

# Trinity Bible Church

*The Carpenter's House*

March 18, 2007

## **FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE**

*How Then Shall We Live?*

*Your Measure*

*Romans 12:3*

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*Please join us for refreshments between services*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Wednesday	21 March	Bible Class
Thursday	22 March	Final Greek Class
Wednesday	28 March	Question and answer session.
Sunday	1 April	International Atheists Day.
Wednesday	4 April	Gary Horton and Pot Luck Dinner.
Sunday	8 April	Resurrection Sunday Celebration.
Sunday	15 April	<b>BUILDING DEDICATION!</b> More later.

- \*\* Officers on our new deacon board are: Leonard Chanler, Chairman; Bobby Mullins, Vice-chairman; Roger Mueller, Treasurer; Jim Carrel, Secretary. See the list at the end of the handout for the committee chairman.
- \*\* Please note the special services coming up and invite your family and friends.
- \*\* The Greek Students will be completing their Beginning Greek class this coming week. Mario has offered to teach another Greek class, beginning this September. Please contact him if you would like to take it.
- \*\* The door into the kitchen will be left open during class.
- \*\* Be in prayer for someone to minister in the nursery.
- \*\* Please note the following directory changes:  
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## **OFFERING**

**Praise and Worship**

## **SECOND SERVICE MESSAGE:**

*How Then Shall We Live?*

*Practical Steps to Transformation*

*Romans 12:3*

**MICHAEL AND SHERI PARKS**  
**Global Hope Network**  
**March 2007**

The kids are in the local French school. Sheri and I finished our first month of intensive language training. I went for four hours in the morning and she went in the evening. The kids are doing very well. They do miss their friends and talk about them often. Carlos is enjoying school even though he has suffered a little trouble being a "foreigner". Ilana and Josiah like school but keep saying, "they don't speak our language!" Ilana is 6 years old.

**FIELD UPDATE - SUDAN:** Intense fighting in Darfur continue. In December we arrived to our village in the mountain region of Darfur after not being able to access the village for several months. The village had not suffered a major attack although there were several raids. There are many more people in the area who have fled the fighting and are in need of assistance. We sent a work team to Feina to fix up the compound to make it more livable (concrete floors in the hut) and put a roof on the new clinic building. Edward, our project manager, rode up with a truck filled with supplies. As they crossed "no mans land" they were held up at gun point by Janjaweed. They took money but the supplies they left. I got a call today from Edward and the team and work is doing well in Feina. They made many improvements to the compound. Be assured we do not enter these areas blindly or ignorantly. We are briefed by the UN and other NGO's working in the area. Security reports said the area was ok to travel, but situations change and there are risks involved in our work.

We have been able to share hope with the local leadership and in the school. I was able to speak with the entire school population of 1000 students and the staff. Every time we show up we disrupt the entire school, and with 1000 students excited about the visitors you *can* imagine the potential chaos. But the teacher quickly got them all in order and they sang a beautiful song and greeted us with 1000 hardy voices! All are very open and hungry to know more of the hope that is in us. We have been asked to teach English and we have a standing invitation to come to the school any time we want.

**SRI-LANKA:** - I had a wonderful visit to Sri Lanka. I was very encouraged by the heart and the activities of our project manager and his wife (Celeste and Jay: Please keep them in your prayers). Sri Lanka has a long running and violent civil war with the Tamil Tigers. Reconciliation is an important aspect of our work. Through our Community Development Training (CDE) and our partners we are reaching Tamil and Singhalese people in the tea country outside of Galle. Our current focus is micro business making and marketing purses and other sewn items. We are seeing great success in reaching many in the region with the good news. Please lift up our friends as we are targeting 5 villages to kick off the CDE program.

**HERE IS OUR LATEST NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY** - We left the US on the 20th of November and now we are here in France in our third month. How time flies. Life has been good and definitely had its challenges and business. Have you ever noticed that no matter how many extraordinary situations arise in life, the world does not stop...or even slow down? Well...that's my story and I'm sticking to it. After our first quarter in France we are doing better at getting around. Sheri has learned to drive a stick! We are learning the rules of the road by experience, near accidents and getting honked at. The folks here are friendly. The food, rent, and fuel expensive. Winter hasn't been too bad.

We are back in the village in Darfur; In Sri Lanka we are expanding into 5 new villages; we have disaster team trainings scheduled in Hong Kong and Hawaii; the work in Afghanistan is also opening a new widows/woman's program in a western city and our work with many new friends continues to have great impact. And the trouble around the world continues. Sheri said to me, "you always write, "the intense fighting continues"...that is only because the intense fighting continues...in Sudan and many other places around the world cause many "innocent" people to suffer in some very harsh ways. I believe that we (you and I) are called to action, to step up to the plate in the field of crises as millions are literally crying out for help and HOPE. These are exciting days and beautiful things are happening in the midst of crisis. I plan to return late February thru early March.

We need you continued prayers and support. With the move, culture shift for our family and the progress in the field we are experiencing the physical, emotional, and spiritual stress that comes with trying to press into the strongholds of the enemy. Remember us as we seek out the least and last to bring help and hope.

**GREETINGS FROM KHARTOUM** - I am with our team and a number of medical folks preparing to head back to Darfur This trip is significant as I hope to meet with the Sultan and the SLA leadership to coordinate our upcoming development work and I hope to be able to speak about peace and the Prince of Peace. It is nothing less than miraculous the openness and hunger. We cannot look at this as the status quo, because there is no such thing. This is a dynamic situation and we need to be in prayer for safety and success. This is a critical time for reasons that I can only share when I see you. But be assured that after 21/2 years we are moving into a position to go deep into the community and beyond.

