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HAVING COMPASSION



today's program

the news

hymn | *all hail the power of Jesus' name*

opening prayer

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offertory

hymn | *let the lower lights be burning*

exhortation | *pastor johnny*

invitation and closing

Written by:
Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan

*Of some have compassion,
making a difference:*

Jude 1:22

There are many in this world who are trapped in sin. Some have been ignorantly led to sin and as a result, made mistakes that now

enslave them. Some sadly, because of personal sin, and poor decision-making, have caused themselves to be caught. Some have intentionally gone the way of sin, done the wrong and as a result, are under the cloud of darkness and distress. No matter what the approach or the method of enslavement, they are now enslaved and caught. The apostle Jude admonishes Christians to

help, to reach out and to save these because, without help, they will not be able to free themselves from the spiritual whirlpool they have found themselves in.

How are we commanded to do so? By having compassion. These are taken in their sin, not willfully, but through having some

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from the pastor's heart

weakness and difficulty in life. Now they are enslaved and trapped. Compassion, not sharp words and rebuke, is the best approach for such people. Mercy and grace need to be extended; kindness needs to be done for such individuals that they might see the light of the Word and the love of Christ and be drawn back to the Saviour whom they have left. What does it mean to have compassion?

Firstly compassion is seeing people in their need:

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 9:36

The Lord Jesus, full of compassion, never failed to be moved when He saw people in need. We are all needy people, but it requires a compassionate and spiritual individual to perceive the need of people around him. Many people around us have burdens and needs. As a believer in the Lord, we are not to be indifferent to the cries of the people - we need to be like the Lord Jesus, having compassion on them.

*Compassion is active.
It meets needs and
helps whenever it can*

Secondly, compassion is doing what we can to help them in their need.

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?

1 John 3:17

The apostle John says that if we possess the things of this world and see a brother having a need, then we cannot say that we have the love of GOD in us if we do not respond to help. Compassion is active. It meets needs and helps whenever it can. God's compassion moved Him to move from Heaven to reach and save us. He came to our need and, in compassion, He hung on the cross so that we can be saved, for that was our need.

Thirdly, compassion does make a difference.

The admonition in Jude tells us that, for some, compassion will open their eyes to their need. A word of compassion, an act of kindness and a tone of mercy can be used greatly by God...

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thought for the week

This would be the first step in apostasy: men first forget the true, and then adore the false.

C.H. SPURGEON

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

Helping Someone Out of False Doctrine

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

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

III. **How do we help someone who has been taught false doctrine, that is not according to the word of God?**

A. By r_____ and b_____ that there is _____

1. _____

2. We need to earnestly _____ for it.

3. This _____ is in the _____ of God (v17)

B. By _____ yourselves in the _____ of God: (v20 - 21)

1. By _____ yourselves on your most holy faith

2. By _____ in the Holy Spirit

3. By _____ to the Second coming

C. By R_____

1. With _____ (v22)

2. With _____ (v23)

Sunday Worship Service
12 February 2012
He Saw Their Faith

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES



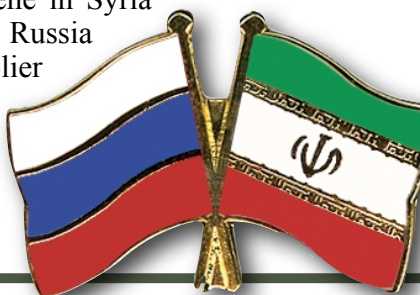
STARBUCKS, MICROSOFT, GOOGLE SUPPORT HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE

Starbucks, Microsoft, and Google are among the major corporations that endorsed the recently-signed homosexual “marriage” law in Washington State. In a statement sent to all of its employees, Starbucks said the legislation “is core to who we are and what we value” (CNSNews, Jan. 27, 2012). The statement said the company is “deeply dedicated to embracing diversity and treating one another with respect and dignity.” This means, of course, that these global companies are creating an environment in which it is not acceptable to speak against homosexuality. They have become so morally perverted and proud that they have set themselves against Almighty God and the Bible. This, in turn, proves that the Bible is true, because this

rebellion was foretold in ancient prophecies, such as Psalm 2, which was written 3,000 years ago and describes the times in which we live in perfect detail. The prophecy not only describes the global rebellion of the end times, it also describes the return of Christ and the establishment of His kingdom. The “kings of the earth” are its rulers, referring not only to political leaders but also to captains of modern industries and the kings and queens of the pop culture. “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion” (Psalms 2:1-6).

