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## from the pastor's heart

### WOULD YOU LISTEN TO THE WORD OF GOD?



## today's program

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Written by:  
Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan

*Behold, the days come, saith  
the Lord God, that I will send  
a famine in the land, not a  
famine of bread, nor a thirst  
for water, but of hearing the  
words of the LORD:*

Amos 8:11

The Bible says that there will come a time when man will not want to hear the word of God (2 Timothy 4:2). They will go for teaching that will scratch their backs and soothe their consciences. Israel was just as irresponsible to the Word of God in the times just before the invasion of Assyria. Is it not interesting that just before the coming of the Rapture and the tribulation, God

prophesied that there will also be a time when men will refuse to hear the Word of the Lord? However, consider that Scripture clearly stated that the famine of the hearing of the Word of the Lord would be sent by the Lord Himself. Why would the Lord do this? Does He not want people to hear His word and heed His voice?

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from the pastor's heart

**Because Israel had persisted in their sins despite repeated warnings from God's servants:**

The prophet Amos had warned sternly about Israel's sins (Amos 4) and had constantly chided and rebuked the people of Israel for their transgressions against the Lord. He had called them to repentance. However, it fell on deaf ears: the people of Israel continued in their stubborn ways and they refused to hear the word of the Lord.

**Because God's patience has run out:**

*...the LORD unto me, The end is come upon my people of Israel; I will not again pass by them any more.*

Amos 8:2

The Lord is always patient with His people and is longsuffering. He will not always chide and He will not always rebuke. He loves and desires us to come to Him when He calls, and He desires truth in our inward parts (that means He wants us to be sincere in our coming to Him) and give up our ways of the world for the ways of Christ. However, note the following verse

*And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man...*

Genesis 6:3

The Bible tells us that God loses His patience because men persist in their ways of sin. He loses His patience because He has done all He can and yet men will not repent. He had waited 490 years for the nation of Israel to turn towards Him, and yet they did not. Is the Lord justified in His longsuffering? Surely He is for He is merciful! Is the Lord also justified in His coming judgment? Surely He is for He is Holy!

**Because God is merely being faithful to His own promise**

*If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.*

Isaiah 1:19 - 20

God had already told Israel through Isaiah that He would act according to their response. If their response was obedience, God would bless them. Likewise, if they rejected God's word, then God would show the sword to judge them.

Christian, praise the Lord that we live in the age of grace and in a time that God is longsuffering towards us.

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thought for the week

If we do as God commands, and do not seem to succeed, it is no fault of ours. Failure itself would be success as long as we did not fail to obey.

SPURGEON

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

15 January 2012

“The Development of Genuine Faith in the Life of a Believer”

**I. The title for today’s message is**

\_\_\_\_\_

**II. The passage for today’s message is** \_\_\_\_\_

**III. The question we need to ask ourselves is :**

**A. What caused Rahab to risk and to give up all that she had, and what was important to her, her country, her work, her sin, and even her life?**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. What is necessary for the development of genuine faith in the life of a believer?**

A. Faith is C\_\_\_\_\_ by what we h\_\_\_\_\_

B. Faith is C\_\_\_\_\_ by what we s\_\_\_\_\_

1. I \_\_\_\_\_

2. I \_\_\_\_\_

C. Faith is C\_\_\_\_\_ by what we D\_\_\_\_\_.

D. Faith is the f\_\_\_\_\_, the f\_\_\_\_\_ and the f\_\_\_\_\_ is  
o\_\_\_\_\_

E. Faith is C\_\_\_\_\_ by the b\_\_\_\_\_ of GOD:

**V. Lessons:**

Sunday Worship Service

15 January 2012

"The Development of Genuine Faith in the Life of a Believer"

