

be ye **reconciled** to God

2 Corinthians 5:20

the weekly digest of ambassador baptistchurch

from the pastor's heart

BEING SERVANTS OF THE LORD





Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

Romans 12:11

Since the fall of Adam, work has been a curse. Our reward based on our efforts is always less than what we expect. 'Overworked and underpaid" is a phrase tossed around to illustrate this truth. However, Singaporeans are still always busy and most are always occupied with something to do. Many use tablets, smartphones and diaries to ensure they keep up with their appointments and schedules. They are busy and motivated in their worldly engagements. Similarly, the Romans, who were a people of action, believed in action and activity. But what is the aim of the

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activity? Does it serve self or does it bring glory to GOD? Brethren who are called by the name of the Lord Jesus, our Saviour asks of us:

Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

John 13:13

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If Jesus is our Lord, what is the focus of our current activity and action? What should be the focus of our work, employment and life? The life of a Christian ought to be diligent both in his secular work but more so in the ministry that God has graciously given to him. Paul highlights three elements that are essential if we are to glorify God in all that we do:

We are not to procrastinate. Slothfulness refers to being idle, inactive, sluggish and habitually lazy. It refers to being indulgent in ease and comfort. Business refers to diligence. Therefore, rather than meaning "not being lazy in a task", Paul admonishes the Roman Kingdom and do Christians not to be inactive, sluggish and habitually lazy, His bidding first. seeking for ease but be actively diligent in all activities that are given to them to do, whether it is a worldly employment or a spiritual task that God graciously provides. Some

work diligently in monetary employment but are slow to do spiritual work; that is wrong. Others are hard at work when it comes to 'God's work' but are slow to do their secular employment; that is equally wrong. Biblical teaching states that whatsoever thy hands findeth to do, do it with all thy might. (Ecclesiastes 9:10). In whatever tasks that have been given to us and whatever our hands find to do, we are to give our best. We are not to procrastinate.

The heart of love for the brethren Reflects the Heart of GOD for us He gave us His Son that we may live Let us give ourselves that others may believe

We need to be fervent in spirit. The word 'fervent' means "a boiling over". The word 'spirit' refers to our innermost being. In all our occupations, there needs to be high intensity and focus, diligence and excitement as we do our best with the task presented. Christian labour must always be excellent and it always starts with our heart being convicted and convinced regarding our priority - to glorify God - and that the name of God be not blasphemed.

> We need to be serving the Lord. As we are diligent and fervent, we are to regard ourselves as servants of the Lord. Our lives are to serve the Lord. It is to bring honour to Him, and accomplish His will in this world and in our lives. Many focus on personal ambitions, but Paul admonishes us to serve the Lord. Seek His Kingdom and do His bidding first. We need to be serving the Lord. In our secular work, we are serve as if we

are serving the Master in Heaven. In our spiritual work, we have one Lord and Master, the Lord Jesus.

Are we procrastinating in our duties, both secular and spiritual? That is not the will of God. Do we have a fervent heart in serving the Lord? Seek the Lord and His power as you serve Him for He has promised us His spirit, given us His word and provided us His power. May we not be slothful in business but fervent in Spirit, serving the Lord.

Seek His

And they shall be my people, and I will be their God:

And I will give them one heart, and one way, that they may fear me for ever, for the good of them, and of their children after them:

Jeremiah 32:38-39

Sunday Worship Service 11 November 2012 "Settling Sin in the Sanctuary"

Turn to: 2 Corinthians 2:1 - 11

Turn to: Matthew 18:15 - 19

Turn to: 1 Corinthians 5

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death

Turn to: Jonah 3:1

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.

Psalms 32:3 - 4 When I kept silence, my bones waxed old through my roaring all the day For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: my moisture is turned into the drought of summer. Selah.

Matthew 18:18 Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Revelation 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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Sunday Worship Service 11 November 2012 "Settling Sin in the Sanctuary"		
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principles of dealing with brethren in sin		
I. There Must Be A Heart Of		

- A. How do we know that Paul had a heart of love for the Corinthian brethren?
 - 1. Love is I_____ He patiently waited for them to resolve their sin (the delay)
 - Love rejoiceth not in _____ but
 rejoiceth in the _____ : He hates sin .
 - 3. Love _____ all things: Paul was enduring their _____
 - 4. Love _____ all things
 - 5. Love _____ all things
 - 6. Love _____all things

It is cruelty to suffer a brother to remain in sin unadmonished; it is cruel to admonish him of it in a harsh, severe, and authoritative tone; but it is proof of tender attachment when we go to him with tears, and entreat him to repent and reform. No man gives higher proof of attachment to a n o t h e r t h a n h e w h o affectionately admonishes him of his sin and danger."

