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 11-14, 2012

Sunday Morning

Adults	**37**
Young People	**15**
Children	**13**
Total	**65**
Offerings	**₱ 9,440**

Wednesday Prayer Meeting

Adults	**5**
YP and Children	**5**
Total	**10**

Announcements

- Happy birthday to **Melba Schwartz** (3/21), **Eugene Paraico** (3/23), **Steph Reyes** (3/26), and **Anne Barcelona** (3/27)! God bless ☺
- **Golf Tournament deadlines:** April 13 – Last day for return of tickets; otherwise considered sold; April 20 – Last day for submission of sponsors' logos and company names.
- 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 **2 weeks away**! Please register **TODAY** so that the accommodations can be reserved accordingly.

Stand your Watch!

I will stand my watch and set myself on the rampart, and watch to see what He will say to me, and what I will answer when I am corrected. ***– Habakkuk 2:1***

The watchman's job was vital. An approaching army left residents of an ancient city precious little time to flee or to prepare for battle. Everyone's life depended on the alert watchman as he peered into the horizon for the earliest glimpse of an approaching threat. It was critical that the people be alerted as soon as possible to what was coming. As a Christian, God places you as a watchman for yourself, your friends, your family, and your church family. It is essential that you be attentive to what God is saying. It may be that a friend is in crisis and needs God's word. As you study your Bible, God may choose to give you words of encouragement to share with your friend. It may be that as your children face difficult challenges, God will speak to you as you pray and reveal how you can help them. If you are spiritually alert, you may receive a warning from God that addresses specific dangers that those around you are facing.

If you are careless, on the other hand, your family may be struggling, but the answers God has for them will go unheard. If you are oblivious to God's message, those around you may miss the encouraging promise from God that He wanted to share through you. God holds His watchmen accountable for their diligence (Ezek. 33:6). Strive to be attentive to every word that comes to you from God. Your diligence will benefit you and those around you as you heed God's warnings and follow His commands.

-Blackaby Devotionals

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Summary of Last Week's Message

Getting Started: How to Land Safely after a Spiritual High

Scripture Reading: Revelations 2:2-5

Mount Everest is a spectacular place, but 1 out 8 who climb Mount Everest perish. More people have died descending it, and this just proves that after a high point in our life, we are prone to fall and let down our guard. In our text we are warned against leaving our first love.

What is first love like?

1. There is an INSATIABLE DESIRE to learn about the other person.
2. There is a HEAVY INVESTMENT in the relationship.
3. There is an INTENSE PREOCCUPATION of your heart.

What happens to our first love?

We leave it. *(Revelations 2:4 and Psalm 34:8)*

Steps to take on the Journey

1. **Remember.** *(Revelations 2:5a)* – When you were first in love with Christ, all you wanted to do was love him and please him. God remembers. He remembers feeling the thrill within you the first time that the Bible really spoke to you. He remembers your courage the first time you talked to someone else about how much Jesus meant to you. God remembers each time in worship where you would lift your hands and surrender to Him, when He was the object of your deepest affection. He misses that.
2. **Repent.** *(Revelations 2:5b; Lamentations 3:40)* – What does it mean to repent? The real definition of repent is – I recognize that where I am is not where I am supposed to be. So, I turn and move toward where I am supposed to be.
3. **Do what you used to do.** *(Revelations 2:5c)* – You take one step at a time. You do the next right thing. You put one foot in front of the other. You take one right step a time and you will successfully make your way through the low places. It's all about just keeping your promise a little longer. I think sometimes we get overwhelmed in our commitments to God and think "Oh, I can't do this forever!" and we just get discouraged and give up. This is about keeping your promises just a little longer. Don't worry about feelings. MOTION will lead to EMOTION.

Two More Steps

(a) Baptism – One public way you express your new life in Christ is to be baptized.

(b) Christ-likeness. *(Philippians 3:16, Galatians 5:16, 22-23, 2 Corinthians 8:11)* – The expectation is that you start becoming like Jesus. And when you boil it right down, our character is developed through our obedience and through our trust in God during the highs and during the lows. You trust Him when we're up and we obey Him. We trust Him when we're down, and we obey Him. Selective obedience is not obedience at all. That's just called convenience.