Turn to: **Joshua 2:8 - 11**

**Hebrews 11:31** By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

**Luke 4:18 -19** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord.

**Luke 8:52** And all wept, and bewailed her: but he said, Weep not; she is not dead, but sleepeth.

**Luke 8:54** And he put them all out, and took her by the hand, and called, saying, Maid, arise.

**Luke 1:37** For with God nothing shall be impossible.

**John 16:24** Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

**Romans 10:17** So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

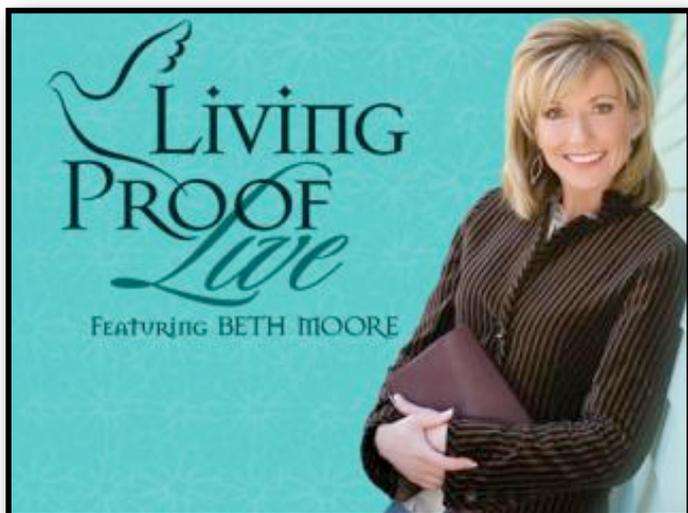
Turn to: **Romans 10:9 - 13**

**Matthew 12:34** O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

**Matthew 13:23** But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

## BETH MOORE BUILDING THE ONE-WORLD CHURCH

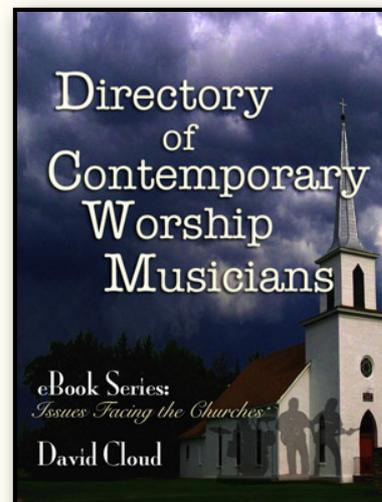


Beth Moore is one of the most popular female Christian speakers and authors. Her Bible-study books have sold multiplied millions of copies. Her Living Proof Live conferences, hosted by LifeWay (Southern Baptist), have drawn thousands of attendees. Moore's meetings are attended by people from "every denomination," because she "doesn't get caught up in divisive doctrinal issues" and "steers clear of topics that could widen existing rifts between different streams in the body of Christ" (*Charisma*, June 2003). This is the unscriptural "positive-only" ecumenical philosophy that is so helpful in furthering end time apostasy and building the apostate one-world church. Paul exhorted Timothy not to allow any other doctrine (1 Tim. 1:3) and warned the brethren to avoid those who teach error, but Mrs. Moore knows better

than to be so ridiculously intolerant and narrow-minded. Moore's worship leader, Travis Cottrell, "has a uniquely fresh approach to worship that brings the church together," an approach "that permeates every denominational wall" (LifeWay Christian Resources web site). In a conference in Houston, Texas, Moore had women sit on the platform to represent a hodge-podge of doctrine. She said, "We are a very interdenominational group; I can't tell you how much I love that diversity." The groups she specifically highlighted were United Methodist, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptist, Charismatic, and Roman Catholic. Moore is the blind leading the blind. She ignores the Bible's solemn warning about the multiplication of false teachers and the explosion of end-time apostasy. She ignores the fact that within the "denominational diversity" she "loves" is found a bewildering variety of heresies, such as baptismal regeneration, infant baptism, sacramentalism, Mariolatry, veneration of relics, popery, antinomianism, universalism, contemplative mysticism, theological modernism, and *The Shack's* female goddessism, to name a few. We are living in the midst of rampant end time apostasy as prophesied in the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3-4). It is not time to "permeate" denominational walls; it is time to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints and to raise up walls of biblical separation as a godly protection from error and worldliness. Romans 16:17 and Jude 3 and similar commandments are commonly ignored by popular evangelical speakers, but they will not be ignored at the judgment seat of Christ (assuming these people are truly born again). For a video clip of Moore praising the different denominations see <http://apprising.org/2011/12/22/beth-moore-gods-vision-for-the-church-includes-the-roman-catholic-church-denomination/>