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FRIDAY CHURCH NEWS NOTES

ON THE U.S. ELECTION

"A Psalm of David. Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass. Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be. But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. The wicked plotteth against the just, and gnasheth upon him with his teeth. The Lord shall laugh at him: for he seeth that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, and to slay such as be of upright conversation. Their



sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. For the arms of the wicked shall be broken: but the LORD upholdeth the righteous. The LORD knoweth the days of the upright: and their inheritance shall be for ever. They shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. But the wicked shall perish, and the enemies of the LORD shall be as the fat of lambs: they shall consume; into smoke shall they consume away" (Psalm 37:1-20).

OPERATION DOVE'S WINGS BRINGING REMAINING JEWS



Operation Dove's Wings, which began last week and is expected to end in October 2013, has the objective of bringing Ethiopia's remaining Jews to Israel. It is the conclusion of a 30-year "Aliyah" (ascent) campaign to return north African Jews to the Holy Land 2,500 years after they fled the Babylonian armies that destroyed Jerusalem. (The word "aliyah" is from the same root as veya'al, the last word in 2 Chronicles 36:23, which is the last verse in the Hebrew Bible and is translated "let him

go up" in the King James Bible.) In that day many Jews fled to Egypt, as described by the prophet Jeremiah, and from there they eventually migrated to Ethiopia and other parts of Africa. In 1977, the Israeli government determined that the Law of Return applied to tens of thousands of Ethiopians known as Beta Israel (Community of Israel), and the US government assisted in early airlifts beginning in 1979. The flights have continued off and on ever since. In May 1991, 14,325 Ethiopian Jews were transported to Israel in a space of 36 hours with 30 Israel planes flying non-stop round trips. One El Al Boeing 747 carried 1,122 passengers in a single flight, with two babies being born on the plane. Descendants of Beta Israel (called Falash Mura) who converted to "Christianity" are required to convert to Orthodox Judaism in order to obtain Israeli citizenship. For two millenniums orthodox Jews prayed thrice daily for the return to their land, and they have expected that the return would be associated with the coming of the Messiah, willfully ignorant that the Messiah has already came and suffered and rose from the dead according to their own Scripture. They are still looking for a messiah to build the Third Temple, but he will be a false messiah, a deceiver, who will facilitate the building of the Third Temple only to desecrate it.

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Lucy is the name that was given to a fossilized ape that is supposed to be millions of years old and is alleged to be a missing link between apes and man. This fossil has been the subject of fierce debate, even among evolutionists, since its discovery in the 1970s by Donald Johanson and his colleagues. Lucy was a creature standing about three and a half feet high, and though evolutionists admit that it had an ape's head and brain and ape-like arms, hands, and feet (contrary to the reconstructions seen in many museums), and no speech capacity, it is alleged by many that it walked uprightly, which was "the first step toward becoming human." It has also been theorized that it did not live in trees. Now, researchers who have spent 11 years studying the rarely-found shoulder blades of an Australopithecus afarensis skeleton, have reported that Lucy's faced upward like "modern apes" rather than outward as with humans ("Early Human 'Lucy' Swing from the Trees," Fox News, Oct. 26, 2012). Researcher David Green said, "These remarkable fossils provide strong evidence that these individuals were still climbing [trees] at this stage in human evolution." In fact, there is zero scientific evidence that the creatures were anything other than little apes or that "human

evolution" is anything other than a fairy tale. It is impossible to prove that one type of fossilized creature had any sort of evolutionary connection with another. How could one possibly prove such a thing? Just because there were similarities of structure does not prove evolutionary descent. This can only be presumed from a philosophical bias. The fact that textbooks and museums typically portray Lucy as an unquestionable human ancestor and as an upright walker is evidence that their objective is to brainwash the public with an evolutionary myth rather than provide real objective education. It is probable that "Lucy" and her kin typically walked on all fours like an ape, while walking upright for short distances. One day in Kathmandu a few years ago, I saw a rhesus macaque monkey walk about 100 feet on his back legs. He was just cruising along and seemed very pleased with himself! Apes can stand and walk upright, but they aren't designed to do it comfortably and naturally like a man does; they are more comfortable climbing trees.