RUSSIA SAYS ATTACK ON TEHRAN IS ATTACK ON MOSCOW

The following is excerpted from “Russia,” *Arutz Sheva*, Jan. 15, 2012: “Russia has given Iran its bear hug and warns Israel and the West that an attack on Tehran would be considered an attack on Moscow. The threat heightens the prospect of World War III in the event of a military strike on Iran. ‘Iran is our neighbor,’ Russia’s outgoing ambassador to NATO, Dmitry Rogozin, told reporters in Brussels. ‘And if Iran is involved in any military action, it’s a direct threat to our security.’ Kremlin Security Council head Nikolai Patrushev accused Israel of provoking the United States towards war against Iran, the Russian *Interfax* news agency reported Friday. ‘But at the same time, we believe that any country has the right to have what it needs to feel comfortable, including Iran,’ he added. Rogozin warned on Friday that more attacks on Iran could cause ‘a scorching Arab Summer.’ Russia also has come to the defense of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, warning Western nations not to intervene in Syria with military forces. Russia is a major arms supplier to Syria and has a heavy investment in Iran’s nuclear facilities.”



CCM MUSICIAN SAYS CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP A BRIDGE TO THE WORLD

Contemporary Worship leader Nick Herbert says praise music must “connect with the culture around us and seek to bridge the gap between the music we listen to and enjoy outside the church and the music we listen to and play inside the church” (“New Sound, Same Spirit,” *WorshipCentral.org*, Oct. 4, 2011). This is evidence of the warning we have been giving, that CCM is a bridge between Christ and the world and is therefore unscriptural and very dangerous. The apostle Paul says the believer’s music is to be “spiritual,” which means set apart to God, holy in character, not of the world (Col. 3:16). Unlike the priests who will minister during the millennium, the CCM crowd refuses to “teach my people the difference between and the profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean” (Ezekiel 44:23). Joy Williams says, “I believe in the power of nuance and telling a story that draws out emotion without spelling it out. ... I find myself really drawn to nuance because I feel like that is where I have been affected by music. Take Sigur Ros: I don’t even understand what they are saying, but that music moves me and draws emotion from me, and I feel like there is glory in that” (“Finding Her Own Voice,” *Christianity Today*, March 3, 2009). This is blind mysticism, and it is one of the uniting elements of end-time apostasy, together with charismaticism and contemplative prayer.

COURTS GIVE CHRISTIAN VICTORY OVER PERSECUTION IN MICHIGAN

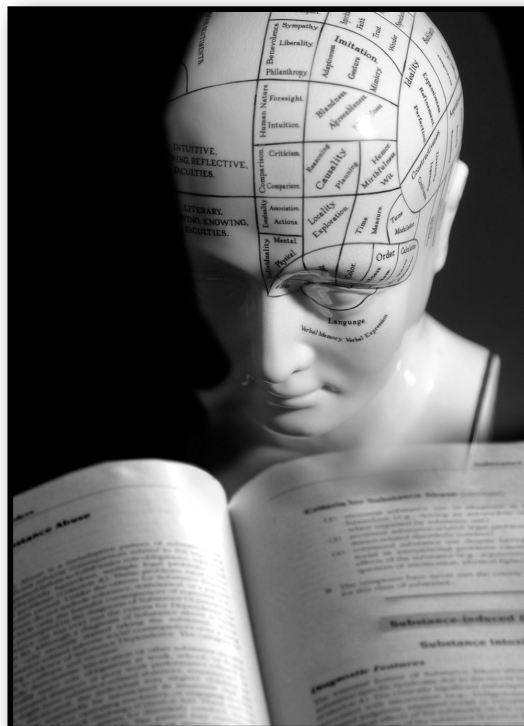
The following is excerpted from “City Faces More Penalties,” *WorldNetDaily*, Feb. 8, 2012: “A federal judge in Michigan has decided to allow a civil-rights claim against the city of Dearborn by four Christians arrested at the city’s Arab festival to move forward. It was just days ago when WND reported that a Detroit judge had awarded some \$100,000 in attorney’s fees in another case of a Christian who was arrested at the festival. In that case, the city was told to pay the fees on behalf of Christian Pastor George Saieg, who had been arrested at the 2009 event. Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen said his recommendation was for fees and costs totaling \$103,401.96 to be awarded in the case that was handled by attorney Robert J. Muise, who at the time was with the Thomas More Law Center. ... The ruling in the new case saw a federal judge deny Dearborn’s request to dismiss the civil rights action brought by four Christian missionaries who were arrested at the Arab International Festival in 2010. The American Freedom Law Center said the four were arrested by Dearborn officers while speaking about their faith to Muslims. The Christians spent the night in jail and were accused of ‘breaching the peace.’ However,