## PASTOR IS THANKFUL FOR THE INFORMATION AND THE NEW FREE EBOOK

A pastor recently sent the following by e-mail: "I wrote you a couple weeks ago questioning your sources on a warning about John MacArthur's Masters College & Seminary. [See Friday Church News Notes, Dec. 9, 2011.] I need to say 'thank you' for the 5 video clips you sent. I was appalled at what I saw! ... There's no way I could ever recommend Masters College and Seminary. And, to think these are kids that will be graduating and filling the nation's pulpits. Wow! Today I spotted your *Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians* as a free e-reader download. I have put it on my Sony E-Reader. I can't thank you enough for all the research that went into that directory. It is most needed and will be used by me to warn as many as possible. Thank you, again, for your ministry of warning Gods people of the departure from sound Biblical teaching and standards. We certainly must be in the last of the last days."

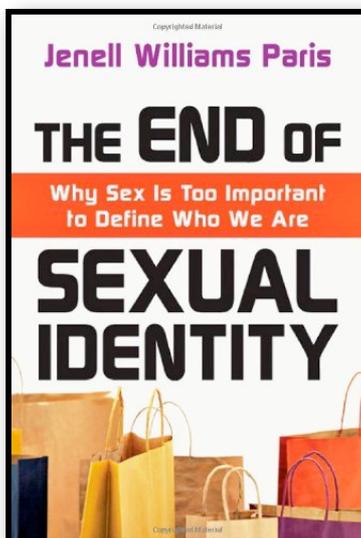


## APOSTATE BAPTIST SEXUALITY CONFERENCE



Most Baptist churches in the world today are either apostate or spiritually and morally compromised with the world. We were reminded of this at the recent announcement of a Baptist Conference on Sexuality and Covenant scheduled for April at First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia. The event, co-sponsored by the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship and Mercer University, is “headlined” by Jenell Paris, author of *The End of Sexual Identity: Why Sex Is Too Important to Determine Who We Are*. Music will be provided by contemporary Christian musician Jennifer Knapp, who “came out” as a lesbian in 2010. Conference sessions will “explore how current realities and research challenge traditional categories of sexual ethics” (“Baptist Sexuality Conference,” Associated Baptist Press, Jan. 10, 2012). The conference planning team invited speakers who have “genuinely struggled with questions and matters of sexuality.” This “struggle” is a product of unbelief, because God’s Word describes the issue of sexuality in the clearest terms and it’s not our part to “struggle” with God’s Word; it’s our part to believe. “But without faith it is impossible to please him...” (Heb. 11:6). From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible nowhere says God approves of “same sex” relations; rather, it reproves them as an abomination (Rom. 1:26-28). According to Scripture, the only acceptable environment for sexual relationship is holy marriage, and there is no divine authority for marriage for same sex couples. “Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled: but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge” (Hebrews 13:4). This has been true from the time of man’s creation as recorded in Genesis and Jesus confirmed its abiding authority during His earthly ministry (Matthew 19:1-6). This puts the lie to the claim that Jesus didn’t address the issue of “same

sex” relationships. He addressed the issue both by limiting the lawfulness of marriage to male/female and by warning of the destruction of Sodom (Mat. 10:15; 11:23-24). Further, He addressed the issue of homosexuality by His Spirit in the prophets and apostles who delivered the canon of Scripture by divine inspiration (John 16:12-15).



