1 APRIL 2012

WEB EDITION



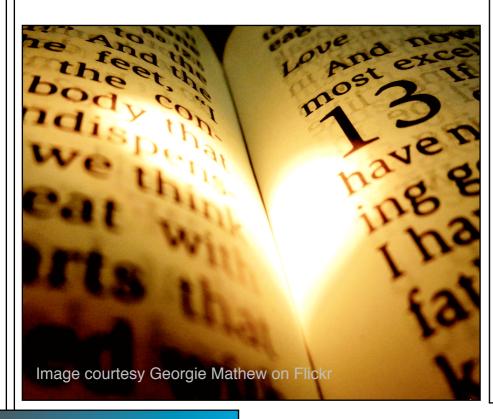
be ye **reconciled** to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

the weekly digest of ambassador baptistchurch

from the pastor's heart

GOD IS LOVE



find.it

from the pastor's heart page 1-2

news highlights

page 7

week at a glance

page 8

sermon materials

page 3-6

Bible reading plan (new!)

page 8

today's program

the **news**

hymn I my Saviour's love opening prayer

hymn | wonderful grace of Jesus

hymn | there is a fountain

offertory

hymn I turn your eyes upon Jesus
exhortation I pastor johnny
invitation and closing

Written by:
Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan

God is love

1 John 4:8

There are many attributes of God manifested to this undeserving world, but the one attribute that changes the life of everyone who

comes to God is the love of God. There are three types of love in the Bible: eros - the intimate love between man and wife; phileo - the friendship love between two close companions, and agape: unconditional love; the love that gives and meets the needs of the one loved, without asking for anything in return. God is a gape! Hear three

wonderful thoughts about God in his love.

God is love

God does not just possess love, He is love! His very essence and his very being is love. He does not run out of love. He is so full of love that it overflows and overwhelms whoever that

continued on page 2

from the pastor's heart

will allow His love to come in. Wherever He goes, true love goes. God is the origin and giver of true love. God is love!

God's love is commended to us

God commendeth his love towards us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

Thank God for His

love shown to us!

God did not keep his love to himself, He showed it to us. We were sinners on our way to hell. We did not deserve heaven or God's forgiveness but God's love was so great that He reached out in love, knowing the consequences that await us if nothing was done. He then sent His only begotten Son to die for our sins.

The only solution to our problem of sin was the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus at the Cross. Thank God for His love shown to us!

God's love is eternal just as God is eternal; His love does not end.

He will never leave us or forsake us. When our sorrows overwhelm us, situations oppress us and friends reveal

their true unfaithful character, God's love never change. Because God changes not (Malachi 3:6), His love does not change. He does not leave us but keeps on loving us consistently, constantly, and continuously. Nothing changes God's love.

For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present,

nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Do you realize that God is love? Christian, if you know that God is love, God wants us to share his love. Lord, make Ambassador Baptist Church, an assembly who knows your love and who shows your love to this loveless world.

thought for the week

The Lord loves you not today, Christian, because of anything you are doing, or being, or saying, or thinking, but he loves you still, because his great heart is full of love, and it runneth over to you

C. H. SPURGEON

memory verse

Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:10

sermon notes: Sermon guide
Sunday Worship Service I April 2012 How Much Does God Love Us?
I. The message for today is
II. The passage for today is
III. Love cannot be hidden nor can it be kept without
IV. When we reserve love for only some people, and not for others, that is genuine love, that is
V. God Loves the
VI. How much does God love this world?
A. He loved this world so much that He
1. He Hls Son
2. He His Son to experience the
3. He up his son to a most
B. He loved this world so much that the of His was for the of
1. This love is to
2. This love is to who put in HIM
3. This love is an action saves from

sermon notes: verse list

Sunday Worship Service I April 2012 How Much Does God Love Us?