Muise won acquittals from a jury for all the defendants in a criminal trial. After the trial, Muise, along with Yerushalmi, filed a 96-page civil rights lawsuit against the city ... ‘The judge’s ruling today is a huge victory for these Christians,’ Muise said. ‘It allows the civil rights claims for the most egregious constitutional violations to proceed against the city and its officials. AFLC is committed to ensuring that our Constitution and not Shariah law, which makes it a crime to preach the Gospel to Muslims, is the supreme law in this country.’”

A MENTAL ILLNESS FOR EVERY SITUATION

The following is excerpted from “Shyness, Grieving Soon to Be Classified as Mental Illness,” *FoxNews*, Feb. 9, 2012: “Millions of healthy people - including shy or defiant children, grieving relatives and people with fetishes - may be wrongly labeled mentally ill by a new international diagnostic manual, specialists said on Thursday. In a damning analysis of an upcoming revision of the influential Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM), psychologists, psychiatrists and mental health experts said its new categories and ‘tick-box’ diagnosis systems were at best ‘silly’ and at worst ‘worrying and dangerous.’ Some diagnoses - for conditions like ‘oppositional defiant disorder’ and ‘apathy syndrome’ - risk devaluing the seriousness of mental illness and medicalising behaviors most people would consider normal or just mildly eccentric, the experts said. At the other end of the spectrum, the new DSM, due out next year, could give medical diagnoses for serial rapists and sex abusers--under labels like ‘paraphilic coercive disorder’--and may allow offenders to escape prison by providing what could be seen



as an excuse for their behavior, they added. The DSM is published by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and has descriptions, symptoms and other criteria for diagnosing mental disorders. It is used internationally and is seen as the diagnostic ‘bible’ for mental health medicine. ... Simon Wessely of the Institute of Psychiatry, King’s College London said a look back at history should make health experts ask themselves: ‘Do we need all these labels?’ He said the 1840 Census of the United States included just one category for mental disorder, but by 1917 the APA was already recognizing 59. That rose to 128 in 1959, to 227 in 1980, and again to around 350 disorders in the fastest revisions of DSM in 1994 and 2000. Allen Frances, Emeritus professor at Duke University and chair of the committee that oversaw the previous

DSM revision, said the proposed DSM-5 would ‘radically and recklessly expand the boundaries of psychiatry’ and result in the ‘medicalisation of normality, individual difference, and criminality.’”

LIBERAL GOVERNMENTS AGAINST HOME SCHOOLING



The following is from “Anti-home Schooling Efforts,” OneNewsNow, Feb. 10, 2012: “Sweden’s Liberal Party is calling for a law change that will allow social service workers to take children away from their home-schooling families. Robert Kiska of the Alliance Defense Fund (ADF) says the requested changes add to the already

stringent penalties on home-schooling parents. For example, one family has been fined the equivalent of \$26,000 because of their participation in home schooling. Kiska says this latest effort is totalitarian in nature. ‘That the government should have the right to take children away from their families simply for the act of home education--that is without due process, without any real evidence gathering--that is almost a military state power,’ he contends. He points out that other European countries are practicing the same policies, and it is just a matter of time until it spills over into the United States. ‘You know, I always say that when Europe coughs, the United States gets the cold, especially when you have the United States Supreme Court, where I think right now ... the majority of the justices are in favor of importing international precedent,’ the ADF legal counsel comments. ‘And you have an administration equally keen on importing international precedent.’”