## WORLD’S FIRST INTER-RELIGIOUS UNIVERSITY



The following report is on what is billed as the world’s first inter-religious university. I’m not sure it is actually the first, but if they want to bear the shame of holding that title, that is their business. As for me and my house, we wouldn’t touch this spiritual filth with a ten-foot pole. “Claremont Lincoln University, once a Methodist seminary, has decided to add other religious schools to its program, including most recently several Eastern religions. Tammi J. Schneider, a professor of Hebrew Bible at Claremont School of Theology at Claremont Lincoln University, said that she had a favorable opinion of Claremont’s direction. ‘I am a big fan of religious diversity,’ said Schneider, who is also dean of the School of Religion at Claremont Graduate University, unofficially affiliated with Claremont Lincoln. ‘I think people learn more about themselves and their own religion when they learn about how others do it.’ In June 2010, Claremont School of Theology’s president, the Reverend Jerry Campbell, announced the seminary will be partnering with Jewish and Islamic schools to offer training to seminarians of various faiths. In September 2011, the schools launched Claremont Lincoln University. The name was a combination of the name of the theology school and the last name of a trustee who donated \$50 million to the interfaith project. By late 2011, Claremont Lincoln further expanded its interfaith campus to include Eastern religious views such as Buddhism and Jainism” (“World’s First Inter-Religious University,” *Christian Post*, Jan. 4, 2012).\\

## WILL THE WORLD END IN 2012?

Much is being made in the media about an ancient Mayan prediction that the world will end in December 2012, that being the alleged end of 12 cycles of time called b'ak'tun. Actually, there is no clarity to the Mayan prophecy, but this is being used as yet another opportunity to mock the very concept of an apocalypse by demonstrating that such predictions have always failed. In this the mockers are correct. Apart from the Bible's prophets, no one has been able to predict the future accurately. Nostradamus is one of the most acclaimed of the extra-biblical prophets, but his predictions are mired in hopeless obscurity. In contrast to the uncertain and failed predictions of astrologers and soothsayers, the Bible's prophecies are set in brilliant relief. Not only are the Bible's prophecies ancient; they are clear and infallible. Israel's entire history was prophesied in the Mosaic Scripture in Deuteronomy 28-30 before she even entered the land of Canaan. This amazing 3,500-year-old prophecy described how that Israel would reject God's law and be evicted from her land to wander throughout the world suffering endless pain and sorrow until she repents and is returned to the land in the last days. The details of Jesus' life were likewise recorded in the Old Testament Scripture hundreds of years before His birth, and these details include the name of His birthplace and the minute details of His death on the cross. The Psalmist, writing in about 1000 B.C., described the piercing of Jesus' hands and feet, the very words He spoke on the cross, the mockers who sat and stared at Him, the soldiers who gambled for His garment, and the offer of vinegar to drink (Psalm 22). The prophet Isaiah described Jesus' unjust trial and his burial in a rich man's tomb (Isaiah 53). And those are only a few of the Bible's prophecies of Christ's First Coming. On the basis of this



“track record” we can be sure that the prophecies of Christ's Second Coming are equally accurate. These prophecies describe a period of unprecedented “great tribulation” during which the antichrist will rule the earth with brutality, followed by Christ's return. When will the biblical apocalypse occur? At any time. Jesus warned against setting exact dates, but He said we see the signs of the times and can therefore know that the day is drawing near. That no man can know the day warns us from following any teacher who sets dates for Christ's return. That Christ's return is imminent warns us to be ready at all times. Why has Jesus “tarried His coming” for 2,000 years? The Bible answers this question. It is because of God's love for sinners and His desire to save those who repent. “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9).