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

1 John 4:8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.

James 2:1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons

Romans 5:6 ¶ For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

John 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Revelations 20:15 Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the fire

Ezekiel 33:11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

Romans 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Romans 8:31 ¶ What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Romans 8:38 - 39 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

RICK WARREN'S MAN, TONY BLAIR, **SUPPORTS HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE**

VOLUME 13, ISSUE 12

Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair, a Roman Catholic, is supporting the British government's plan to legalize homosexual "marriage"

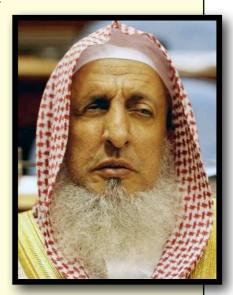
before 2015. The *Independent* newspaper reported on March 10 that Blair told friends that he "strongly supports the Prime Minister's proposal." Blair is pushing for a New Age global unity and world peace based on harmony among all religions. This is the man who was acclaimed by the Southern Baptist pastor Rick Warren of Saddleback Church. In March 2011 Warren and his congregation presented Blair with a peace prize. "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).



SAUDI GRAND MUFTI CALLS FOR **DESTRUCTION OF CHURCHES**

The following is excerpted from "Saudi Grand Mufti Calls for Destruction," Middle East Forum, March 14, 2012: "According to several Arabic news sources, last Monday, Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah, the Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, declared that it is 'necessary to destroy all the churches of the region.' The Grand Mufti made his assertion in response to a question posed by a delegation from Kuwait. ... Accordingly, the Grand Mufti 'stressed that Kuwait was a part of the Arabian Peninsula, and therefore it is necessary to destroy all churches in it.' ... Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Abdullah is not just some random Muslim hating on churches. He is the

Grand Mufti of the nation that brought Islam to the world. Moreover, he is the President of the Supreme Council of Ulema [Islamic scholars] and Chairman of the Standing Committee for Scientific Research and Issuing of Fatwas. Accordingly, when it comes to what Islam teaches, his words a r e immensely authoritative.



Considering the hysteria that besets the West whenever non-authoritative individuals offend Islam--for instance, a fringe, unknown pastor-imagine what would happen if a Christian counterpart to the Grand Mufti, say the Pope, were to declare that all mosques in Italy must be destroyed; imagine the nonstop Western media frenzy that would erupt, all the shrill screams of 'intolerance' and 'bigot,' demands for apologies if not resignation, nonstop handwringing by sensitive politicians, and worse. Yet the Grand Mufti--the highest Islamic law authority of our 'friend-andally' Saudi Arabia--gets a free pass when he incites Muslims to destroy churches, not that any extra incitement is needed (nary a month goes by without several churches being bombed and destroyed throughout the Islamic world)."

KINGDOM CIRCLE HERESY

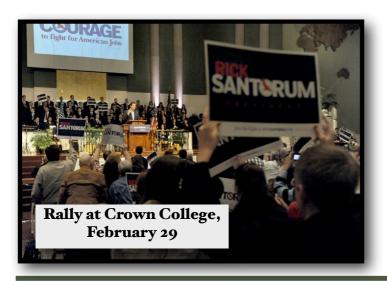
The "kingdom circle" is a heresy that claims that followers of pagan religions can enter the kingdom of God directly without becoming "Christians." It is taught using a series of circles representing the kingdom of God and various religions. (See "Why Is a Saddleback Pastor Teaching on Kingdom Circles?" Standupforthetruth.com, March 12, 2012.) According to kingdom circle theology a Muslim can become a believer in Jesus and yet remain a practicing Muslim. The "Jesus in the Quran" web site says: "Here's what I try to say to every Muslim I meet: 'I promise I will never ask you to become a Christian, and please don't ask me to become a Muslim. But I also promise that I will do all that I can to help us both discover the true straight path into the Kingdom of God. And I believe that the true access to that Kingdom is through the sacrifice of Jesus the Messiah." These Muslims call themselves followers of "Isa," which is the Muslim name for Jesus. Yet the Muslim God is not the God revealed in Scripture and its Isa is not the Jesus of the

Bible. Islam says God has no Son, that Jesus is not God and did not die on the cross for man's sin. Islam teaches a gospel of works and denies that salvation is by God's grace. It is impossible to remain any kind of Muslim while believing in the Biblical faith. The fact that this is heresy is entertained by *Christianity Today* and other "evangelicals" is evidence of evangelicalism's apostasy and spiritual blindness.



