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from the pastor's heart

FOR THE SAKE OF PEACE AND OUR REPUTATION



today's **program**

the **news**

hymn | *stand up, stand up for
Jesus*

opening **prayer**

hymn | *alas! and did my Saviour
bleed?*

hymn | *send the light*


offertory

hymn | *give of your best*

exhortation | *pastor Johnny*

invitation and closing

 Pastor Johnny Tan (johnny@ambassador-baptist.org)

 Courtesy Timothy Lee

*Let not then your good be evil
spoken of...*

Romans 14:16

When our Lord Jesus created Adam and Eve, He gave them free will. This free will operated perfectly and freely when they were in the Garden

of Eden, without sin. Their personal decisions about what was right and good, never caused strife and contention between them and all was peaceful and harmonious. However, when sin entered into world, selfishness and the thought for self entered in as well. Now, the motivation what was right and good was determined by their selfish

desires more than the will and love of GOD. The Roman Christians, coming from a strong-willed culture, prided themselves in the strength of their arm and might of their empire and were filled with self and haughtiness. Though having been saved and cleansed by the blood of the

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Lord, the old nature of sin yet persisted in its own ways over issues that didn't matter (specifically, food and days) to the hurt and harm of other younger and immature believers. Paul admonished the Roman Christians by teaching them that what they think and considered to be right and good, which may be in itself right and good, had the potential to be blasphemed - thought of wrongly - when they insisted on their way and refused to change for the sake of the other, even in matters of little importance. So, Paul taught them not to let what they thought as good and right to be wrongly judged. Notice four lessons from this simple verse:

We have our liberties. When the Lord saved us, we all had our freedom to think and decide for ourselves what was right and good. If one thinks eating vegetables is the way to spirituality, then let the individual give thanks individually (Romans 14:6). Paul made it clear that meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse (1 Corinthians 8:8). Whether we eat meat or not, we are not spiritually affected.

Other have their liberties, too. While we have our liberty, Paul intimates that other people also have their own thinking and understanding of any given situation and so they are as right as we are. When we think of being vegetarians as being the way to spiritual life, others may think otherwise,

that food is neutral and we are able to eat or refuse as we please.

There is potential for conflict. Paul highlights the potential for conflict due to this diversity of views. Albert Barnes, a commentator, writes, "Do not so use your Christian liberty as to give occasion for railing (criticism) and unkind remarks from your brethren, so as to produce contention and strife, and thus to give rise to evil reports among the wicked (in other words, that non-believers may report Christians only wanting to fight among themselves)". Is it not true today that brothers and sisters in the Lord can separate and bicker over the slightest of matters?

There needs to be self-denial. *Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? (1 Corinthians 6:7)* In order not to have our good be blasphemed among Christians and non-Christians, is it not crucial that we practice self-denial? For the sake of the Lord and the peace of the Lord's assembly, we need to be willing to forgo what we think and allow the peace of Christ to rule in His church.

Lord, help us to endeavour to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

thought of the week

Have you changed your mind about sin today?

memory verse

When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life; the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand.

Ezekiel 3:18

Sunday Worship Service

24 March 2013

"Evidence of Godly Repentance Within an Assembly"

Turn to: **2 Corinthians 7:8 - 11**

Matthew 3:2 And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

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.

Gen 41:32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh twice; it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass.

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

Psalms 7:11 God judgeth the righteous, and God is angry with the wicked every day.

Galatians 1:23 But they had heard only, That he which persecuted us in times past now preacheth the faith which once he destroyed.

Hebrews 10:26 - 29 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Turn to: **Luke 19:1 - 10**

Matthew 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance

Sunday Worship Service
24 March 2013
"Evidence of Godly Repentance Within an Assembly"

Passage: _____

introduction - what is repentance?

I. It is essentially a _____ of mind.

Repentance

(noun)

a deep heartfelt sorrow or deep contrition for sin, as an offense and dishonor to God, a violation of his holy law, and the basest ingratitude towards a being of infinite benevolence.

Repentance involves relinquishment of any practice, from the conviction that it has offended God. (Websters, 1828)

II. Repentance is a work of the _____ of God in the individual, the only way we can know that there is a repentance is by _____.

what are the evidences of godly repentance?