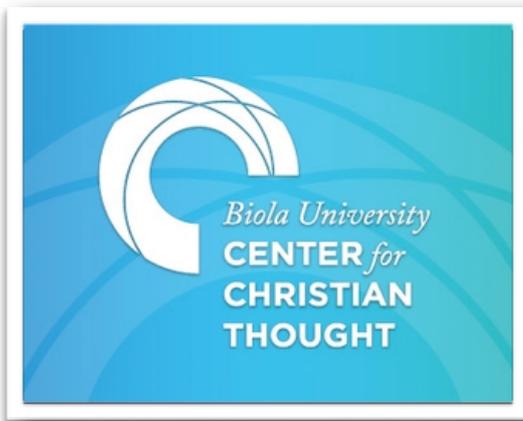
## WISDOM CRIES OUT



“Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her voice? She standeth in the top of high places, by the way in the places of the paths. She crieth at the gates, at the entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors” (Proverbs 8:1-3). Wisdom calls out earnestly to men in every place where they live, and this is a testimony of God's wonderful compassion. John 1:9 says that Christ gives light to every man. Genesis 6:3 says the Spirit of God strives with men. The Spirit reproves men of their sinful condition (John 16:8-9). **Wisdom cries out through the light of creation** (Rom. 1:20). Psalm 19:1-6 describes the voice of creation and how that it speaks from “*day unto day and night unto night*” and how that its voice is heard through all the earth. No man can say that he has not received light from God, because the very creation testifies of Him. Men can consider their own wonderfully-made bodies and know that there is a great Creator God. **Wisdom cries out through the light of conscience** whereby men know that there is a God, there is right and wrong, and there is accountability for one's actions (Rom. 2:14-16). God was pricking Paul's conscience before he was saved (Acts 9:5). **Wisdom**

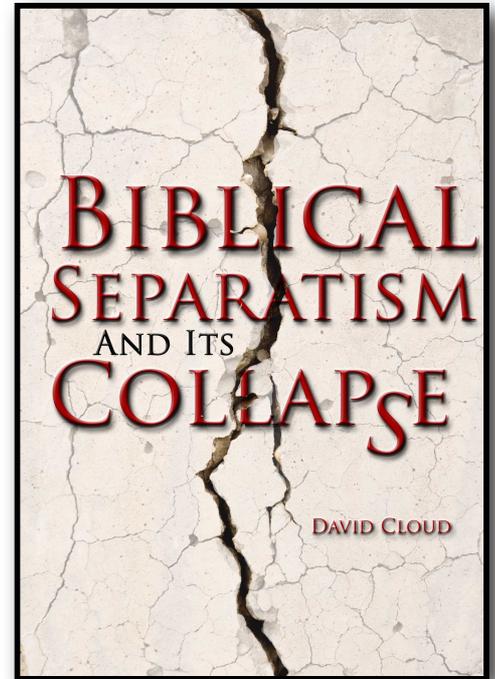
**cries out through the Law of God** in the Bible, which is a schoolmaster to bring men to Christ (Rom. 3:19; Gal. 3:24). Finally, **wisdom cries out through the gospel**, which is to be preached to every individual in every nation (Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8). Missionaries span the globe preaching the gospel. The entire Bible has been translated into every major language of the world, and portions thereof into most minor languages: 2,450 altogether. The gospel can further be heard on shortwave radio and the Internet today. Indeed, wisdom cries out!

## BIOLA'S GREAT EVANGELICAL THINKERS



Biola University, which long ago renounced its fundamentalist roots but still claims to be an “evangelical” institution, has accepted a \$3 million grant from the New Age John Templeton Foundation to establish a “Center for Christian Thought.” The objective is to bring “world-renowned scholars together to collaborate and engage others outside academia on important questions facing

Christianity in the 21st century” (“Biola University,” *Christian Post*, Jan. 4, 2012). The inaugural semester will feature “visiting scholars” and “philosophers Alvin Plantinga from Calvin College, and Yale University’s Nicholas Wolterstorff.” The grant will also fund the publication of material produced by the great thinkers. Biola president Barry Corey envisions the Center for Christian Thought as “a leading source of scholarship on some of the most important issues facing the Church.” I have a suggestion for these great thinkers. Issue a warning about all of the heresy that is represented by John Templeton and his foundation. Templeton is one of the greatest promoters of New Age philosophy and interfaith unity. A committed Presbyterian, Templeton is also an evolutionist, pantheist, and universalist. His biographical sketch says, “Templeton’s goal has been nothing less than to change mindsets about the concept of divinity,” meaning that he believes man is divine. He says that the Bible was written by men who “were limited by cosmologies long since discredited” and whose writings were “ignorant and primitive” (*The Humble Approach*, 1995, p. 135). Next, we suggest that Biola’s great thinkers take on all the heresy that has permeated Biola University itself because of its foolish renunciation of “separatism,” such as Roman Catholic contemplative mysticism. But we won’t hold our breath for anything biblically sound to come out of these “evangelical” thinkers’ horribly compromised thinking. Like the church at Laodicea, which was rich and had need of nothing, in reality they are “wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked” (Rev. 3:17). New Evangelicalism begin with the “small” error of rejecting “separatism” and “negativity” for a more positive, respectable face on its Christianity, and look how far it has fallen in one mere lifetime! Fundamental Baptists are trooping down this same path by the multitudes and the result will be the same. (See *Biblical Separatism and Its Collapse among Fundamental Baptists*, which is a free eBook at the Way of Life web site - wayoflife.org.)