WHERE DID LUCY GET HER NAME?

Donald Johanson and colleagues named the fragmentary skeleton "Lucy" after playing the Beatles song "Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds" repeatedly at the camp party the night of the discovery. John Lennon's 1971 song "Imagine" would have been more suitable, as Lucy's discoverers were living out the vain Darwinian dream that there is no God, no heaven or hell, only blind evolution. In the chorus, Lennon sang, "You may say that I'm a dreamer, but I'm not the only one/ And some day I hope you'll join us/ And the world will be as one." Evolutionary scientists are at the forefront of pushing this dream of a

world united in a damnable myth, and it is a fulfillment of Bible prophecy. "Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And

saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men" (2 Peter 3:3-7).



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The following is excerpted from "A Red Carpet for Radicals at the White House," Investigative Project on Terrorism, Oct. 21, 2012: "A year-long investigation by the Investigative Project on Terrorism (IPT) has found that scores of known radical Islamists made hundreds of visits to the Obama White House, meeting with top administration officials. Court documents and other

BAPTISTS BLESSING ANIMALS

In a dramatic sign of spreading apostasy, Baptist churches are now conducting animal blessing services after the fashion of Roman Catholic and Episcopal churches, which use the practice to commemorate the life of the very confused "Saint" Francis of Assisi, who preached to the birds. Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, recently conducted its fifth annual blessing service, and Molly Marshall, president at Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas says the practice is "cropping up here and there in moderate and progressive Baptist churches" ("Baptists embrace pet blessings," Associated Baptist Press, Oct. 22, 2012). Marshall predicts the practice will increase as the U.S. birth rate declines and "pets become more important in people's lives." This is not surprising. I have met fundamental Baptists that believe their dogs will go to heaven. My friends, animals were made by God to be a blessing to man in this present life, but animals do not have eternal souls and do not live beyond the grave. Jesus has commanded us to preach the gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15), but He wasn't talking about dogs and cats. He was talking about fallen

AT THE WHITE HOUSE

records have identified many of these visitors as belonging to groups serving as fronts for the Muslim Brotherhood, Hamas and other Islamic militant organizations. The IPT made the discovery combing through millions of White House visitor log entries. IPT compared the visitors' names with lists of known radical Islamists. Among the visitors were officials representing groups which have (1) been designated by the Department of Justice as unindicted coconspirators in terrorist trials; (2) extolled Islamic terrorist groups including Hamas and Hizballah; (3) obstructed terrorist investigations by instructing their followers not to cooperate with law enforcement; (4) promoted the incendiary conspiratorial allegation that the United States is engaged in a 'war against Islam'--a leading tool in recruiting Muslims to carry out acts of terror; (5) repeatedly claimed that many of the Islamic terrorists convicted since 9-11 were framed by the U.S government as part of an anti-Muslim profiling campaign. ... Despite the President's public proclamations that he is standing strong against terrorism, the White House logs demonstrate that he has legitimized the very same groups that espouse radical Islamic terrorism. ... These persons' perspectives and preferred policies handcuff law enforcement and weaken our resolve when it comes to confronting terrorism."

human beings who are made in God's image and are destined either to heaven or to hell, depending on what they do with Jesus Christ in this present life. There is no hint of support in the divinely-inspired New Testament writings for an animal blessing service.





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Our video presentation "The Foreign Spirit of Contemporary Worship Music" has been translated into Russian and is available at the following link: <u>http://www.eresi.net/analiz-charizmaticheskogo-dvizheniya/lozhniy-duch-charizmaticheskogo-pokloneniya</u>

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WORLDNETDAILY PROMOTING HERETICS

