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from the pastor's heart

WAITING ON THE LORD

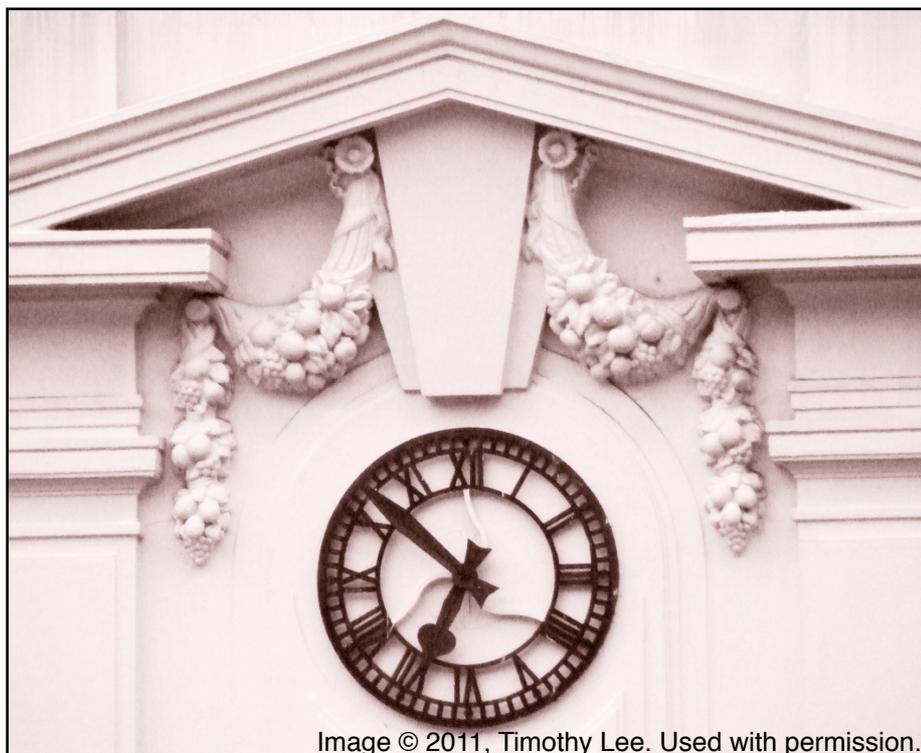


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But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31

Waiting upon the Lord has an implication of expectation, that the person will trust in the Lord and wait on Him to act on his behalf. When we pray and there is no answer, we expect

God to answer; we expect Him to come through. What are the outcomes of waiting on the Lord?

We shall renew our strength

Waiting upon the Lord renews our strength because before we waited on the Lord, we were striving and trying to do what we think is right. However, when we wait on the Lord, and seek His face, we will restrain from striving and start praying. Prayer renews

the spiritual man and, because he has ceased from striving, he is at rest. His strength is renewed because he prays and his soul looks to the Lord Jesus. Oh, that we will learn the blessing of being still before the Lord Jesus. When we wait on the Lord, we renew our strength.

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today's program

the news

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opening **prayer**

hymn | heaven came down

hymn | sweet hour of prayer

offertory

hymn | trust and obey

exhortation | pastor johnny

invitation and closing

from the pastor's heart

We shall soar above our situations

As an eagle lifting up her wings to fly, the individual who waits on the Lord will find that he is able to live above his situation. The situation often remains constant, tight and challenging and daunting. The individual, changed by the power of the Lord, is no longer under the bondage to the situation, but rather is able to live above the situation. God does not promise to change the situations. In fact, He places those situations in our way that we may be changed by Him as we learn to wait in the Lord and His goodness.

We shall be able to press on when others slow down and fall

The trials can be long and the situations hard, but the one who trusts the Lord will last the trials and challenges because their trust is in the Lord. Some missionaries press on despite the odds, while others falter. Some pastors keep going despite the difficulties but others resign. Some grow better in their spiritual life for the Lord but, unfortunately, some grow bitter. The reason this is so is the difference made by waiting on the Lord and allowing Him to renew our strength. The work of the Lord must be done in the strength of the Lord. Strength coming from self will destroy the work and can destroy the man with envy, pride, tiredness and impatience.

We need to learn to wait upon the Lord, for He shall our strength. May the Lord keep us seeking after Him and waiting patiently on Him, for He will strengthen our heart.

*Evangelist-Pastor Johnny Tan
Ambassador Baptist Church*



*The one who trusts
the Lord will last the
trials...*

thought for the week

Neglect of private prayer is the locust which devours the strength of the church.