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**Hebrews 11:31** By faith the harlot Rahab perished not with them that believed not, when she had received the spies with peace.

**Joshua 6:25** And Joshua saved Rahab the harlot alive, and her father's household, and all that she had; and she dwelleth in Israel even unto this day; because she hid the messengers, which Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

*Turn to: **Hebrews 11***

**Matthew 1:5** And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;

A. Listen to the W\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_ diligently

B. Seek to \_\_\_\_\_ q\_\_\_\_\_

C. M\_\_\_\_\_ and think o\_\_\_\_\_ about the lessons taught .

D. B\_\_\_\_\_ what you have heard

E. S\_\_\_\_\_ to d\_\_\_\_\_ what you have learnt

## news highlights

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### FAITH BIBLE INSTITUTE'S NEW SEMESTER

29 January 2012



**FAITH BIBLE INSTITUTE**  
*Roland Road Baptist Church*  
*Monroe, LA*

The new semester of Faith Bible Institute on 16 January 2012. The course will run weekly, every Monday, at 7.45pm.

The course will break temporarily on 23 January for the Chinese New Year

festivities and will resume on 30 January.

Persons interested in FBI and who are not existing students are invited to join course previews on 16 and 30 January. The previews will consist of full FBI lectures without course credit for auditing students.

The deadline for enrollment is 30 January 2012, so sign up early for this highly recommended course which is sure to bolster your spiritual life!

coming up • ministry news

### CHINESE MINISTRY DINNER

29 January 2012

You are invited to the Chinese Ministry's dinner on 29 January 2012! Bring your Mandarin-speaking family and friends to be in the fellowship

of loving Christians and to hear of the precious Gospel of Christ. The dinner will start right after the Chinese worship service at 3:30PM

recap • coming up • lessons • church news

### LESSONS IN JANUARY

*New Series for a New Year*

#### LESSON SERIES: THE FAMILY

Rivers in a Dry Place

- Foundation of the Family
- The Family Altar
- Raising Children
- Raising Teenagers
- When Conflicts Occur
- Education
- Influences
- Family and the Church

#### LESSON SERIES: THE BIBLE

Sunday Bible Hour

- The Importance of the Bible
- What is Quiet Time?
- Studying the Bible
- Biblical Worship
- The Gifts we bring to Worship the Lord
- Worship and Service

## 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:

## The Word of God

THE FINAL AUTHORITY



the week at a glance

16 - 22 JANUARY 2012

16 Jan	17 Jan	18 Jan	19 Jan	20 Jan	21 Jan	22 Jan
monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
Faith Bible Institute	Out-reach Efforts (SMB)	Out-reach Efforts (YIS)		Rivers in a Dry Place	ABC Youth	Sunday Worship Service  Mandarin Service

timings

**Sunday Services**

Children's Bible Hour 09:30AM  
 Sunday Bible Hour 09:30AM  
 Mandarin Service 03:30PM  
 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

- 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

However, dear Christian friend, does the love and grace of God cause you to be more self-centred and cold towards Him? Should not God's patience towards us lead us to repentance and His goodness cause us to turn sooner to Him? Should not His field that is white to harvest be filled with God's grateful people reaping the souls unto

eternal life?

Lord Jesus, I will obey You right away. I will follow You immediately when you call me to do Your work and Your will. I will not take Your grace for granted nor will I turn my ear from Your law for You have been good to me, and therefore I will be faithful to You.