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be ye **reconciled** to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

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from the pastor's heart

PLEASING OTHERS



today's **program**

the **news**

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

opening **prayer**

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


hymn | *amazing grace*


offertory

hymn | *only trust Him*

exhortation | *pastor Johnny*

invitation and closing

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

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Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good to edification.

Romans 15:2

Paul writes in this chapter to teach the Roman Christians

to be focused on others. Self in the Christian life must decrease and the Lord Jesus must increase (John 3:30). Care and concern for others must be evident in our lives to reflect the rule of Christ in our life. A genuine Christian will learn

to please and put others first and thereby will do things that will comfort and please other brethren. Notice four truths from this verse.

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This pleasing others involves every Christian. Paul was doubtlessly speaking to Christians. The entire epistle was aimed at the Christians in Rome. All believers are to be involved in this important task of pleasing others, his neighbour.

This neighbour is a brother or a sister in Christ. To please his neighbour in Paul's mind refers to the pleasing of brethren in the local assembly, in the local body of Christ, the ones that God has graciously joined together for His sake, by His blood and for His glory. Each believer ought to consider a Christian brother or sister so near in our relationship with each other in Christ (as we are bound by the blood of Christ) that the love of Christ will instantly well up in his soul when he sees them in need, or whenever there is a trial in their lives. He will respond because it is his loving duty before God to do so.

We are to please our neighbour for his good. The goal in Christian exhortation is always for the profit, good, benefit and advantage of the other believer. We are not to aim to indulge our brother (i.e. to give

them what they want) but to please him for his good. Are there some areas that we see lacking in our brethren that we might invest in so that they may benefit from? Is there some profit that we may give to our sister in Christ for her good? Let us do so, for this is the will of God.

We are to please our neighbour to build him up, to his edification. To edify is to build up and to be involved in the growth of the individual Christian. The pleasing of our neighbours is not for the purpose of indulging in the lusts of their flesh but to cater to the goal of their spiritual growth in Christ. If there is a word to be spoken, a deed done, a prayer said, a gift given or a tear shed that may grow our brother or sister, it is to be done to please our neighbour for his growth and edification.

Believer in the Lord, are you living to please other brethren so that you can be involved in their lives for their good and their edification? Will the brother or sister be a better Christian because of you? May it be so, Lord Jesus.

thought of the week

Be a channel of
blessing to others

memory verse

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

John 10:27 – 28

Sunday Worship Service
28 April 2013
"Lest We Be Ashamed"

1 Corinthians 16:1 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye.

Ecclesiastes 5:4-5 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed. Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

Psalms 15:4 In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

Matthew 5:37 But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.

Psalms 66:13 I will go into thy house with burnt offerings: I will pay thee my vows,

Turn to: **Luke 15**

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

Genesis 4:6-7 ¶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

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"Lest We Be Ashamed"

Passage: _____

introduction

what should we do that we will not be ashamed before the Lord?

1. Remember our _____ to the Lord
2. Restart from where we _____
3. Realise there are _____ for our inaction
4. Thank God for His _____ in _____ us of what we need to do so that we will not be ashamed _____

FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

DON'T BE A BLIND MAN-FOLLOWER

I have many friends in the ministry, and they come from widely divergent backgrounds and schools. They are Christ-centered rather than man- and human-institution centered. They are Bible-bound rather than tradition bound. It encourages me that men who graduate from various institutions can learn to think for themselves on the authority of God's Word and by the wisdom of the indwelling Christ and that we do not have to follow a crowd. I thank the Lord for the good things that I learned at Tennessee Temple in the 1970s, but I also thank the Lord for the things God has taught me by His Word that forced me to reject some of the things I was taught and to modify others. I could respect Temple founder Lee Roberson as a man of God without being a blind loyalist in an idolatrous way. This is my challenge to the graduates of and current students of any Bible college. Give men the honor they are due and submit in a godly manner to pastoral authority, but make Christ your only Master and the Bible your ultimate authority. Maintain a godly attitude as opposed to a hyper-critical one, but be a true Berean and "prove all things." Include Psalm 119:128; Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21 among your life verses. One young preacher mocked me in his blog by saying, "I am NOT Cloud's Timothy." (He was referring to my monthly magazine which is called *O Timothy*.) The Lord knows that I have never wanted anyone to be *my* Timothy! I want us all to be the Lord's Timothys, and this has always been the theme of my ministry. "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Th. 5:21).



