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## from the pastor's heart

### THE NEED



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*Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me.*

Isaiah 6:8

2.74 billion people have never heard the name of the

Lord Jesus. In Malaysia alone, close to 9 million people have never once heard the name of Jesus and that He came to die for their sins and rose again the third day, both to give them life forever, and life abundant now. God in Heaven sent His Son to bring redemption to us. Now He asks this question of us who are called by His Name, those who have understood the gospel

and who have both trusted and obeyed the good news: who will go for us?

Why does God ask this question of His people? Is it not a natural response to grace when we respond to God's call? Why then this awkward question?

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**Because many are not answering the call today.**

God says sadly in Ezekiel 22:30 that He did not find even one to stand in the gap to help save the nation of Israel. After World War II there was an increase in missionary zeal as people believe that the coming of the Lord Jesus was nigh. However, as the years passed, it was believed that for every 500 missionaries retiring from the fields, one replaces them. Who will go for us?

**Because doing the will of God requires much sacrifice if anyone would come to Christ, there must be a denial of self and a taking up of the cross.**

The life ahead for the disciple of Christ who chooses to follow Him will be a life of sacrifice, pain and giving. It will be a life that will see trials and temptations. The Lord therefore wisely tells all who will follow Him, to count the cost.

*For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake;*

Philippians 1:29

The work of God, however, will have no doers if the question is not asked. Therefore, the Lord our Saviour is still asking today: who will go for us?

**Because many are dying and going to hell.**

It is estimated that 68 people die every minute without ever knowing the Saviour of this world. That is 4,080 people every hour and 97,920 people dying daily without knowing that the Lord Jesus can save them from eternal damnation. Dear believer, is that nothing to you? Who will go for us?

The New Testament church was built by the Lord to storm the gates of hell. Some have said that we are to plunder hell to populate Heaven. (Matthew 16:18) Many are lost in the clutches of sin. All they need is someone who will take the time to visit, share with and love them. The Lord Jesus is still asking us today: who will go for us? We must say, "Here am I, Lord, send me."

May the Lord make Ambassador Baptist Church a "going" church both locally and overseas. Here are we Lord, send us!



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thought for the week

What we believe can be a blessing to others!

memory verse

And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me?

Acts 8:30-31a

Sunday Worship Service  
12 February 2012  
He Saw Their Faith

- I. The title of the Message is \_\_\_\_\_
- II. The passage for the message is \_\_\_\_\_
- III. What you \_\_\_\_\_ can \_\_\_\_\_ someone.
- IV. What kind of faith did these four men exhibit that we can learn from to help someone?
  - A. They had \_\_\_\_\_ faith
  - B. They had \_\_\_\_\_ faith
- V. Faith believes the \_\_\_\_\_
- VI. Faith does not \_\_\_\_\_ at the situation
- VII. Faith will not allow \_\_\_\_\_
- VIII. Faith depends on \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. Faith is \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. They had \_\_\_\_\_ faith
  - C. They had \_\_\_\_\_ faith
  - D. They had \_\_\_\_\_ faith
- IX. As a result, their faith was \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mark 2:1 - 12**

**Mark 1: 22 / 25 - 26 / 30 - 32**

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

**1 John 3:17** But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

**Romans 4:18-19** Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations; according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:

**Romans 4:20-21** He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

**Matthew 18:19** Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven.

**Acts 1:14** These all continued with one accord (unanimously) in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

**Acts 4:32** And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

**Ephesians 4:3** Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

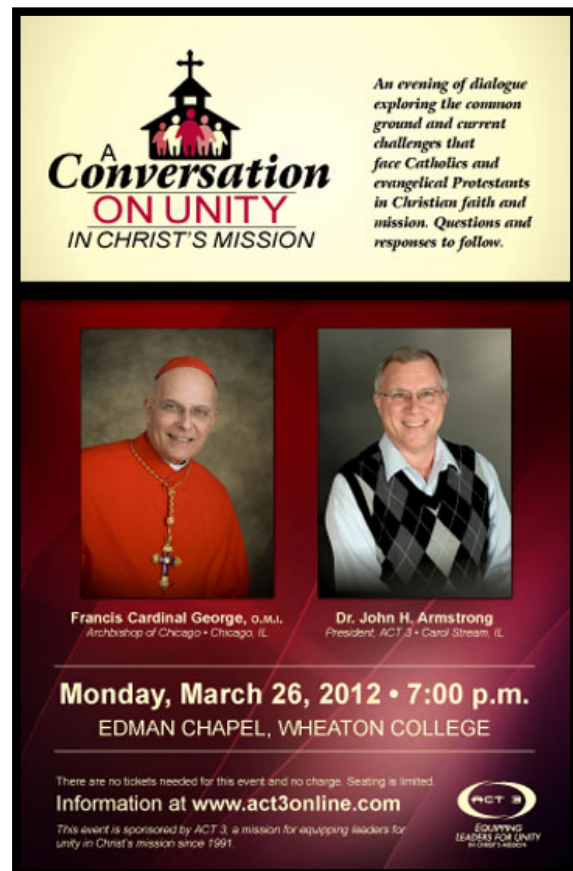
**1 John 5:4** For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

**1 Thessalonians 1:3** Remembering without ceasing your work of faith, and labour of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;

# FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

## EVANGELICAL CATHOLIC UNITY CONVERSATION AT WHEATON COLLEGE

Wheaton College will host an ecumenical discussion on March 26 featuring “evangelical” John Armstrong and Roman Catholic Cardinal Francis George of Chicago. Called “A Conversation on Unity in Christ’s Mission,” the dialogue will “explore the common ground and current challenges that face Catholics and evangelical Protestants in Christian faith and mission.” In January of this year Armstrong said that he became more aware of the need for unity on a visit to the Center for Unity in Rome in March 2011. He even visited the grave of the priest (Paul Wattson) who founded the global Week of Prayer for Christian unity. The spiritual blindness that has permeated evangelicalism today is the product of the “repudiation of separatism” and the ensuing corruption that is the result of “evil communications” (1 Cor. 15:33). In the 1990s, Armstrong was the editor of *Roman Catholicism: Evangelical Protestants Analyze What Divides and Unites Us* (Moody Press, 1994). The book completely ignored the Bible’s command to mark and avoid doctrinal error and apostasy (e.g., Romans 16:17; 2 Timothy 3:5), which is the only sure protection against the leaven of heresy. Michael Horton concluded his chapter, “What Still Keeps Us Apart?” with these words: “I do not suggest that we should give up trying to seek visible unity, nor that we refuse to dialogue with Roman Catholic laypeople and theologians, many of whom may be our brothers and sisters” (*Roman Catholicism*, p. 264).



An evening of dialogue exploring the common ground and current challenges that face Catholics and evangelical Protestants in Christian faith and mission. Questions and responses to follow.

**A Conversation ON UNITY IN CHRIST'S MISSION**

Francis Cardinal George, O.M.I.  
Archbishop of Chicago • Chicago, IL

Dr. John H. Armstrong  
President, ACT 3 • Carol Stream, IL

**Monday, March 26, 2012 • 7:00 p.m.**  
EDMAN CHAPEL, WHEATON COLLEGE

There are no tickets needed for this event and no charge. Seating is limited.  
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## MARY ON THE ARK OF GOD

One of the churches that John Armstrong’s dialogue partner, Cardinal George, oversees (see previous report in Friday News Notes) is the Saint Stanislaus Kostka Catholic Church, which features an image of Mary on the very Ark of God. She is sitting above the Ark in the place that was occupied by God’s presence in the Tabernacle and is surrounded by adoring cherubim. This blasphemous image occupies the central altar where mass is performed. The church’s official literature says that the image depicts the Catholic doctrines that Mary was immaculately conceived, that she participated in Christ’s suffering for mankind, and that she was bodily assumed into

glory and crowned Queen of Heaven. This is pure blasphemy. The Ark of the Covenant was located in the Holy of Holies in the Old Testament Tabernacle and was the place where God’s presence dwelt (Exodus 25:22). Angels do not worship creatures (Acts 14:11-15; Rev. 19:10). Roman Catholic churches are filled with idols. I have visited Catholic churches in 20 countries and throughout Rome, and Mary is revered with greater fervency than Jesus. Every “evangelical” or “Baptist” or “Protestant” who has said positive things about Rome and who has participated in ecumenical relations with Rome or who has failed even to lift his voice against Rome’s gross heresies will answer to God for the refusal to “earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints” (Jude 3) and for keeping silent in the face of evil.