C.H. SPURGEON

memory verse

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

John 16:24

Sunday Worship Service
18 September 2011
"The Confidence in Prayer"

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

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

III. We can have _____ in prayer :

IV. Three lessons that the passage teaches regarding this confidence in prayer:

A. **We can have _____ that God hears our prayer** because we are _____ (1 John 5:10 - 13)

1. How do we know that we are _____ ?

a) We b_____ in the Son of GOD (verse 10)

b) We have the _____ in ourselves (verse 10)

B. **We can have _____ that God hears our prayer** when we _____

a_____ a_____ to His _____

1. There are two aspects to have confidence in our prayers in this verse:

a) The a_____

2. Be specific in your asking

a) A_____ to His w_____ : this means when the request that we make is within, around, among, part of , alone, pertaining to, touching, concerning, covered after the manner of His will, God hears us .

3. How does God determine His will for us?

a) O_____ G_____

4. How then do we know what is His will?

a) Through His R_____ W_____

C. **We can have _____ that God hears our prayer** and will

g_____ our p_____

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Turn to: 1 John 5:10 - 15

Romans 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

John 20:31 But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

Acts 2:38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

Acts 8:36 - 38 And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him.

Acts 16:31 - 33 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway.

Romans 5:1-2 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.

Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Matthew 7:11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

Friday Church News Notes

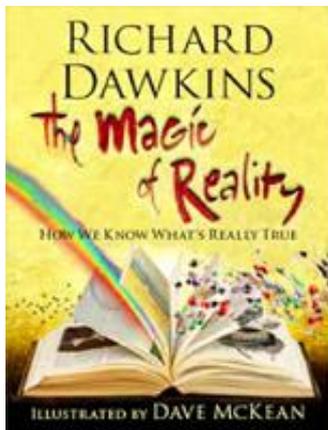
Richard Dawkins and Jesus' Woe

Friday Church News Notes, September 16, 2011 www.wayoflife.org

Richard Dawkins has brought Jesus' fearful woe upon his head with his new illustrated children's book *The Magic of Reality*. Dawkins wants children to believe that though reality is magical, there is no Creator God. The universe just popped into being. Life just happened. An amoeba really did become a man. It's a wild-eyed fairy tale presented as truth in an attempt to convince children that the Bible is a lie. Jesus had the following to say about this type of thing: "Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself

as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!" (Matthew 18:3-7). Of course, according to Dawkins, Jesus was a deluded soul and words such as these from Matthew were made up long after Jesus was crucified. If that is true, Dawkins has nothing to worry about. On the other hand, if Jesus is who the Bible says He is, the skeptic's mocking will have eternal consequences, not

only for himself but for all of those who are influenced by him. And a "wait and see" attitude won't work, because the Bible says there is no second chance to "get it right" after death. Do you want to bet your eternal soul on atheism?



COUNTRIES WITH WORST RELIGIOUS FREEDOM GRADES MOSTLY ISLAMIC

The following is excerpted from CNSNews.com, Aug. 10, 2011: "Muslim-majority countries score worst across a range of measures in a comprehensive new study tracking government restrictions on religion as well as social hostilities involving religion around the world. The study by the Pew Research Center's Forum on Religion & Public Life, released Tuesday, found that nearly one-third of the world's population lives in countries where religion-related government restrictions or social hostilities rose significantly between mid-2006 and mid-2009. Geographically, the Middle East/North Africa region boasted the largest proportion of countries---30 percent---where official restrictions on religion increased over that three-year period. Digging deeper, the 117-page report reveals that countries belonging to the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) dominate many of the most serious measures tracked at the end of the survey period in mid-2009. Seven of the ten countries with the highest--that is, worst--grades when it comes to government restrictions on religion were OIC countries--Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Uzbekistan, Maldives, Malaysia and Indonesia. The other three were China, Burma and Eritrea."



KNOWING THE FUTURE: VIA SUPER COMPUTER OR ALMIGHTY GOD?