TESTIMONY FROM ABORTIONIST'S "HOUSE OF HORRORS"

The following is excerpted from "House of Horror Worker," *Christian News*, April 18, 2013: "The final witness against a notorious Philadelphia abortionist who is facing multiple murder charges took the stand in court today, outlining to the jury that she saw at least 10 babies breathing before being killed, and as many as 25. Kareema Cross stated that she was so concerned by what she saw at Kermit Gosnell's Women's Medical Society that

she took photographs and contacted authorities to express her concerns. Her testimony correlated with that of her co-workers, as she told the jury that she saw a newborn flinch his or her arm before employee Lynda Williams snipped the

baby's spinal cord. ... She told jurors that Gosnell took one of the late-term babies that was born alive and placed him in a container the size of a shoe box. As the abortionist was carrying the box to the table, the baby 'pulled in its arms' and then also pulled in its legs 'to fit itself into the box.' 'The doctor then cut the back of the baby's neck,' Cross said, adding that Gosnell joked that the



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baby could have 'walked to the store and the bus stop.' ... As previously reported, abortionist Kermit Gosnell, 72, was taken into custody in 2011 following an investigation into his practice, called the Women's Medical Society. Investigators had not initially been aware that Gosnell was running a late-term abortion facility, but visited the location over suspicions about the illegal sale of controlled substances. Philadelphia District Attorney Seth Williams, who leveled the charges against the abortionist, described Gosnell's operation two years ago as a 'House of Horrors.' ... He now faces seven counts of first-degree murder--the most severe charge, which signifies that the acts were premeditated."

CHRISTIAN BED & BREAKFAST OWNER LOSES CASE IN COURT



The following is from "Court Orders Christian Bed and Breakfast to Accommodate Homosexuals after Denying Bed to Lesbians," *Christian News*, Apr. 19, 2013: "A Christian-owned bed and breakfast establishment in Hawaii has been ordered to accommodate homosexuals who seek lodging for the night following a ruling by the First Circuit Court. Phyllis Young of Aloha Bed and Breakfast in Honolulu was sued in 2011 by two lesbian women from California, who claimed

that Young violated Hawaii's discrimination law by denying them a bed. Diane Cervelli and Taeko Bufford patronized the bed and breakfast in 2007 while visiting a friend in the area, and requested a room. According to reports, when Cervelli noted that the two only needed one bed, Young asked if the women were lesbians. When Cervelli admitted that it was indeed the case, Young explained that she did not feel comfortable with the arrangement because of her Christian beliefs. The women then reported the matter to the Hawaii Civil Rights Commission, who then came knocking at Young's residence. According to the Commission's report, Young told investigators that her convictions did not permit her to accommodate the women, and that homosexual behavior is a 'detestable' practice that 'defiles our land.' The Commission later joined the lawsuit, which was filed by LAMBDA, a homosexual legal organization, on behalf of Cervelli and Bufford. 'We just want to be treated like everyone else,' Bufford told reporters following the filing of the suit. 'It's not about changing her beliefs or changing her religion, it's about accepting us like you're accepting any other client that comes in [the door].' Now, a judge in the First Circuit of Hawaii has ruled that Young violated Hawaii's public accommodations law, which states that businesses may not 'deny, or attempt to deny, a person the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, and accommodations of a place of public accommodation on the basis of race, sex, including gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, color, religion, ancestry, or disability.' ... attorney Stephen Crampton with Liberty Counsel told Christian News Network that if the Supreme Court endorses homosexual 'marriage' in June, cases such as these will become more commonplace. 'Not only will they not tolerate religious folks saying no to homosexuals, not only will they find or run out of business or force the little businesses to bow the knee, they will seek them out and target them,' he said."

CHRISTIAN FLORIST SLAMMED WITH TWO LAW SUITS

The following is excerpted from "Christian Florist Slammed with Second Lawsuit for Declining to Decorate Homosexual 'Wedding,'" *Christian News*, Apr. 22, 2013: "A Christian florist in Washington has been slammed with a second lawsuit for declining to decorate the homosexual wedding of a longtime client. Baronelle Stutzman of Arlene's Flowers in Richland was leveled with a lawsuit last month by State Attorney General Bob Ferguson, who claims that she violated the law by not fulfilling the order. Stutzman had been approached in March by one of her faithful customers, Robert Ingersoll, a homosexual, as he wanted her to supply the flowers for his upcoming ceremony with his partner, Curt.



She states that she politely explained that she would not be able to help in regard to the event. ... After Ingersoll decided to post on Facebook about the matter, controversy arose on both sides of the issue--both for and against Stutzman. The florist said that she received a number of threatening and angry comments. 'It blew way out of proportion,' Stutzman explained. 'I've had hate mail. I've had people that

want to burn my building. I've had people that will never shop here again and [vow to] tell all their friends.' ... Now, the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Washington has also filed against the florist, this time on behalf of Robert Ingersoll and his partner Curt Freed."