**DARFUR REPORT MARCH 2007** - The arid land of the Darfur; hot in the day, cool at night, any wind whips up the fine dust caking everything from our noses to our food with dust...and everyday is windy. Camels, donkeys, horses are the means of travel. The almost human like sound of goats keep us awake at night with warbling sounds that could come from a sci-fi movie. Water is in very short supply. We had a wonderful time of meeting and helping the people of our village. A medical team joined us showing love and compassion as they cared for sick and injured people. One of the most touching moments was a mother came with a newborn less than a month old, emaciated, listless. The mother could not produce milk and she was trying to spoon feed it with goat's milk and the baby was not getting enough nutrition and was dying. The Medical team tried to help the child and we prayed for her as we released her from the clinic. I don't know if the baby will live. Many came with their sick children others with terrible wounds from fire or other injuries, all seeking help, relief, and hope.

The genocide continues and many people are still fleeing the violence of the attacks on their villages by the Janjaweed and bombings from airplanes and helicopters. This has caused the population of our area to swell from about 8000 people two years ago to an estimated 30,000 today. They need help now. Even in the midst of their suffering and fears they come to us looking for help, encouragement and hope. We continue to develop close relationships with many of the community, including the leadership. This has given us a place of trust where we can truly bring lasting help through our projects and training. We are also in talks with a company to drill wells in the area. Thanks again and God Bless you

- VI. Application: the Practice of Righteousness in Service (12:1–15:13)
- A. In Relation to God (12:1-2)
  - B. In Relation to Self (12:3)

Rom 12:3 = Have Sound Judgment.

C.T. = For through the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think, but to think so as to have sound judgment, as the God has measured out to each a measure of *(the result of)* faith.

**Summary:**

1. Paul has "reported for duty."
  - A. He considered God's ~~grace~~ in his own life. (grace)
  - B. He has presented his body a "living and holy sacrifice."
2. He has analyzed his previous worldview(s), been transformed by the Holy Spirit and determined the will of God, which is good.
3. He is sharing his conclusions with each person who reads this letter.
4. He states three areas of transformed thinking and then introduces the purpose for thinking this way.
5. The purpose is to use the gift(s) that God has given to us.
6. One enemy of the function of the gifts is arrogance, which is not thinking of yourself like God thinks of you.
7. A second enemy of the function of the gifts is an incorrect evaluation of ourselves.
8. A third enemy of the function of the gifts is lack of sound judgment.
9. Humility, Correct Proper Self-Evaluation (Discernment) and Wisdom (Usefulness) are needed for our gifts to function properly.
10. The gift received from Christ through the Holy Spirit by faith is to function in faith, being a "measured" part of the Body.
  - A. This "measure of faith" is not just what can be believed but what can be accomplished.
  - B. The "measure" is based on Christ's gift. Eph 4:7-8
  - C. This "measure" can be increased. Luke 6:37-38
  - D. This "measure" is designed to mature (transform) us into the image of our Lord. Eph 4:12-13
  - E. To approach this maturity requires the quest for truth and a working relationship with the Body. Eph 4:14-16

## **Practical Steps To Transformation**

1. **Four things that must permeate these practical steps:**
  - A. **Pray for Transformation. 1 Thes 5:17**
  - B. **Study seeking Truth. 2 Tim 2:15; Isa 40:7-8**
  - C. **Pause to Reflect. Heb 4:1**
  - D. **Act on Principle. Jas 1:22-25**

2. **To Remove Worldly Viewpoint:**

**Step 1. Realize that without this transformation we are powerless and our lives are unmanageable. Eph 2:1-10; Luke 18:13**

**Step 2. Respond to the invitation of the gospel to relationship with God. Rom 1:16-17**

**Step 3. Offer your body a living and holy sacrifice. Rom 12:1-2**

**Step 4. Make a searching, honest and fearless moral inventory of yourself. Rom 2:9-10; 2 Cor 13:5; 1 Cor 11:28-32; Gal 5:16-21**

**Step 5. Admit to yourself, to God and to another trustworthy person the exact nature of your wrongs and fully own them. Gal 6:1-2; James 5:13-16; 1 John 1:5-10**

## Church Committees 2007

### *Education Committee – Chaired by Dan Hensley.*

Responsible for the operation and management of all prep school activities. Oversees the regular classes as well as special classes, such as Vacation Bible School. This includes overseeing the respective directors, teacher personnel, materials, schedules, and operations.

### *Media Committee – Chaired by Jim Carrel.*

Responsible for the editing, reproduction, and distribution of all recorded materials, produced by or distributed to this Church and shall supervise all media personnel and maintain all electronic equipment necessary for these duties.

### *Fellowship Committee – Chaired by Dr. Roger Mueller.*

Responsible to furnish a framework within which the gift of helps may be exercised, and shall supervise all aspects of the social life of the Church as a whole.

### *Missionary Committee – Chaired by Bobby Mullins.*

Responsible for the administration of missionary funds, activities and the Missionary Board.

### *Property Committee – Chaired by Robby Berkenbile.*

Responsible for the operation, use, security, maintenance, and repair of all property not specifically delegated to others, including all buildings, grounds parking areas, mechanical equipment, furniture and fixtures.

### *Worship and Music Committee – Chaired by Pastor Drue Freeman.*

Responsible to select doctrinally suitable music and other worship activities for all public worship services.

### *Outreach Committee – Chaired by Dan Hensley.*

Responsible for welcoming visitors and for providing and supporting outreach into the community.