GERMAN GOVERNMENT’S PERSECUTION OF HOME SCHOOLERS

The following is excerpted from “Government willing to use ‘force’ on homeschool kids,” *WorldNetDaily*, Nov. 8, 2011: “German education officials say they are willing to use ‘force’ as their options dwindle in a years-long fight against a homeschooling family, according to a report today from the Home School Legal Defense Association. Jurgen and Rosemarie Dudek have been homeschooling their children in Germany for more than a decade, and for a good portion of that time have been battling in court with the government and its attempt to enforce a Nazi-era law requiring public school attendance. The couple was sentenced to prison but won an appeal and now is appealing a fine. But the HSLDA, which has been active in supporting the family's homeschool efforts, reported today that a letter to the family threatens the use of force. The letter to the parents from Hesse Regional School Office Director Anita Hoffman said the state may remedy its war against the family with a decision to ‘take custody of the children from the parents’ or to ‘transport the children to school by force.’ The family’s religious and philosophical conviction that the children would be harmed by a German public school education has inspired others. Their story is being made into a documentary called ‘Building Education by Trusting God’ by Woodcutter Film Studios. Jurgen Dudek told HSLDA it’s the first time that the head of the school authorities herself sent the family a letter. ‘I believe they’re in a fix, not knowing exactly how to go on with our case,’ he said. ‘So they can only resort to putting all kinds of pressure on us, this time even threatening the forced transportation of our children to school.’ The parents were given a retrial in 2009 in the dispute. It was then that 90-day jail sentences for each parent were overturned and replaced with fines, which now are on appeal. The family’s older son, who is finished with school and is apprenticed

as a carpenter, earned a top score on a state educational exam. Still, authorities continue to press for the family to acquiesce to the state and put the other children in public school. The HSLDA said Germany is one of the nations in which there is active persecution of homeschooling families. Last year a judge in the United States granted another homeschooling family asylum from Germany. Another nation where similar crackdowns are under way is Sweden, where social services workers took custody of a 7-year-old boy in 2009 over homeschooling. He remains in the custody of the government, which now apparently is seeking to assume permanent control over him. Parents in Germany are ‘fined thousands of dollars, threatened with jail time or the loss of custody of their children,’ the HSLDA reported. ‘Ironically, the highest German courts have ruled that homeschooling may be considered an abuse of parental rights and can be banned in the interest of stamping out parallel societies.’”



FILTHY POP MUSIC

Probably nothing has corrupted the moral climate of Western society more than rock music, and the filthy pop music garbage can is a bottomless pit. The following is excerpted from "Profanity and Pop Music," Brent Bozell, Townhall.com, Dec. 30, 2011: "On her blog, *The Record*, NPR music critic Ann Powers declared [that] '21st century pop music is very dirty.' In fact, '2011 saw so much boundary-breaking in pop that the lines seem forever pulled down.' Powers made quite a list. ... There were top 100 pop songs about sex addiction ... even sex with extraterrestrials. ... Putting a woman on a pedestal is archaic. Degradation is a requirement."



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The New Age has indeed invaded the field of health care. One study found that Americans were spending \$14 billion a year on alternative health care, including New Age practices such as meditation, touch therapy, positive confession, guided imagery, polarity therapy, aromatherapy, sound therapy, gemstone healing, magnetic therapy, spiritual healing, biofeedback, reflexology, iridology, urotherapy, homeopathy, EFT, hypnosis, and acupuncture. What does the Bible say about this important subject?

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CONCLUSION:

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Church Camp 2012

A time to recharge together

Mark your calendars! Church camp is on its way with the dates being released today.

time of being in the Word and great fellowship with Christian brethren.

Ambassador holds its church camp once every year. It is a

FAST FACTS: CHURCH CAMP 2012

Dates: 18 - 22 June 2012

IN BRIEF: **FILIPINO SERVICE**

The Filipino Ministry will be holding its monthly fellowship service today after the main service. The service will start at 1:45PM

IN BRIEF: **YOUTH EVENT**

The Youth Ministry is planning an overnight event soon. More details to be released.

CHURCH NEWS

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

20 - 26 FEBRUARY 2012

20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 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

Routine Weekly Activities

Faith Bible Institute
 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
- **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

...to help an individual back to Him when he has sinned and is depressed, guilty, and discouraged over it. It will make a difference.

Many in Singapore hurt, and hurt badly. The church is to be the spiritual hospital to help those hurting to come to Christ, nurse them back to health and then to bring them up and to help them be strong in Christ that they might follow Him and help others to Him as well.

Bible reading plan

The New Testament in **4** months

Feb 20 **Matthew 1-3**
 Feb 21 **Matthew 4-5**
 Feb 22 **Matthew 6-7**
 Feb 23 **Matthew 8-9**
 Feb 24 **Matthew 10-11**
 Feb 25 **Matthew 12**
 Feb 26 **Matthew 13**