PORNOGRAPHY TURNING CHILDREN INTO SEX OFFENDERS

The following is excerpted from "Porn Turned thousands of British Children into Sex Offenders," LifeSiteNews.com, March 4, 2013: "Pornography and depictions of sexuality have turned more than 4,500 British children--some of them as young as five--into sexual offenders, according to a UK-based child welfare charity. A Freedom of Information Act request showed that 4,562 minors--98 percent of them boys--committed 5,028 sexual offenses over a three year period, from 2009-2012. However, the London *Telegraph* reports, "the true figure" of total offenders 'could be even higher as nine forces, including the three largest--the Metropolitan Police, Greater Manchester Police and West Midlands Police--could not provide the relevant figures.' Twenty percent of cases reported involved a family member. In another third, a family friend was victimized. 'We know that technology and easy access to sexual material is warping young people's views of what is normal or acceptable behavior,' said Claire Lilley, policy adviser at The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NSPCC). The report's content, though specific to Great Britain, contains universal truths. 'Child-on-child sex abuse and rape is a growing problem in every culture where pornography flourishes,' Patrick Trueman, a former federal prosecutor in the Reagan administration and president of Morality In Media, told LifeSiteNews.com. 'Children act out what they see. ... The British report joins an accumulating mound of heart-wrenching stories showing how pornography has permanently scarred children around the world--both the victims and the perpetrators.'"



CHINA'S EUGENICS PROGRAM

Eugenics (meaning “good breeding”) is the manipulation of the human gene pool either for racial purification or other purposes. The Second International Eugenics Conference stated that “eugenics is the self-direction of human evolution.” “Positive eugenics” encourages increased reproduction among those who are considered genetically advantaged, while “negative” eugenics tries to lower the fertility of those considered genetically disadvantaged. Its tools include sterilization, abortion, in vitro fertilization, egg transplants, and cloning. Eugenics began in England in the late 1800s with Charles Darwin’s family in the leadership, shifted its focus to America in the early 20th century, and was taken to a new level in Nazi Germany beginning in the 1930s. Because of Hitler’s atrocities, the word “eugenics” fell out of favor, but the practice has continued and it is being raised to an even higher level of efficiency in communist China through the latest technology. China’s BGI Shenzhen is the world’s largest genetic research center, and it is geared to improving the quality of the Chinese

people. “Scientists have collected DNA samples from 2,000 of the world’s smartest people and are sequencing their entire genomes in an attempt to identify the alleles which determine human intelligence. Apparently they’re not far from finding them, and when they do, embryo screening will allow parents to pick their brightest zygote and potentially bump up every generation’s intelligence by five to 15 IQ points” (“How China Is Trying to Engineer Genius Babies,” *Real Clear Politics*, Mar. 17, 2013). (For more on this subject see “Eugenics and Darwin” at www.wayoflife.org.)



THE BELIEVER IS A PILGRIM IN A STRANGE LAND

“These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of *them*, and embraced *them*, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth” (Hebrews 11:13). “Dearly beloved, I beseech *you* as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul” (1 Peter 2:11). “For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ” (Philippians 3:20). “If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth” (Colossians 3:1-2). “*Seeing then that* all these things shall be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought ye to be in *all* holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?” (2 Peter 3:11-12). “Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (1 John 2:15-17).

CONCLUSION:

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IN BRIEF

Faith Bible Institute

Students of Faith Bible Institute are reminded that the New Testament (Life of Christ) will be tomorrow. Please make due diligence in preparation.

COMING UP • CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Vacation Bible School June 2013

Registration for the annual Vacation Bible School is now open! Pick up a registration form or register online at www.ambassador-baptist.org/vbs where more details are available.

Themed "Expedition Needle's Eye," the VBS will run from June 6 - 9.

The Children's Ministry is calling for workers for the VBS. If you are able to assist in this important spiritual work, put your name on the notice board at the rear of the sanctuary or inform the Children's Ministry.



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THE VISION AND MISSION OF AMBASSADOR

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

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"Be reconciled to God"
1 Corinthians 5:20

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday	sunday
Faith Bible Institute	Outreach Efforts (SEM)	Outreach Efforts (YIS)		Rivers in a Dry Place (Lord's Supper Service)	ABC Youth Parent Support Group	Sunday Worship Service Mandarin Service

"Note FBI Test, Lord's Supper and Parent Support Group"

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
- Souls to be saved, baptized and added to the church in 2013
- Bro. Terry's palliative care.
- **Sis Kym's parents**
- **Sis Lydia's parents**

the new testament in 4 months

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