FURTHER COLLAPSE OF SEPARATISM AT CROWN COLLEGE

In the past we have warned about Clarence Sexton's unity philosophy as represented by his Independent Baptist Friends International conferences. (See "An Open Letter to Clarence Sexton" and "Friends Can't Criticize Friends" at the Way of Life web site --www.wayoflife.org.) In a day when worldliness and heresies are spreading rapidly among independent Baptists, it is time to batten down the hatches of separatism, but instead Sexton is calling for IFB unityism. His close association with Jack Schaap is irrefutable evidence of this. Schaap is scheduled to speak at a couple's retreat at Crown this year: Schaap, who as a staff member helped cover up Jack Hyles'



sin and lies, who remains one of the kings of the heresy of Quick Prayerism (e.g., his Teen Soul Winning Marathon on Oct. 5, 2002 claimed "over 9,500 souls saved" through 300 teen soul winners), who likens the Lord's Supper and Bible reading to sexual union, who turns the house of God into a worldly carnival (e.g., his Fall Campaign 2010 with its game show spinning wheel and prizes at Ziggie's Funland, etc.), who teaches the heresies of generational spirits and prosperity giving, who claims that the law was not nailed to the cross and that Jesus did not know who he was until informed by his parents, who claims that God hates men and that Jesus came to earth as an experiment, who says that Barack Obama is born again and that it is legitimate to vote for a pro-abortion candidate, and who mentors an emerging rapper church. Yes, that Jack Schaap. (See the free eBook The Two Jacks at the Way of Life web site -- www.wayoflife.org.) Clarence Sexton also had Roman Catholic Rick Santorum speak on Wednesday evening, February 29 ("Rick Santorum to Hold Rally at Crown," KnoxNews.com, Feb. 28, 2012). Santorum, of course, is seeking the Republican presidential nomination. Politics was a major beginning point of Jerry Falwell's spiritual downfall. Steeped in a pragmatic philosophy, he believed it was so important to "bring America back to God" that he was willing to ignore the Bible's

Further Collapse of Separatism at Crown College......

command to separate from those who hold false teaching (e.g., Rom. 16:17-18; 1 Corinthians 6:17; 2 Timothy 3:5). To his own detriment and that of his followers Falwell ignored God's plain and compassionate warning that evil communications corrupt good manners. Falwell's Moral Majority organization eventually was composed of a large percentage of Roman Catholics and he became so confused that called them his brothers and sisters in Christ in spite of their avowed false gospel, and he highly praised ecumenical books that treated the Roman Catholic Church as part of "Christ's body." Following in Falwell's disobedient footsteps, Sexton called Rick Santorum a "brother" at a conference in Pennsylvania last year (as per e-mail from an eyewitness, Pastor Steve Rogers, March 10, 2012). "Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners" (1 Corinthians 15:33).

MAN DRAWS CLOSER TO THE LORD BY GIVING UP SOUTHERN GOSPEL

We deal with Southern Gospel music in the video presentation series Music for Good or Evil, and we were encouraged recently to receive the following testimony: "I have compared everything you state to the Word of God and find it to be biblical. I personally came under conviction dealing with Southern Gospel music. I did research with the help of your website and prayed daily and realized I was wrong. I have found sacred Christian music to be more spiritual and now I am not listening to Southern Gospel any longer. I just wanted to be an encouragement to you and tell you we are praying for you daily. Thank you for the referral to oldchristianradio.com. I have gotten much closer to the Lord listening to sacred music."



THE GETTY'S CONTEMPORARY HYMNS



Keith and Kristyn Getty's "contemporary hymns" are widely used among "traditional, non-contemporary" churches, because they are considered relatively safe. For example, at least eight of their songs are included in Majesty Music's hymnal. Their popular songs include "Don't Let Me Lose My Wonder," "In Christ Alone" (penned by Keith and Stuart Townend), "Speak, Oh Lord," and "The Power of the Cross." Typically, the lyrics are scriptural and the tunes are not blaring rock & roll. But the Gettys represent the exceedingly dangerous world of contemporary worship music as definitely as Michael W. Smith or Graham Kendrick. Their ecumenical, one-world-church goal is to "bring EVERYONE together musically" (www.keithgetty.com). They want to "bridge the gap between the traditional and contemporary" (http://www.gettymusic.com/about.aspx), but bible-believers should know that this is a "gap" that must not be bridged, as it is a gap between Christ and the world, between the Spirit and the flesh. The Gettys are "modern hymn writers" but their music is syncretistic. They "fuse the music of their Irish heritage with the sounds of Nashville, their newly adopted home." The Gettys list the Beatles as a major musical influence. Keith arranged some of the songs on Michael W. Smith's charismatic Healing Rain album. The Gettys have a close working relationship with Stuart Townend, who is radically charismatic and ecumenical. Not only do they write and publish songs with Townend, but they also tour together, joining hands, for example, in the Celtic Islands Tour 2012. (See "Stuart Townend" in the Directory of Contemporary Worship Musicians, which is available as a free eBook at the Way of Life web site -www.wayoflife.org.)