I. Godly repentance will lead us to be _____ against any _____ of sin, _____ against any _____ to sin, and _____ any _____ of sin.

II. Godly repentance will lead us to make a _____ against that sin, and do all we can to _____ the sin

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

JACK SCHAAP'S ETERNAL PLURAL MARRIAGE



On March 20, Jack Schaap, former pastor of First Baptist Church of Hammond, Indiana, was sentenced to 12 years in prison on the federal charge of taking a minor across state lines for sex. Earlier, in seeking a lighter sentence for his crime, Schaap argued

that he was working 100-hour weeks and was thus so stressed out that he had a momentary moral failure after long years of exemplary Christian living and ministry. The reality is that he had time to exchange 637 text messages and 25 phone calls with the girl in a one-month period from June 21 to July 21 2012 (“Prosecutors: Indiana pastor,” *Chicago Tribune*, Mar. 14, 2013). The reality is that the megachurch pastor wickedly preyed on the youth and vulnerability of a troubled young church

member. In one of the text messages that were exchanged between the 54-year-old pastor and the 17-year-old girl he said: “You have affectionately spoken of being ‘my wife.’ That is exactly what Christ desires for us. He wants to marry us + become eternal lovers!” It appears that Schaap adopted the early Mormon doctrine of eternal marriage and multiple wives! This is not surprising in light of his heresy of likening the Lord’s Supper to sexual union, a doctrine that he taught from the pulpit at First Baptist and in his book *Marriage: The Divine Intimacy* (Hyles Publications, 2005). Note the following excerpt: “When a person takes the bread during the Lord’s Supper he is not actually eating Christ’s body. That person is saying, This element represents something. The person who deeply loves Christ understands that when he receives Christ as Saviour it is a spiritual intercourse” (*Marriage: The Divine Intimacy*, pp. 42, 43). We will not quote further due to the fact that Friday Church News Notes is a family publication!

Jack Hyles’ Daughter’s Open Letter to First Baptist

This month Jack Hyles’ daughter Linda Murphrey published an “Open Letter to First Baptist Church of Hammond.” Following is an excerpt which documents the fact that Hyles was a cult leader rather than a true pastor of a New Testament church. If Linda were the sole voice testifying of this matter, her witness could be rejected. It is a fact that children of pastors have attacked their fathers unjustly out of bitterness and anger. But many voices have been lifted since the 1980s to testify of Hyles’ ministry-disqualifying moral indiscretions, his gross hypocrisy, and his cultic style of leadership. Linda’s voice is only the latest, as we have documented in *The Hyles Effect*, which is available as a free eBook from www.wayoflife.org. “[My father] taught you to adore him above all else. He insisted that you trust him, no matter what rumors you heard. He frightened you to the point that you dare not be disloyal to him. He required obedience without question. ... As I’ve said publicly, based on the



definition of a cult, I believe my father’s church evolved into a cult. Everything revolved around my dad as he used God and the Bible merely as tools to glorify himself. When I was in my mid-twenties, I remember sitting in that huge auditorium one

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Hyles' Daughter's Comments to Jack Schaap

The following comments to Jack Schaap by Jack Hyles' daughter Linda Murphrey is excerpted from her recent "Open Letter to First Baptist Church of Hammond." Schaap is the husband of another of Hyles' daughters, Cindy, and is thus Linda's brother-in-law. Murphrey writes: "When I stop to think about it, I realize that Jack [Schaap] was once a victim himself--that does not at all excuse his crime, not in the least. But I see Jack as a victim-turned-predator like my brother. Both were victims of my dad. Both eventually mimicked the ways of my father and ultimately learned from the master how to prey upon innocent people. Jack, if you happen to read this, surely you now realize that one of us should have spoken up years ago. I regret for all of our sakes that I did not. And shame on you and Cindy for staying silent, for perpetuating and preserving the false image of Jack Hyles. You knew what my dad was like. You had a front row seat to the hypocrisy. And you stayed silent, too, as we all did. ... I recently watched some of your sermons online. I had never heard you preach before and was astonished. Who did you become? This wasn't the Jack Schaap I knew when you first married Cindy. This wasn't the Jack Schaap that used to hang out and watch football at our house in our early adult lives. This was a man impersonating

