 105:15 as a blank check to do as they please. ‘Touch not mine anointed’ and ‘do my prophets no harm’ was God’s warning to the nations through which the Israelites passed during their sojourn through the wilderness. It implied swift judgment for any pagans who would come against the chosen people of the Lord. To wield this like a saber at a sincere brother alarmed at false doctrine smacks of spiritual tyranny, cowardice, and dishonesty. Hammered also with the Acts 5 account of the deaths of Ananias and Sapphira, a concerned believer in Jesus is usually bullied into silence or into leaving the congregation” (excerpted from *The Other Side of the River* by Kevin Reeves).

## CHARISMATIC “PROPHETESS” TYPES IN TONGUES

Charismatic “prophetess” Juanita Bynum not only speaks in tongues; she types in tongues on her Facebook page. On August 17 she typed the following prayer, “We call on you Jesus. You are our help and our hope!!!! NDHDIUBGUGTRUCGNRTUGTIGRTIGRGNBDRGN GGJNRIC. You are our help and our hope. RFSCNGUGHURGVHKTGHDKUNHSTNSVHGN you God. You are our help and our hope!!!!” Bynum’s ministry did not return the call from *The Christian Post* to comment on this strange communication (“Televangelist Juanita Bynum Raises Brows with ‘Tongues’ Prayer,” *Christian Post*, Aug. 31, 2011). This is the type of nonsense that has been part of the Pentecostal package since its inception at the turn of the 20th century. Tongues allegedly broke out at Charles Parham’s Bethel Bible School in Topeka, Kansas, in January 1901, led by a female student named Agnes Ozman. A reporter for the *Topeka State Journal* recorded the actual “tongues” of another female student, Lilian Thistlewaite. It went like this: “Euossa, Euossa, use rela sema calah mala kanah leulla ssage nalan. Lige logle lazie logle. Ene mine mo, sah rah el me sah rah me” (*Topeka State Journal*, Jan. 9, 1901). Though Thistlewaite’s “tongues” were more meaningful than Juanita Bynum’s, both are mere gibberish. “Lige logle lazie logle” and “ene mine mo” are exactly the type of “tongues” I have heard dozens of times at Pentecostal and Charismatic meetings in various parts of the world, but it is childish nonsense. Biblical tongues were real languages that were spoken miraculously by those who had never learned the languages. This is what we see on the Day of Pentecost, and it was a very great miracle. In 1914 Charles Shumway diligently sought evidence to prove that early Pentecostal tongues were real languages, but he failed to find even one person to corroborate the claims that had been made (James Goff, Jr., *Fields White Unto Harvest*,

1988, p. 76). After examining the “tongues” spoken at the Azusa Street Mission led by William Seymour, Holiness leader W.B. Godbey concluded that they were not languages (G.F. Taylor, *The Spirit and the Bride*, 1907, p. 52). Many linguists have come to the same conclusion. William Samarin, professor of linguistics at the University of Toronto, summarized his five years of research as follows: “Glossolalia is indeed like language in some ways, but this is only because the speaker wants it to be like language. Yet in spite of superficial similarities, glossolalia is fundamentally NOT language” (*Tongues of Men and Angels*, 1972, p. 227). The fundamental key to understanding biblical tongues is that they were a sign to the unbelieving Jewish nation (1 Corinthians 14:20-22). In every case in the book of Acts where tongues were exercised, Jews were present. We have dealt with this at some length in the book *The Pentecostal-Charismatic Movements: The History and the Error*.



## STEVE JOBS: BE FOOLISH UNTO DEATH

I generally like Apple's technology, but I despise its worldly coolness and I reject the pagan philosophy of its founder. Steve Jobs, who appears to be dying of cancer or of repercussions from its treatment, such as perhaps chronic pancreatitis, is a professing Buddhist who has rejected God and His Word. In a commencement address at Stanford University in 2005 he said: "Remembering that you are going to die is the best way I know to avoid the trap of thinking you have something to lose. You are already naked. There is no reason not to follow your heart. ... Stay hungry. Stay foolish" ("Is Steve Jobs Really the One Who is 'Dying for Us All?'" *The Christian Post*, Sept. 3, 2011). Death is not a mirage, and it is not the transmigration of the soul through reincarnation. For the unbeliever, death is no friend. Death is the wages of sin, and there are only two destinies beyond death, eternal heaven or eternal hell, and there is no second chance to "get it right." The Bible says that all men have sinned against God by breaking His laws, the first being "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Exodus 20:3). God's holiness and justice demands that sinners be punished, but His love desires their salvation and has provided for that salvation through the cross of His own Son. The sinner who humbles himself before God, acknowledges his sin, and seeks mercy through Jesus Christ is forgiven, while the sinner who rejects Christ and stays

foolish unto death, will never be forgiven because he neglects the very salvation offered by a merciful and compassionate God. That is foolish indeed. "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).



