PRAYER LIST

- CHURCH PROPERTY – ₱ 150k advance rent, ₱ 1M funds for bldg. construction, purchase price of ₱ 5.5m over 7 yrs
- Fund-raising activities (Golf Tournament, Solicitations, Banquet)
- Air-conditioning Unit (2.0 hp)
- Church Vehicle
- Electric Piano
- Worship Team & Creative Team
- Men's Fellowship & Ladies Group
- Youth Ministry
- Mission Works (Manaoag, Dinagat, Taytay-Palawan)
- Pastors and Churches (LBBC, IBBC, Diadem BBC, BMP)
- Gerald Chan (H-Star Ent)
- Lulu Teng (Union Motors)

Our Weekly Report

March 4-7, 2012

Sunday Morning

Adults	29
Young People	17
Children	11
Total	57
Offerings	₱ 11,800

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Adults	5
YP and Children	4
Total	9

Announcements

- Happy birthday to **Nanay Ading** and **Reinier Mamon** (3/5), **Mutya Quintos** (3/9), **Dennis Reyes** (3/11), **Margaux de Mesa** (3/9), **Melba Schwartz** (3/21), **Eugene Paraico** (3/23), **Steph Reyes** (3/26), and **Anne Barcelona** (3/27)! God bless ☺
- **Golf Tickets** and **Letters of Solicitation** are still available! Let us support this activity on May 4.
- Let us prepare for our **Recognition Day** on **March 31!** Please invite students and **parents** to attend this special event.
- **Family Church Camp** on April 2,3 and 4, at Camp Capinpin is only **3 weeks away**! Registration is ONGOING. Please see our Camp Coordinator Edros Rico to register.

Reverence

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh.
– Hebrews 10:9-10

Our generation lacks a sense of wonder and reverence toward God. He is God! Though we have direct access to Him as His children, we ought never to forget that this access was purchased with the precious blood of His only Son. No one who truly understands this ever enters God's presence without a sense of holy awe. No one who comprehends the incredible price paid at Calvary ever takes his relationship with God for granted. We will never truly understand God and the way He relates to us unless we first comprehend a true sense of His holiness and His demand for holiness among His people. We must never act as if it were God's purpose to make us successful. It would be preposterous for us to become impatient when God does not answer our prayers when and how we think He should! He is God, we are not! As you meditate on the price Jesus paid to give you access to the Father, you will come to treasure your prayer times with Him. Worship will become a privilege you seize with gratitude. Scripture will be dear to you as you strive to be holy in all that you do (2 Cor. 7:1; 1 Pet. 1:15)

If you have lost your wonder at the incredible gift of salvation that has been given to you, you need to revisit the cross and witness your Savior suffering for you. How priceless God's gift of salvation is!

-Blackaby Devotionals

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Summary of Last Week's Message

Succeeding in Life

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:12-21

Paul's Pattern for Successful Living

1. **Evaluation: Face my faults.** *(Philippians 3:12-13, Proverbs 28:13)* – This is where we admit we don't have it all together, that we still have a long way to grow, that we're not perfect. Successful people never stop growing. They are always developing, growing, expanding, learning and being candid about it because transparency is a mark of emotional maturity. The question is: Where do we need to change?
2. **Elimination: Forget the former; Let go of the past.** *(Philippians 3:13b; Isaiah 43:18)* – We need to stop being manipulated by our memories. To forget means we don't let the past affect us anymore; we don't let it control us, have power over us, or manipulate us. Successful people learn from the past without dwelling on the past. It's human nature – we tend to remember things we should forget and we tend to forget things we should remember. We need to learn to forget (a) our failures - Nothing you ever do will change your past. No tears, regrets, self-pity. The past is past, over, dead. You can't do anything about it. Accept God's forgiveness, learn from it and let it go; and (b) our successes - The problem with success is that it tends to make you complacent and fills you with pride. The question is: What memory do we need to let go of?
3. **Concentration: Focus on the future.** *(Philippians 3:13c; 2Corinthians 9:24)* – Successful people are goal oriented. They focus on the future. The most common disease in people is fragmentosis -- trying to do 100 different things at the same time. But the truth is that there is no more rewarding goal in life than to please God. The question is: What are we living for? What is our goal in life? What is most important to us?
4. **Determination: Fight to the finish.** *(Philippians 3:14; Acts 20:24; 2 Timothy 4:7-8)* – The principle of determination is: Absolutely nothing worthwhile in life happens without effort. The great people in life are just ordinary people with extraordinary amount of determination. Paul wanted to be a winner in life, not the winner of the world, but the winning that counts.

Three Suggestions

(a) Don't become complacent. *(Philippians 3:15a)* – We must continue to do our best for God.
(b) Be teachable. *(Philippians 3:15b)* – We can never learn from our mistakes if we are not teachable. We must always be open to correction and rebuke from God and our brethren.
(c) Be persistent. *(Philippians 3:16)* – No matter how difficult the situation may seem, we must not give up. We must stay strong and remain faithful with the goal of finishing our race.

Two Promises

(a) You will reap a harvest at the proper time if you do not give up. *(Galatians 6:9)*
(b) What God starts, He finishes. You do your best and He'll do the rest. *(Philippians 1:6)*