## MUSLIM-FRIENDLY BIBLES

Wycliffe Bible Translators, Summer Institute of Linguistics (SIL), and the missionary organization Frontiers are promoting Muslim-friendly Bibles that change references to God the Father and to Jesus as the Son of God. These terms, of course are anathema to Muslims. For example, in an Arabic version of the Gospel of Matthew produced by Frontiers with input from SIL, Matthew 28:19 is changed from “baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit” to “cleanse them by water in the name of Allah, his Messiah and his Holy Spirit.” Not only does this vile “translation” blasphemously corrupt the names of the Trinitarian God, it perverts the doctrine of baptism into a saving sacrament. Of the roughly 200 translation projects Wycliffe/SIL have undertaken in Muslim contexts, 30-40 remove the terms Father and Son in reference to God and Jesus (“New Bible,” *WorldNetDaily*, Jan. 30, 2012). In reply, Wycliffe claims that they haven’t actually “removed” the terms Father and Son of God, but that is a quibble.

They are so brainwashed with “dynamic equivalency” that they could collaborate with Bill Clinton on the definition of “is.” They have also used the name of Allah for God. Many of the reports on this have expressed surprise that organizations as “conservative” as Wycliffe and SIL (they are part of the same organization) would so tamper with God’s Word, but this shock is based on ignorance. Wycliffe has been producing corrupt translations from its inception. They are corrupt because they are based on a corrupt Greek New Testament that originated with heretics in Egypt in the early centuries after the apostles, and they are corrupt because they use a corrupt methodology called



“dynamic equivalency.” In *Translating the Word of God* by John Beekman and John Callow of Wycliffe Bible Translators, we learn that they have changed fox to coyote and candlestick to grain bin. One translation changed snow to gigi bird. Ross Hodsdon, formerly with Wycliffe, told me that they have changed lamb to seal pup, son of man to older brother, and fig tree to banana tree. If they are willing to blatantly change God’s Word in one way, they will change it in other ways. Those who employ “dynamic equivalency” simply lack the fear of God that is necessary for producing a correct translation. Who do they think they

are to change God’s Words! When one departs from the principle of a literal translation, the mind of the translator and the culture and understanding of the people become the authority rather than the actual words of Scriptures. They are robbing people of God’s holy words. And we are not talking about a wooden literalness; we are talking about an unwavering commitment to the actual words of Scripture. The new Muslim-friendly Bibles are not more corrupt than previous Wycliffe dynamic

equivalency translations or the American Bible Society’s Today’s English Version or Eugene Peterson’s The Message. We document this in the free eBook *Dynamic Equivalency: Death Knell of Pure Scripture*, which is available from Way of Life Literature -- [www.wayoflife.org](http://www.wayoflife.org). See the “free eBook” tab. (As we completed this edition of Friday News, Wycliffe and SIL responded to some pretty loud criticism to announce that they are going to “re-evaluate” their methodology and “have a fuller dialogue with our many partners globally and benefit from their input to our approach in scripture translation.”)

### CRYSTAL CATHEDRAL SOLD TO ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Self-esteem guru Robert Schuller’s 40-acre Crystal Cathedral property has been sold to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orange County for \$57 million. The landmark auditorium, which is made of 10,000 panes of glass, will become a Catholic cathedral after the present congregation vacates the property in three years or less. Carol Milner, Schuller’s daughter, said, “I’m really pleased to know that this campus is likely for at least decades, if not centuries, to be kept as a sacred place of worship” (“Crystal Cathedral to Be Sold,” *FoxNews*, Nov. 18, 2011). Robert Schuller said, “It is time for all believers not to focus on differences, but on respect and appreciation for our common goals” (*Christian Post*, Feb. 4, 2012). Indeed, Schuller and the RCC have the

common goal of building the one-world church. This is a fitting end to a ministry whose boat has long been floating down the river of end-time apostasy toward Rome.