Jack Hyles' Daughter's Open Letter to First Baptist

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Sunday morning and carefully observing you--the people in the congregation--and the looks in your eyes scared me. As I mentioned in the recent *Chicago Magazine* article, you looked like zombies--sounds extreme, but in that moment as I looked around me, it was extreme. It had gone beyond just intently listening to your pastor. It had gone beyond merely ingesting a sermon. It had crossed over into complete worship of your pastor. You were spellbound. You were in awe. You were mesmerized. Not by Scripture. Not by God. Not by Biblical teaching. But by a man. Jack Hyles."

Jack Hyles, attempting to embody Jack Hyles, so enamored with your success in doing so that it was beyond belief--truly one of the strangest things I had ever seen. Did you know how much you were changing? I used to wonder, did my dad know how much he had changed, how bizarre his behavior had become? Or is the change such a gradual evolution that when you look in the mirror, you don't see who you've become? You don't see the monster looking back at you."

NEW POPE PRAYS TO MARY

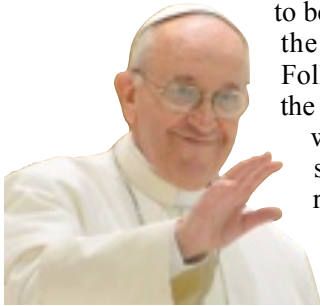


Mary on the cross

In one of his first acts as "pontiff," Pope Francis visited Saint Mary Major basilica and "prayed to the Virgin, for the safekeeping of all of Rome" ("New Pope Francis Visits St. Mary Major," Vatican Information Service, March 14, 2013). At the basilica, the pope "left the Virgin a bouquet of flowers" and prayed to her for about 10 minutes. St. Mary's is one of four "patriarchal basilicas," meaning they are directly associated with the pope and have papal altars, and nowhere is the deep apostasy of the Roman Catholic Church more evident. Built in about AD 350 it was restored by Pope Sixtus III to commemorate the declaration of Mary's Divine Motherhood by the Council of Ephesus in 432. The mosaic in the apse depicts Mary sitting on the right hand of Jesus on His throne and being crowned by Him as Queen of Heaven. Another prominent statue of Mary is titled "Mary Queen of Peace." Outside of the basilica, **MARY IS EVEN HANGING ON THE CROSS WITH JESUS!** A large crucifix has Jesus hanging on one side and a crowned Mary holding a baby on the other. These images depict Rome's dogma that Mary is co-redemptress with Christ and that she intercedes for men and aids in their salvation. Note the following quotation from the Second Vatican Council: "Taken up to heaven she did not lay aside this saving office but BY HER MANIFOLD INTERCESSION CONTINUES TO BRING US THE GIFTS OF ETERNAL SALVATION. ... Therefore the Blessed Virgin is

invoked in the Church under the titles of ADVOCATE, HELPER, BENEFACTRESS, and MEDIATRIX" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, chap. 8, II, 62, pp. 382-383). For photos of Mary on God's throne, Mary the Queen of Peace, and Mary hanging on the cross see the following: <http://www.wayoflife.org/maryolatry/index.html>

NEW POPE BELOVED OF EVANGELICALS



Pope Francis

It appears that the new pope is going to be informal and personable, after the fashion of John Paul II. Following his election, he received the homage of his fellow bishops while standing rather than sitting in the papal throne, he rode in the same minibus he had arrived in with the other cardinals instead of the papal car which had been prepared for him, and he stopped by his hotel and paid his bill and retrieved his suitcases

himself ("New Pope Francis Visits St. Mary Major," Vatican Information Service, March 14, 2013). It also appears that he has a good sense of humor, as he addressed the cardinals at a supper, saying, "May God forgive you [for what you have done]." Pope Francis is committed to social justice activism, criticizes the "unjust distribution of goods," and speaks of social sin more than personal sin. All of this will do much to further the ecumenical movement, particularly among kingdom-building liberal Protestants, evangelicals, and emergents. **Rick Warren** has warmly received the new pope, as reported by *Christian News Network*, March 13, 2013: "After Bergoglio was appointed as successor today, Warren Tweeted to his over 900,000 followers, 'Welcome