A new study claims that feeding a supercomputer with news stories could help predict major world events. The revolutions in Libya and Egypt were predicted in this manner, though only in retrospect ("Supercomputer Predicts Revolution," BBC, Sept. 9, 2011). I know a much more certain method, and that is to read the Bible. It's prophecies are clear and precise and are evidence of its divine authority. The Bible foretold the return of Israel to her land in a spiritually-dead condition in Ezekiel 37. The next major event on the prophetic calendar is the Rapture of church-age saints. That will be followed by seven years of Great Tribulation which will encompass the entire world. Billions will perish through wars and divine judgments. The antichrist will rule the world, controlling all commerce and demanding worship on pain of death. One-third of the Jews will be converted and receive Jesus as Messiah. He will return to earth in power and glory, destroy the antichrist's armies, and establish His kingdom on earth with Jerusalem as the headquarters. The future? You can know it and you can bank on it. And through faith in Jesus Christ you can be on the right side of it.

WHAT WEALTHY CHINESE CITIZENS WANT THE MOST

China is widely praised for its “economic miracle,” but what is not widely enough reported is that even the wealthiest Chinese citizens want to leave. They want to leave because of the communist control freaks who rule the country, restricting liberty and corrupting justice. Among the 20,000 Chinese with at least \$15 million in assets, 27% have already emigrated and 47% are considering it (“Top of Chinese Wealthy’s Wish List: To Leave China,” AP, Sept. 7, 2011). Chinese millionaire “Su,” who builds skyscrapers, told the Associated Press that he is looking forward to the day he can leave because “he wants to protect his assets, he has to watch what he says in China, and he wants a second child.” He spoke on condition of anonymity as he fears

government reprisal. The most popular destination for Chinese emigrants is that terrible place called the United States. And we are talking about rich Chinese people. These particular people aren’t coming to America for wealth; they are coming for freedom: freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, freedom to own property, freedom of movement, freedom to have children, freedom from being spied on and arbitrarily arrested and imprisoned by the government. America has long been a bastion of liberty in a world of oppression. It is terribly sad that we are losing those freedoms because of apostasy, lies, ignorance, and gross unconcern.

PREACHER RAILROADED BY POLICE, PROSECUTOR, AND COURT IN WICHITA

The following is excerpted from “Christians convict pastor for ‘giving out Bibles,’” *WorldNetDaily*, Sept. 1, 2011: “The pastor of a Wichita, Kan., church who has been vocal in speaking out on homosexuality on public streets, the influence of abortion interests in his state and other biblical issues says he has been convicted on charges relating to his decision to hand out Bibles at a Muslim mosque--in a courtroom staffed and filled with *Christians*. The counts against Pastor Mark Holick of Spirit One Christian Center, known as the church ‘without walls,’ technically were two counts of loitering and one count of disrupting a business. He was convicted by a 6-member jury in Wichita District Court and today was sentenced to a \$300 fine, a year of probation and ordered not to be within 1,000 feet of the Islamic center where last fall he was caught handing out pamphlets containing portions of the Bible. What is startling, he told the judge and courtroom during a 15-minute statement in court, is that the conviction came about through Christians. [The arresting officer, judge, prosecutor, city attorney, and four of the six jurors are professing Christians.] At the time of his arrest, he warned that Muslim

religion law, Shariah, is creeping into America through preferential treatment provided by law enforcement and the courts. Today, he told WND that he was handing out a book containing English and Arabic versions of the biblical books of John and Romans, as well as a DVD containing testimony from former Muslims. Holick had been handing out the biblical portions on a sidewalk adjacent to the Wichita mosque, and also went into the driveway where it crossed the sidewalk to do the same. It apparently was that action that the police cited for their counts of loitering and obstructing a business. Holick noted, however, there was no testimony that he had obstructed anyone. ... He told the court, ‘This is about an idolatrous government that has rejected the Lord God Jesus. This is about a government that has turned from the Lord God to the many gods of pluralism.’”



APPEALS COURT RULES THAT UNBORN IS “LIVING HUMAN BEING”

The following is excerpted from “A Whole, Separate, Unique, Living Human Being,” *Live Action*, Sept. 9, 2011: “‘Abortion will terminate the life of a whole, separate, unique, living human being.’ With such a powerful and explicit stance on the sanctity of life in the womb, one would think these words would have come from a religious figure, a social leader in the pro-life movement, or some other position of prominence that is associated with the pro-life movement. These words came from no such person. These words came from our government. Last Friday, a victory was once again claimed for the unborn when the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals handed down a monumental decision. In this decision the three judge panel finally put to rest the legal controversy surrounding a 2005 provision of a South Dakotan law. The provision in question would have required abortion doctors to inform their patients of the

before mentioned quote, that the mother has an ‘existing relationship with that unborn human being,’ as well as the known medical causes of an abortion, which the law explicitly stated includes suicide. ... In its decision, the appeals court upheld that the clause which stated that an abortion killed a separate and unique human being, as well as the clause which stated the mother had an existing relationship with the baby. In the decision it partly upheld the medical risks clause, but the judges determined that, among the known risks, suicide was not medically proven to have an explicit connection with abortion but all the other unspecified risks should be conveyed from the doctor to the patient. The decision was clear and decided; the unborn baby is a living human being.”