## EVANGELICAL LEADERS SIGN STATEMENT PROCLAIMING GOD OF ISLAM AND GOD OF BIBLE "ONE GOD"



It is increasingly evident that large numbers of “evangelicals” are not only doctrinally corrupt but also that they worship a false god. In 2007, Rick Warren and other prominent evangelical leaders signed “A Christian Response to ‘A Common Word Between Us and You.’” This document says that Muslims and Christians worship the same God and claims that “the future of the world depends on peace between Muslims and Christians.” The statement says, “... we must engage in interfaith dialogue as those who seek each other’s good, for the one God unceasingly seeks our good” (<http://www.yale.edu/faith/acw/acw.htm>). The Muslims know that Allah is not the same as the God of the Bible, as *Allah has no Son*. The blasphemous document was signed by the two major church growth gurus in America, Rick Warren and Bill Hybels. In this they joined hands with hundreds of other signatories, including Roman Catholics (e.g., “Father” Joseph Daoust, President of the Jesuit School of Theology Berkeley), prominent theological modernists and emergents (e.g. Harvey Cox and Elizabeth Fiorenza of Harvard Divinity School, Tony Jones of Emergent Village, and Brian McLaren), and

self-esteem guru Robert Schuller. Other “evangelicals” who signed this unscriptural document were Leith Anderson (President of the National Association of Evangelicals), Robert Cooley (President Emeritus, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary), Mike Edens (Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary), Timothy George (Beeson Divinity School at Samford University), Lynn Green (International Chairman of Youth With A Mission), Peter Kuzmic (Gordon-Conwell), David Neff (Editor in Chief Christianity Today), Roy Oksnevad (Institute of Strategic Evangelism at Wheaton College), Richard Mouw (President of Fuller Theological Seminary), Doug Pennoyer (Dean of the School of Intercultural Studies, Biola University), John Stott (Rector Emeritus of All Souls Church London), Michael Treneer (International President of The Navigators), Berten Waggoner (National Director of the Vineyard Churches), David Yonggi Cho (senior pastor Yoido Full Gospel Church Seoul), and Bruce Clemenger (President of The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada).

## ISLAMIC LEADER QUOTES MUHAMMAD IN CALL FOR KILLING JEWS

The following is excerpted from “Fatah’s Top Religious Authority Calls for Genocide of Jews,” StoneGateInstitute.org, Jan. 16, 2012: “Last week, the principal Palestinian Authority religious leader, the Mufti Muhammad Hussein, presented the killing of Jews by Muslims as a religious Islamic goal. At an event celebrating the 47th anniversary of the founding of Fatah, he cited the *Hadith* (Islamic tradition attributed to Muhammad) saying that the Hour of Resurrection will not come until Muslims fight the Jews and kill them: ‘The Hour [of Resurrection] will not come until you fight the Jews. The Jew will hide behind stones or trees. Then the stones or trees will call: Oh Muslim, servant of Allah, there is a Jew behind me, come and kill him.’ Palestinian Media Watch reported regularly during the PA terror campaign (Intifada, 2000-2005) on the repeated use of this *Hadith* by PA clerics on official PA TV to motivate Palestinians to terror attacks, preaching that Muslims had an Islamic obligation to kill Jews. ... The years of PA promotion of killing Jews and PA religious leaders’ citing this *Hadith* to justify it, may have contributed to the high acceptance of it in PA society. A poll sponsored by the Israel Project last year found that 73% of Palestinians ‘believe’ this *Hadith*. [July 2011, Greenberg Quinlan Rosner.] The moderator who introduced the Mufti at the Fatah event last week reiterated another Islamic belief; that the Jews are the descendants of apes and pigs: ‘Our war with the descendants of the apes and pigs (i.e., Jews) is a war of religion and faith.’ The Mufti did not distance himself from this hate statement that Islam is in a religious war with the Jews, but added to it that Islam’s goal is to kill Jews. ... the Mufti stressed that the Islamic belief that Jews will be killed by Muslims as a precursor to Resurrection, is an authentic Islamic belief because it appears in ‘the reliable’ and trusted *Hadith* collections of Al-Bukhari and Muslim.”