Pope Francis, Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio. You have our prayers.' He included the hashtag 'habemus papum,' meaning 'We have a pope!'" **Luis Palau** praised the new pope, saying that he "knows Jesus Christ" and is "very spiritual" and "Bible-centered" and "centered on the Gospel" ("Why It Matters that Pope Francis Drinks Matè with Evangelicals," *Christianity Today*, Mar. 14, 2013). This, of course, is patently ridiculous. **Leith Anderson**, president of the National Association of Evangelicals, said the new pope "can bring us back to the biblical and Christian care for the poor" ("Why Pope Francis Excites (Most) Evangelical Leaders," *Christianity Today*, Mar. 14, 2013). The fact that a major evangelical leader says the Roman Catholic pope can bring him back to the Bible in any sense shows how late the hour is and how far along we are toward a one-world "church." **Ben Stiller** of the World Evangelical Alliance said that "not in 500 years have the two sides [evangelicals and Catholics] been closer" ("A Pope for All Christians," *Christian Today*, Mar. 13a, 2013). **Gary Bauer**, president of American Values, urged evangelicals to rejoice at the election of the new pope, believing that he will continue the program started by John Paul II and Benedict XVI of "a new evangelical period for the Catholic Church" ("Why Evangelicals Should Care about the New Pope," *USA Today*, Mar. 17, 2013). These popular and influential men are the blind leading the blind.

AZUSA: THE SPIRIT OF THE ONE-WORLD CHURCH

Nothing is building the one-world "church" more effectively than the Pentecostal-Charismatic movement. Contemporary worship music, also at the heart and soul of the one-world church, is basically charismatic worship music. The doctrinal heresies, the unscriptural phenomenon, and the fleshly music represent the same spirit. Since the 1960s the old-line Pentecostal denominations that were birthed at Azusa Street at the turn of the 20th century, have largely merged with the charismatic movement and its radical ecumenism. The 2002 edition of the *Dictionary of Pentecostal and Charismatic Movements* says, "The charismatic renewal brought pressure on the Pentecostals to broaden their identification within the universal church to groups previously considered apostate." The so-called "universal church" is more apostate today, in fact, than it was in the 1950s, before the explosion of the charismatic movement, but a shared "experience" of "tongues" and "apostolic



signs" has united Protestants and Baptists with Roman Catholics. Consider the following statement by "apostle" Fred Berry, head of AZUSAFest, a charismatic contemporary music festival which is scheduled to be held in Brazil in April: "With the election of Pope Francis, record numbers of South American Catholics getting filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in tongues, and an increase in Spirit-filled believers in Brazil, we are in the right place, at the right time" ("AZUSAFEST Returns to Sao Paulo," *Christian Newswire*, Mar. 14, 2013). Bible-believing Baptist churches that are messing around with contemporary worship music, because of pastors who are too ignorant to know what is happening and too proud or lazy to look into the issue, are playing with fire, and it is the next generation, particularly, that will be well roasted in the ovens of end-time apostasy.

PRESIDENT OBAMA'S FALSE GOSPEL

In an interview with George Stephanopoulos of ABC, U.S. President Barak Obama stated his view of "the central message of the gospel" as follows: "that we treat everybody as children of God, that we love them the way Jesus Christ taught us to love them" ("Obama Speaks to the Central Message of the Gospel," blog.Godreports.com, Mar, 13, 2013). Obama said that a visit with Billy Graham in 2010 led to a greater passion in his devotional life, particularly in regard to prayer, and he says that he takes calls from two megachurch pastors, Joel Hunter and T.D. Jakes, but a man who holds a false gospel cannot be a true Christian. The apostle Paul received the gospel directly from Jesus Christ as follows: "For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according

to the scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Cor. 15:3-4). The gospel states that all men are lost sinners and that salvation is only through personal faith in the cross-work of Christ and His bodily resurrection. Obama holds a universalist gospel whereby all men are children of God and multiple religions are paths to an ill-defined God. Since they were named by Obama in this interview, we call on Billy Graham, Joel Hunter, and T.D. Jakes to condemn Obama's false gospel so as to clarify the truth in the minds and hearts of the multitudes of people who are in danger of being confused as to the nature of true Christianity and the way of salvation. Of course, we won't hold our breath waiting for this to happen!