DO I DRIVE WEDGES BETWEEN CHURCH MEMBERS AND THEIR PASTORS?

Some fundamental Baptist preachers are criticizing me for “driving wedges between church members and their pastors.” This is a false accusation. While I urge God’s people to “prove all things” and to be Bereans rather than blind men followers (Acts 17:11), and while I warn about Baptist Poobahs such as the late Jack Hyles who require “unquestioning loyalty” and brook no “criticism” and place themselves above discipline, I have also gone to great lengths to help people be faithful church members and to support their pastors and to submit to their pastors as they are faithful to God’s Word *and always to give their pastors the benefit of the doubt*. I have made this clear in many articles such as “Keys to Fruitful Church Membership” (which I have preached in many churches and which is available on SermonAudio), “I Am Not Your Pastor,” “The Pastors’s Authority and the Church Member’s Responsibility,” “Discouraged Pastors,” and “Pastors and

Their Problems.” I first wrote about this in the entries on *Church and Pastor* in the *Way of Life Encyclopedia of the Bible & Christianity* (1993). Having been a church member for nearly 40 years (four different churches), I know how to submit to pastoral authority. And having spent 20 years of my life planting churches, I know how fragile churches are. I know that it is very difficult to build a church but it is easy to tear one down. I have often said that I believe that pastoring is the most difficult job in the world. While I have no sympathy with a compromising, cowardly pastor (“these things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority,” Titus 2:15) or a lording pastor (“neither as being lords,” 1 Peter 5:3), I thank God for godly, humble pastors who are striving to be faithful to Christ and His Word and I am thankful that there are many such men in this sin-cursed world.

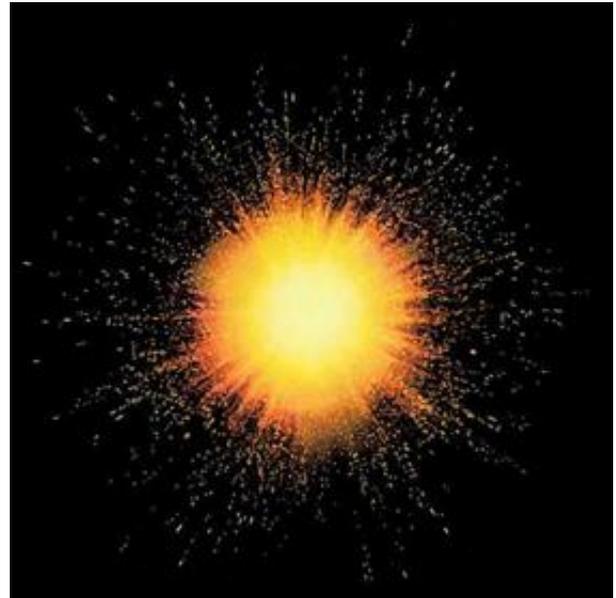
NASA DATA CONTRADICTS GLOBAL WARMING ALARMISM

The following is excerpted from “New NASA Data Blow Gaping Hole in Global Warming,” *Forbes*, Jul. 27, 2011: “NASA satellite data from the years 2000 through 2011 show the Earth’s atmosphere is allowing far more heat to be released into space than alarmist computer models have predicted, reports a new study in the peer-reviewed science journal *Remote Sensing*. The study indicates far less future global warming will occur than United Nations computer models have predicted, and supports prior studies indicating increases in atmospheric carbon dioxide trap far less heat than alarmists have claimed. Study co-author Dr. Roy Spencer, a principal research scientist at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and U.S. Science Team Leader for the Advanced Microwave Scanning Radiometer flying on NASA’s Aqua satellite, reports that real-world data from

NASA’s Terra satellite contradict multiple assumptions fed into alarmist computer models. ‘The satellite observations suggest there is much more energy lost to space during and after warming than the climate models show,’ Spencer said in a July 26 University of Alabama press release. ‘There is a huge discrepancy between the data and the forecasts that is especially big over the oceans.’ In addition to finding that far less heat is being trapped than alarmist computer models have predicted, the NASA satellite data show the atmosphere begins shedding heat into space long before United Nations computer models predicted.”