MARK DRISCOLL HAILS NEW MOVEMENT IN CHRISTIANITY

Mark Driscoll, senior pastor of the Mars Hills megachurch in Seattle and co-founder of the Acts 29 church planting network, believes "we're sitting at the edge of a precipice" or "a new movement, with the potential to see revival in our generation" (Driscoll, "It's Time to Move from Minutia to Movement," Acts29network.org, March 8, 2012). Driscoll is excited that this movement is "spilling over traditional boundaries that have historically separated people" and describes it as "a number of tributaries coming together to form a river." He speaks of how he has learned from a diverse assortment of Christian leaders, and though he differs with them doctrinally his "goal is to work relationally with them." He says, "I'm fortunate to have close friendships with Christian leaders from around the world and across the theological spectrum." The unity that Driscoll praises is created by "moving from minutia," which is defined as "the small, precise, or trivial details of something." This is the tired old heresy of "in essentials unity; in non-essentials liberty" which is at the heart and soul of the ecumenical program but which is rebellion to the clear commands of God's Word. You will look in vain for support for the "non-essentials liberty" doctrine from the writings of Christ and the apostles. Jesus commanded that the churches teach "all things" (Mat. 28:20) and Paul

taught all the counsel of God (Acts 20:27). We are to keep the apostolic doctrine and command ments "without spot" (1 Tim. 6:13-14). There are no "non-essential" teachings in Scripture. While not every teaching is equally important, no teaching



is of no importance so that it can be ignored for the sake of a broader unity. Driscoll is describing a movement, for sure, but it isn't new and it isn't godly. It is the spirit of end-time apostasy. It is the corrupt "church" that grows into an impressive tree whose branches are filled with birds of the air (Mat. 13:31-32). It is the "church" that is well on the way to being fully leavened by ancient and end-time heresies, all orchestrated to the theme song of the world's rock & roll (Mat. 13:33). Predictably, Driscoll concludes by taking a nasty and slanderous cheap shot at those who refuse to jump in the new movement river but instead "shoot at" and "attack" the leaders of the new movement by testing them by God's Word. Driscoll is a likable person, a "man's man" in a feminized society, but he has no idea what he is doing.

INVENTOR OF MRI SAYS EVOLUTION IS SCIENCE FICTION

The following is excerpted from an interview with Dr. Raymond Damadian that was conducted in January 2012 by Shem Dharampaul of Alberta, Canada. Dr. Dharampaul is a Fellow of the College of Physicians in Canada and is trained in nuclear medicine. Dr. Damadian, biophysicist, is the recipient of the Lemelson-MIT Achievement Award as



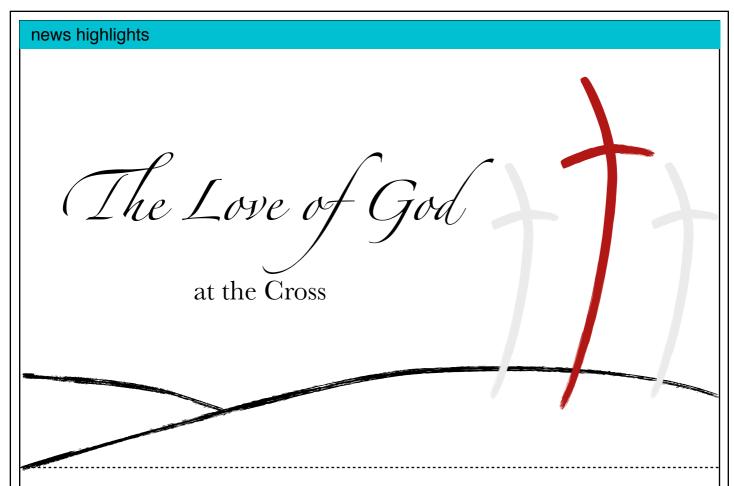
"the man who invented the MRI scanner." In 1988 he was awarded the National Medal of Technology, America's highest award for applied science, and a year later, he was inducted into the Inventors Hall of Fame, an honor he shares with Thomas Edison, Samuel Morse, and the Wright Brothers. The first MRI scanner that Dr. Damadian and his colleagues built in 1977, "The Indomitable," resides at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. "QUESTION: Why do you believe that the Bible is true? DAMADIAN: If you take the trouble to examine the evidence supporting the Bible and contradicting alternative theories, from my perception, the evidence is overwhelmingly in support of the biblical record and vacates alternative thoughts such as evolution. The evidence for evolution is non-existent. In my opinion, evolution is science fiction. QUESTION: Does the Bible's account of creation contradict any known facts of science? DAMADIAN: No. Absolutely not. In my opinion evolution contradicts them."