## YOUR BUSY LIVER



The following is from *Creation Moments*, January 10, 2012, [www.creationmoments.com](http://www.creationmoments.com): “An adult human liver is about the size of a small football. It weighs about three pounds, making it the body's largest internal organ. Tucked neatly beneath the ribs, your liver performs more than 500 different tasks. It is a vital link between your heart, lungs and digestive system. Inside the liver is a bewildering array of microscopic veins in which each drop of blood is processed. Here, blood conditions are constantly monitored to make sure that its chemistry meets strict standards. If more of some substances are needed in the blood, they are supplied. Useless chemicals are broken down into useful chemicals. Your liver makes proteins and corrects blood clotting factors. Your liver also sees to it that hormone balances are maintained and that poisons are neutralized. If substances are needed to fight an infection, your liver makes them and adds them to the bloodstream. Your liver also stores vitamins and minerals and prepares itself to provide your body with quick energy when you need it. In addition, the liver makes bile, which is essential for digestion. Structures like the liver have caused many evolutionists to abandon the idea that life is a result of millions of years of accidents. The liver is just too well-designed and integrated into the body to have been produced by purposelessness and mindlessness. As Scripture says, truly God has formed our inward parts!”

## INDEPENDENT BAPTIST MISSIONARIES KILLED IN MEXICO

The following is excerpted from “Missionaries Slain,” Associated Press, Feb. 2, 2012: “A couple from Texas who moved to a remote and violence-plagued area of northern Mexico to run a Baptist church were found slain at their ransacked home, their children said. John and Wanda Casias were originally from Amarillo, Texas, but relatives said they moved to an area outside the city of Monterrey in the late 1970s or early 1980s and made it their home. Valerie Alirez, the eldest child of John Casias, told The Associated Press from her home in Greeley, Colorado, that one of her brothers found her father and stepmother on Tuesday dead in their home in Santiago, Nuevo Leon. John Casias was a Baptist preacher and the couple ran the First Fundamentalist Independent Baptist Church in Santiago. ... Fighting between the Zetas and Gulf drug cartels has brought a surge of violence and other crimes to Monterrey and the surrounding region since 2010. ... In a prayer letter last summer, Casias wrote, ‘The only hope for the Mexican people today is Jesus in them, the HOPE of glory. I confess that it's getting easier to witness to the wealthy, at least they are listening. The wealthy are fleeing to Canada and the USA for protection. The only problem is that when they return to re-new their visas the cartel is waiting, and either kill them off, kidnap them for thousands of dollars, in some cases millions. The cartel has NO mercy or value for life. They are ruthless murderers!’ ... It was the second slaying involving American missionaries in a year in the Mexican region bordering Texas.”



### CONCLUSION:

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**Daniel 3:16 - 18** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.



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## Plan And Budget 2012

*Planning for the year ahead*

We are to be faithful stewards of the Lord's resources, and the annual Plan and Budget is an essential tool in fulfilling that goal.

Ambassador will be holding a Plan and Budget meeting soon. Details will be sent to members by

email. All members are requested to look through the details and to respond with questions, if any.

Remember to be in prayer as we strive to wisely use the resources God has given us for His work!

“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”

I Corinthians 4:2

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## Lessons In February

Friday Nights <i>“The Family”</i>	
17 February	Raising teenagers in the family
24 February	When conflicts occur in the family
2 March	The Lord's Supper
9 March	Education of our Children
16 March	Family and Finances
23 March	Influences on the Family
30 March	Family and the Church

Wondering what lessons are coming up over the next few weeks? Have a look!

Sunday Bible Hour <i>“Things Important in the Life of a Believer”</i>	
12 February	Biblical Worship
19 February	The Worship Service
26 February	The Gifts We Bring to Worship the Lord
2 March	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:

Helping Someone to the Saviour



the week at a glance

13 - 19 FEBRUARY 2012

13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb
monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
Faith Bible Institute	Outreach Efforts (SMB)	Outreach 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**