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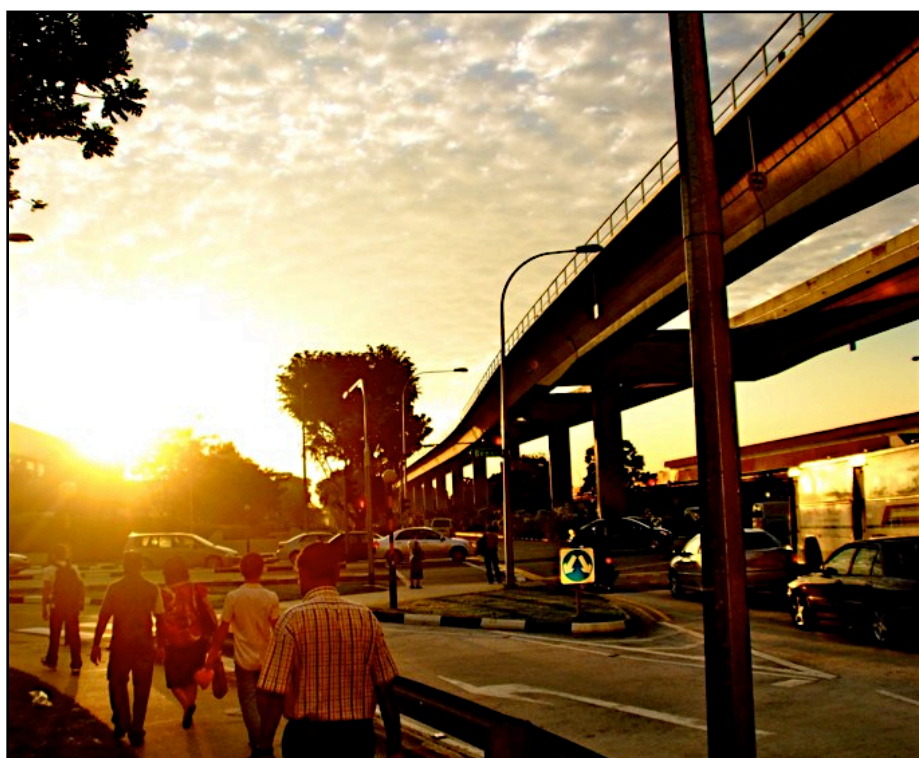
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LOOKING FORWARD TO 2012



Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel.

Joshua 1:2

The plan of God for the children of Israel is to move away from Egypt and into the Promised Land. Now that Moses is dead, the Lord is commissioning Joshua to

take the people of Israel to fulfill His plan for them. The plan of God for us, as the children of God, is to move away further and further away from the image of this world to be conformed to the image of Christ in doing the will of God in our lives. In this verse, we can find three principles to remind ourselves of as we cross into 2012.

God has a plan

The plan of God for Israel is to conquer the Promised Land and enjoy the benefits of the conquest. God always has a plan for His children. His plan to give us an abundant life (John 10:10), to be conformed to the image of His Son (Romans 8:29), to be faithful in His service (1 Corinthians 15:58), to be busy for His work (Luke 19:13), to

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today's program

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offertory

hymn | *i surrender all*

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invitation and closing

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love one another (John 13:34,35), to be separated from this world (2 Corinthians 6:14), to live only for the Lord Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:14 – 15), to win souls for Christ (Mark 16:15), to disciple the new believers for Christ (Matthew 28:20), to do all things for His glory (1 Corinthians 10:31), to give (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). This is His revealed will as stated in the Bible. There is also God's specific will for each individual as it was for Paul to be a missionary to the Gentiles and for Peter to be a missionary to the Jews. God has a specific will for each one of us too. God will never show His specific will to us, unless we have been faithful to His revealed will.

There was a past

"Moses my servant is dead."

Moses' deadness represents the past for Joshua – the victories Joshua saw and experienced: the opening of the Red Sea, the leading by pillar of fire and cloud, the defeat of the Amalekites, the receiving of the 10 commandments and the law. It also represents also the defeats of Israel – the death of thousands when they built the golden calf, the death at the bite of serpents, the rebellion of Korah and the brethren and earth opening up to swallow them. There was Joshua's wandering with Israel in the wilderness for forty years even though he

was not at fault. The past for some of us means happy moments, pleasant memories and wonderful times. For some, there are the achievements to relish on, yet for others, there may be defeats and failures to forget. The Lord says, "Now therefore go because my servant Moses has died, you are to get going." We need to forget our past victories or defeats, successes or failures and we need to arise and go, for today is the beginning of the rest of your life.