## CHINA'S VILLAGE OF BACHELORS

Having brought about the practice of sex selection abortion and outright murder of baby girls because of its godless one-child policy, communist China is now faced with a predictable situation. Millions of men face a future as bachelors because there aren't enough marriageable women. This is illustrated dramatically in Banzhushan village in central Hunan province, where there is not one unattached woman of marriageable age ("China's Village of the Bachelors," *The Guardian*, Sept. 2, 2011). When asked what kind of woman he would like to marry, farmer Duan Biansheng replied, "I don't have any requirements at all. I would be satisfied with just a wife," but his prospects are "almost zero." He is lonely and worries about growing old with no one to care for him and no children to carry on the family line. Over the next two decades a staggering 30 to 50 million Chinese men will not be able to find wives.

## Conclusion

Friends in Christ, do not be discouraged by any of this. It is God's will that we know the times (1 Ch. 12:32; Mat. 16:3) and that we be as wise as serpents and harmless as doves. These things remind us that the hour is very late, and we need to be ready for the coming of the Lord. Are you sure that you are born again? Are you living for Christ day by day? "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof" (Rom. 13:11-14). This material is sent only to those who personally subscribe to the Fundamental Baptist Information Service list. To SUBSCRIBE or UNSUBSCRIBE or CHANGE ADDRESSES go to <http://www.wayoflife.org/fbis/subscribe.html>. Way of Life Literature, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866-295-4143, [fbns@wayoflife.org](mailto:fbns@wayoflife.org). David Cloud is the director of Way of Life Literature and author of the Friday Church News Notes.







IN PICTURES

PRAYER RETREAT

7 - 9 September 2011 • Images courtesy Timothy Lee



Ambassador thanks God for His wonderful work done during the prayer retreat held this past week. The three days were well spent with much time in the Word, prayer, and fellowship. Lives were changed and many more will be in the days to come. Expect great things for God and attempt great things for God.

IN BRIEF | Schedule Change

The Chinese Ministry begins its new service timing of 4:30PM starting today.

COUNTDOWNS

weeks to:



Children's Outing  
7 October 2011

Details to follow

RECAP • COMING UP

CALL FOR WORKERS

Ambassador Youth Camp 2011

Be a:

- Preacher
- Counsellor and devotion group leader
- Worship leader
- Games coordinator/ helper
- Food coordinator or cook
- Treasurer
- First-aider
- T-shirt designer

Registration will begin in October. For more details or to serve, get in touch with the Youth Camp team at [youthcamp@ambassador-baptist.org](mailto:youthcamp@ambassador-baptist.org)

THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

“To win the north of Singapore for Christ and a thousand souls for Christ in five years.”

THEME FOR THE MONTH:

Lord! Hear us!

YOUTH CAMP 2011

Dates: 21 - 25 November 2011

Venue: Aloha Changi Fairy Point Chalet 7

NOTICE

FAITH BIBLE INSTITUTE NEW SEMESTER

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For those who missed the current semester of FBI, sign up for the next semester by 19 September 2011 to qualify for discounts on your tuition fees. The semester starts 16 January 2012 through 14 May 2012 and is conducted weekly.

For more information, visit our website or email us at [fbi@ambassador-baptist.org](mailto:fbi@ambassador-baptist.org)



the week at a glance

12 -18 SEPTEMBER 2011

12 Sep	13 Sep	14 Sep	15 Sep	16 Sep	17 Sep	18 Sep
monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
Faith Bible Institute	Outreach Efforts	Outreach Efforts		Rivers in a Dry Place	ABC Youth	Worship Service

timings

**Sunday Services**

Children's Bible Hour 09:30AM  
 Sunday Bible Hour 09:30AM  
 Mandarin Service 04:30PM  
 English Worship Service 11:00AM

**Outreach Efforts -**

SEMBAWANG  
 Person-in-Charge: Bro. Robert  
 Tuesdays, 08:15PM  
  
 YISHUN  
 Person-in-Charge: *We need one.*  
 Wednesdays, 08:15PM

**Routine Weekly Activities**

Faith Bible Institute  
*Mondays, 07:45PM*  
  
 "Rivers in a Dry Place"  
*Fridays, 08:00PM*  
  
 Ambassador Youth  
*Saturdays, 10:30AM*

For more information on our weekly activities, visit our website at [www.ambassador-baptist.org](http://www.ambassador-baptist.org)

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prayer list and thanksgiving

- **The new place**
- The vision of Ambassador: To Win the North for Christ!
- The various ministries
- Growth of Ambassador and its members

church building fund - project tabernacle

Ambassador Baptist Church has been blessed with more people. God has also miraculously provided us with a more permanent place of worship at Woodlands which is due in 2nd quarter 2013 to cater for our expansion.

We will need the Lord to provide us with \$180,000 to be used for renovating the new place; we will need to raise \$25,715 every three months.

If you are a Christian and believe in the Lord's work in Ambassador, you may contribute regularly by enclosing it in an envelope indicating "Church Building Fund" and dropping it into the offering bag during the service.