THE BIG BANG'S HORIZON PROBLEM

Jason Lisle, Ph.D. in astrophysics from the University of Colorado, observes: "The big bang requires that the different regions of the universe started with very different temperatures, as a consequence of quantum mechanics. As the universe expands, the different regions of the universe should have very different temperatures. Yet today they all have almost exactly the same temperature. We can see the cosmic microwave background and see the temperatures. So there is a problem, because there has not been enough time according to evolutionary timescale, even allowing 20 billion years for light to travel from one region to another and thus exchange temperature to come to equilibrium. For all the regions to have the same temperature, they have to be in contact in some way. If you put an ice cube in coffee you get lukewarm coffee. There is an exchange of heat because they are in contact. Light can exchange energy, but there hasn't been enough time. **This is called the Horizon Problem, and it is an enormous problem, because not only is the temperature of the universe uniform, it is very, very uniform**" (Lisle, *Creation Astronomy*, 2006, Answers in Genesis).



Conclusion

Friends in Christ, do not be discouraged by any of this. 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. These things remind us that the hour is very late, and we need to be ready for the coming of the Lord. Are you sure that you are born again? Are you living for Christ day by day? "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 list. To SUBSCRIBE or UNSUBSCRIBE or CHANGE ADDRESSES go to <http://www.wayoflife.org/fbis/subscribe.html>. Way of Life Literature, P.O. Box 610368, Port Huron, MI 48061, 866-295-4143, fbns@wayoflife.org. David Cloud is the director of Way of Life Literature and author of the Friday Church News Notes.

1 Thessalonians 4:3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

1 Thessalonians 5:18 In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

Psalms 50:15 And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.

Psalms 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

ambassador welcomes you

Welcome to Ambassador!
 We thank the Lord Jesus for your presence and we know God has a plan for you to be here. My your life be touched and changed by the Word of God as it is preached and may you find true meaning in life through Christ.

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 Ambassador's Church Camp 2010

NOTICE • from the heart
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Will you obey the Lord today?

Baptism is a very important step of obedience for the believer. It is an evidence of God working in the heart, mind and soul of the believer. If the Lord has been working on your heart about baptism, you need to do the following:

- Inform Pastor Johnny Tan of your intention
- Fill in an electronic or paper membership form
- Email or submit the form to Pastor Johnny

After receiving the form, an appointment will be made by Pastor Johnny who will go through the principles and processes for Biblical baptism. In the words of the Ethiopian eunuch, what doth hinder you to be baptized?

COUNTDOWNS

weeks to:



Children's Outing
 7 October 2011

Details to follow

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:

Lord! Hear us!

RECAP • COMING UP
CALL FOR WORKERS

Ambassador Youth Camp 2011

Go online or email youthcamp@ambassador-baptist.org to view the list of workers needed for this important event.

YOUTH CAMP 2011

Dates: 21 - 25 November 2011
Venue: Aloha Changi Fairy Point Chalet 7

NOTICE
FAITH BIBLE INSTITUTE NEW SEMESTER

Early bird signup discounts.

For those who missed the current semester of FBI, sign up for the next semester by 30 September 2011 to qualify for discounts on your tuition fees.

For more information, visit our website or email us at fbi@ambassador-baptist.org



the week at a glance

19 -25 SEPTEMBER 2011

| 19 Sep | 20 Sep | 21 Sep | 22 Sep | 23 Sep | 24 Sep | 25 Sep |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|----------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------------|
| monday | tuesday | wednesday | thursday | friday | saturday | sunday |
| Faith Bible Institute | Outreach Efforts | Outreach Efforts | | Rivers in a Dry Place | ABC Youth | Worship Service |

timings

Sunday Services

Children's Bible Hour 09:30AM
 Sunday Bible Hour 09:30AM
 Mandarin Service 04:30PM
 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

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prayer list and thanksgiving

- **The new place**
- The vision of Ambassador: To Win the North for Christ!
- The various ministries
- Growth of Ambassador and its members

church building fund - project tabernacle

Ambassador Baptist Church has been blessed with more people. God has also miraculously provided us with a more permanent place of worship at Woodlands which is due in 2nd quarter 2013 to cater for our expansion.

We will need the Lord to provide us with \$180,000 to be used for renovating the new place; we will need to raise \$25,715 every three months.

If you are a Christian and believe in the Lord's work in Ambassador, you may contribute regularly by enclosing it in an envelope indicating "Church Building Fund" and dropping it into the offering bag during the service.