We need to press in

"Now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel."

We need to start moving on in our spiritual lives and our lives for the Lord. We need to overcome challenges that we may be facing (go over this Jordan), we need to go together and in unity (thou and all this people) and we need to be focused on where we are going (unto the land which I do give to them). Is there effort in our Christian life to press forward in the Lord? Is there a clear direction the Lord is laying on your heart and your path?

We need to start moving on in our spiritual lives.

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thought for the week

If we aim for nothing, nothing we will hit.

memory verse

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts.

Jeremiah 15:16

Sunday Worship Service

1 January 2012

"Preparation for the New Year: Lessons from the Fig Tree"

I. **The title** for today's message is _____

II. **The passage** for today's message is

III. **Lessons from the fig tree:**

A. It is the will of God that we _____ as Christians

1. What type of _____?

a) The _____ of C _____ C _____

b) The _____ of S _____

B. God therefore _____ to see _____ in our lives

1. God's perspective on _____

a) There is a _____ for _____

b) When there is no _____ produced, God will _____ us by

C. God is _____ with us

D. The outcome finally depends on our _____ to the word of God.

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1 January 2012

"Preparation for the New Year: Lessons from the Fig Tree"

Turn to: **Luke 13:6 - 9**

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

Philippians 4:17 Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account.

Galatians 5:22 - 23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Proverbs 29:1 He, that being often reproved hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.

Turn to: **Matthew 5:1 - 16**

Turn to: **2 Peter 1: 4 - 10.**

Hebrews 4:2 For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it

not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

James 1:21 Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

2 Timothy 3:5 Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

Titus 1:16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him,

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

Titus 3:8 This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.

1 John 2:5 But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him. You profit yourselves

WELCOME TO 2012!

Blessed New year to all!

Ambassador warmly welcomes all to our services today. As we start the new year, may God lead you and bestow the richest of His blessings on you. We hope the Lord Jesus will speak to your heart today!

countdowns

6 DAYS
to
PRAYER AND FASTING
7 January 2012

coming up • highlights

PRAYER AND FASTING

7 January 2012



THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

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

The power of prayer and fasting, though demonstrated clearly in the New Testament, is not commonly taught of or heard today. However, this does not negate the value or power of the two.

Ambassador held its first church-wide prayer and fasting session in August this year and has grown ever since. The church seeks to gain the Lord’s blessing and guidance as it enters 2012 and will be holding another prayer and fasting session in January.

The session, to be held at 1096 Sembawang Road on 7 January 2012 from 10AM to 2PM, will be a time of exhortation, encouragement, fasting, and prayer, both in groups and as a church.

Members are strongly encouraged to attend and to bring others.

PRAYER AND FASTING
7 January 2012 (Saturday)
10AM - 2PM
1096 Sembawang Road



the week at a glance

2 - 8 JANUARY 2012

2 Jan	3 Jan	4 Jan	5 Jan	6 Jan	7 Jan	8 Jan
monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
				Rivers in a Dry Place <i>(Lord's Supper Service)</i>	ABC Youth	Sunday Worship Service Mandarin Service

Get the official church calendar at <http://bit.ly/w0GwpX>

timings

Sunday Services

- Children's Bible Hour 09:30AM
- Sunday Bible Hour 09:30AM
- Mandarin Service 03:30PM
- English Worship Service 11:00AM

Routine Weekly Activities

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

Outreach Efforts

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

For more information on our weekly activities, visit our website at www.ambassador-baptist.org

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prayer list

- Our new facility
- The various ministries
- Growth of Ambassador and its members
- **New direction for Ambassador Baptist Church**
- **Souls to be saved, baptized and added to the church in 2012**
- **Salvation of loved ones**

from the pastor's heart - continued

What do you think God wants you to do in your life in 2012 in your personal Christian life? Is He asking you to grow in a certain area? Perhaps there are areas in your church life that the Lord wants you to grow to serve Him. As the Lord moves the church towards a different direction to grow, are you willing to follow the leading of the Lord, unite with the

people of God and work together for the glory of God?

Let us follow the plan of God, drop the past and press towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God.

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