CONCLUSION:

The Friday Church News Notes is designed for use in churches and is published by Way of Life Literature's Fundamental Baptist Information Service. Unless otherwise stated, the Notes are written by David Cloud. Of necessity we quote from a wide variety of sources, but this obviously does not imply an endorsement. We trust that our readers will not be discouraged. 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. The News Notes remind us that the hour is very late, and we need to be ready for the Lord's coming. Are you sure that you are born again? Are you living for Christ? "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 mailing list. To SUBSCRIBE, go to http://www.wayoflife.org/wayoflife/subscribe.html. TO UNSUBSCRIBE OR CHANGE ADDRESSES, go to the very bottom of any email received from us and click "Manage My Subscription." Way of Life Literature, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866-295-4143, fbns@wayoflife.org.

sermon notes: personal notes
Turn to: Romans 5:8
Psalms 23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.
Jude 1:21 - 22 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life. And of some have compassion, making a difference
1 Samuel 12:24 Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you.

sermon notes: Sermon guide
4. this love gives
VII. Practical thoughts:
A. Realize God loves you, not intellectually, but
B. Think about this love often, that GOD M
C God's love with someone
D Him with all your heart
E. You can only fully receive God's love when you trust Him by and are willing to come to Him your sins and then away from your sins and Christ as your personal Saviour.



COMING UP • CHURCH EVENTS

April Evangelistic Meetings

Souls need to come to the Saviour

Ambassador is making plans to hold evangelistic meetings in April. Be in prayer and plan to invite at least three friends!

"Why the Cross?" **6 April, 10AM**

Lunch to follow; Children's and Mandarin outreach concurrently.

"What has the Cross Got to do with Me?" **7 April, 4PM**

Filipino outreach

"The Morning of the Resurrection"

8 April, 9:30AM

"The Call of the Cross" **8 April, 11AM**

Lunch and Mandarin Service to follow

RECAP • CHURCH NEWS • HIGHLIGHTS

Church Camp 2012

A time to recharge together

FAST FACTS: CHURCH CAMP 2012

Dates: 18 - 22 June 2012

Location: Bayu Beach Resort

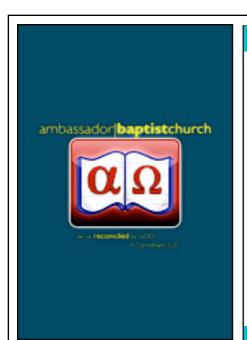
Cost: \$200 Adult \$100 Child

THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

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

THEME FORTHE MONTH:

The Love of God at the Cross



the week at a glance

2 - 8 APRIL

2 Apr	3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr
monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
Faith Bible Institute	Outreach Efforts (SMB)	Outreach Efforts (YIS)		1	r Evang ⁄leeting	

get in touch

We'd love to hear from you, be it feedback about this bulletin, requests for material, or just about any other query you may have about Christ, His Kingdom, and Ambassador. Contact us by:

Post:

1096 Sembawang Road Singapore 758518

Email:

info@ambassador-baptist.org johnny@ambassador-baptist.org (pastor's email)

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/ ambassador.baptist.church.SG

Twitter: @abc_singapore

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

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

Bible reading plan

The New Testament in months

Apr 2 Luke 23

Apr 3 Luke 24

Apr 4 John 1-2

Apr 5 John 3-4

Apr 6 John 5

Apr 7 John 6

Apr 8 John 7