The following is excerpted from "A Shocking Lack of Discernment," Berean Call, October 2012: "Joseph Farah and WorldNetDaily (WND) have done much good work in the past, and their Whistleblower magazine has been a helpful resource. Nevertheless, in recent years, we've noticed their promotion of certain authors who present unbiblical teachings. More than 20 of Michael Rood's DVDs have been featured in WND's catalogs. Rood's training and 'ordination' come through The Way International cult founded by Victor Paul Wierwille, who denied the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. Rood's 'Creator's Calendar' is also offered by WND. ... Though supposedly the result of 'turning to the Hebrew Scriptures,' Rood, Wadsworth, and Fike's calendar has more in common with the zodiac than with Scripture. He also teaches that the idea of the 'Trinity' is pagan in origin. ... While Rood may be blatant, WND's executive news editor Joe Kovacs is more subtle. Kovacs calls himself a 'Bible believing Christian' and attends a nondenominational church. His books Shocked by the Bible and The Divine Secret are sold not only by WND but also by many of the splinter groups from The Worldwide Church of God who still follow the teachings of Herbert W. Armstrong. This is not surprising, for many of Kovacs's theological positions line up with those of the late cultist Armstrong. For example, Kovacs's theology of the Godhead parallels that of Armstrong's polytheist view of a family of gods. In The Divine Secret, Kovacs writes, "Yes, God is indeed a family. Jesus is the Word and He's one member of the God family, and God the Father is yet another member of that same God family" (Kovacs, The Divine Secret, 24). ... Kovacs (1) Denies the trinity by teaching a family of 'Gods.' 'Yes, God is indeed a family. Jesus is the Word and He's one member of the God family, and God the Father is yet another member of that same God family' (Kovacs, The Divine Secret, p. 24). (2) Teaches that humans may attain deity by becoming a member of the 'God family.' 'The plan of God is that God is reproducing. He's having children and raising them to be in the family of God. We are called children of God all throughout the New Testament, sons of God. God is having many sons and daughters. Think for a minute: What are the sons of a giraffe? They're giraffes. What are the children of cats? They're cats. What are the children of God? They're Gods. They're going to be in the God family' (Kovacs, 'Children of a giraffe are giraffes, so what are the children of God,' The Journal, Issue No. 150, 7/27/12). (3) Jesus Christ experienced a 'spiritual resurrection,' no longer being 'flesh and bone.' 'So that we will actually be born into the spirit world, not composed of flesh and blood anymore, but looking like yourself, composed of spirit just like God the Father and Jesus are composed of spirit' (<u>http://www.wnd.com/</u> 2009/12/118220/)."

DALAI LAMA SUPPORTS A PLANT'S RIGHT TO LIFE BUT NOT A BABY'S

Speaking in Hawaii in 2012, the Dalai Lama said that every living thing, including a tree or a plant, has the right to survive ("Recognizing the Right of Plants to Evolve," NPR, Oct. 28, 2012). We wonder if the Dalai Lama asks plants for their permission before eating them? But in 1993, the Dalai Lama said, "If the unborn child will be retarded or if the birth will create serious problems for the parents, these are cases where there can be an exception. I think abortion should be approved or disapproved according to each circumstance" (New York Times, Nov. 28, 1993, cited from "Buddhism and Abortion," BBC, Nov. 23, 2009).



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.

II. We Must Have A Heart Of When The Individual Has
A. What do we do with this individual?
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2. We need to c him
3. We need to him of our love
III. There must be a heart of to the Lord in these things (v9)
A. When we follow the bible as a church, God with us
B. We need to realize Satan awaits every opportunity to,,,

and ______ the church

Personal Reflection and Application

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BLESSED Lord's Day to all. Ambassador Baptist Church welcomes all who have come to worship His holy name today. May the Lord speak to us individually from His word today.

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

THEME FOR THE MONTH:

Presenting Every Person Perfect in Christ

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Try this! "Sit in a different spot"

Get to know someone new/today!/Sit/with someone you've never sat with before!

IN BRIEF: Pastor's Appreciation

Pastor wishes to thank all for the surprise birthday wishes and love gifts through the week.

IN BRIEF: Parent Support Group Update

The tentative date for the inaugural parent support group session is 1 December from 3 - 5PM. More details to follow.

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All activities are running normally

get in touch!

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prayer requests

- 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
- Bro. Terry's palliative care.
- ABC Biblical doctrines manual

weekly activities

Sunday Services

Children's Bible Hour09:30AMSunday Bible Hour09:30AMMandarin Service03:30PMEnglish Worship Service11:00AM

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. Rober Tuesdays, 08:15PM

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

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

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- **13 NOV** Matthew 5-6
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