Moles Can Smell in Stereo

The following is excerpted from "Moles Can Smell," Brian Thomas, Institute for Creation Research, Feb. 27, 2013: "Seeing and hearing in stereo helps creatures living above ground, but moles need different equipment. Biologist Kenneth Catania of Vanderbilt University conducted three clever experiments to see if the blind eastern American mole used 'stereo smell.' First, he built a chamber with trails that led outward from a central mole entry point, like a semicircle of wheel spokes. He placed a bit of earthworm, which moles love to eat, at the end of one of the trails and watched. On each trial, the mole first sniffed, moving its head back and forth, and then travelled straight to the food. *Nature Communications* published the results. For the second experiment, Catania blocked the mole's left nostril. This skewed the creature's

tracking accuracy consistently to the left. Similar results obtained when Catania blocked just the right nostril. Finally, Catania inserted tubes into both nostrils, but the tubes crossed so that each nostril accessed air that would usually enter the other nostril. This left the poor creature totally confused. ... Stereo smell can only work if the nervous system can detect a difference in the strength of an odor entering each nostril. Considering the tiny distance between the nostrils, the precision and miniaturization of this biological chemical detector is mind-boggling. Whether noticed or ignored, one can always detect the scent of the expert Designer behind any expert design. And these blind moles certainly emanate the fragrance of design."

CONCLUSION:

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III. Godly repentance will create a _____ for sin.

IV. Godly repentance will lead to a _____ of God's _____ over sin:

V. Godly repentance will lead to a _____ desire to _____ with sin

VI. Godly repentance will lead to a _____ to make _____

VII. Godly repentance will lead to an _____ of _____
_____ and _____

VIII. Godly repentance will always have _____

personal application and reflection

COMING UP • CHURCH EVENTS

March Evangelistic Outreach



While we don't know when exactly Christ was crucified, buried and risen again, Ambassador uses the holiday season to reach lost souls for Christ.

This year, we walk through the course of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ with a series of services that are designed to reach out to those who need to hear the important Gospel message the most.

Join us and invite your family and friends!

Filipino Outreach

30 March 2013

The Life of Christ

29 March 2013 (Good Friday)

The Death of Death

31 March 2013 (Easter Sunday)

11AM - 1PM

5 more days...

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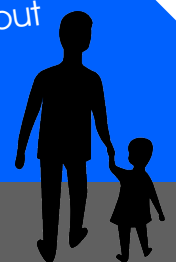
Parent Support Group

THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

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



what does the Bible say about
children and salvation?



We all want the best for our children, and what better thing to give to them than the knowledge of eternal life? Ambassador invites all parents to join us as we learn

about the building blocks of faith in our children in a time of discussion, sharing and prayer. The session runs on 6 April 2013 from 3-5PM at the children's room.

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"He is reconciled to God"
1 Corinthians 5:20

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
				Easter Evangelistic Weekend		
Faith Bible Institute	Outreach Efforts (SEM)	Outreach Efforts (YIS)		The Life of Christ		The Death of Death

"Easter Evangelistic Weekend runs this week."

get in touch!

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weekly activities

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

For more information on our weekly activities, visit our website at www.ambassador-baptist.org

Outreach Efforts

SEMBAWANG
Person-in-Charge: Bro. Robert
Tuesdays, 08:15PM

YISHUN
Person-in-Charge: *We need one.*
Wednesdays, 08:15PM

prayer requests

- **For wisdom as we prepare to move to our new facility**
- The various ministries
- For God's leadership in the transition of Ambassador Baptist Church to a Discipleship church
- **For a tenant to lease the new facility to meet URA guidelines**
- Souls to be saved, baptized and added to the church in 2013
- Bro. Terry's palliative care.
- ABC Biblical doctrines manual

the new testament in 4 months

- MAR 25** Luke 12
- MAR 26** Luke 13-14
- MAR 27** Luke 15-16
- MAR 28** Luke 17-18
- MAR 29** Luke 19
- MAR 30** Luke 20-21
- MAR 31** Luke 22