

# Trinity Bible Church

*The Carpenter's House*

June 10, 2007

## **FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:**

*What It Means to Love*

*Romans 12:10-12*

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*Please join us for refreshments between services*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday	10 June	DaNisha Bynum Bridal Shower.
Wednesday	13 June	1 Corinthians
Thursday	14 June	Ladies prayer meeting, 11:30 a.m. at the church
Sunday	17 June	Father's Day.
Monday	18 June	Deacons' Meeting.
Saturday	30 June	Ladies' Birthday Luncheon @ 11:30.
Wednesday	4 July	Picnic and Baptismal service at the Carle's

- \*\* Please be in prayer for Charlie and Leonard's mission trip to Tanzania, June 16-July 6.
- \*\* Ladies' Prayer Meeting every Thursday @ 11:30 at the church.
- \*\* Notice that there will be a baptismal service on July 4. Please see Drue if you would like to be baptized.
- \*\* Be in prayer for someone to minister in the nursery. Workers needed for the Wednesday night class.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

### **SECOND SERVICE MESSAGE:**

*What It Means to Love*

*Romans 12:10-12*

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

Thank you for standing with us. You are a part of helping many people around the world. I hope my newsletters and updates have communicated our appreciation to you.

I want to tell you of an important opportunity for us. Global Hope Network Int'l has an Asian Staff Conference in Chang Mai, Thailand July 7 thru 14. This is where we will bring together our workers in China, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, as other staff from Hawaii, Singapore, Geneva and the US. The importance of this time is we will have specific training to help us administratively and to unify us as we have time to get to know some staff that we have never met, hear the works the Lord is doing in these various regions, pray with each other and just hang out together and our families. This will help us as we not only learn during the structured periods but also share ideas during the off times. Also I am looking forward to some time away with my family.

I would like to ask that you pray for us during this time and that you consider helping us to cover some of the financial cost to attend. I have already covered the kid's tickets with my miles but still need to purchase Sheri's and my ticket, room and board and registration fees. The total we need to raise is about \$3000. Any help toward this goal would be greatly appreciated and will help us in our work in the field.

**GARY HORTON**  
**American Freedom Assembly**  
**June 2007**

So many times I have found myself saying "Thank you, Lord" for all the grace gifts, cards and letters. When I hear people tell me that they pray for the mission, my family and our most precious grandson Shane, it gives me such peacefulness. I had some stomach infection in November and December which really tested my faith. Thanks to your prayers, I am now back on course.

At a school in Oklahoma a young man introduced me to the assembly. He is "real popular" and a leader. The boy standing with him in the picture is in many ways "unpopular, shy and has had many problems." God sends me to both ends of the spectrum, wherever I go. The other boy was the first to thank me for my presentation and one of many who often "fall through the cracks."

As I was preparing to speak to the 7-12 graders, I noticed a very special teacher working in the gym with the 5-6 grade boys. There was something special about how she did her job. I went over to her after all the students left and gave her a coin. I commended her on an impressive job. She looked at me without batting an eye and said, "It's a God-thing." Another invisible hero is in our midst. Because of her leadership, we got to speak to the 5-6 graders as well. After this assembly a young girl came up to me and said that I had been invited to a classroom. I followed her down the hall to the classroom of that "invisible hero." She said, "Ok class on the count of 3." Then the whole class yelled, in unison "Thank you very much, sir!" I wish you all could share in these memorable moments. I have learned that when the gospel is boldly presented, Christians will stand with you.

Please be sure to read the letter I have enclosed in regards to a Muslim who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. It was an honor to meet this young man the day I spoke to his school. Please pray for his future. In a Muslim family, the minute he believes he is disowned. They are planning for him to move out by his graduation day this June 2007. All seniors should be able to enjoy their successes at graduation without wondering where they will get their next meal or find a place to sleep. Even in America, the Muslim faith is so cruel even to their own.

By the time you receive this I will have finished schools in the Birmingham area. The North Carolina trip has been postponed till September and I ask you to pray for open doors at Fort Bragg. Many of our military families are going through so much. We have to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ who controls history. I needed, after much prayer, to cancel the week in Arizona. We are at this moment pressing on with the Las Vegas week. It is hard to explain all the unseen conflicts that often challenge this outreach but my family needed me. Many of you realize the enemy stops at nothing to attack those families who have ministries all over the world. We will reschedule Arizona.

I close with thanks to each of you who make it possible for us to keep the mission going strong for Christ. Your labor and love will never be in vain. Please continue to pray for the battle for our Shane and the protection of his soul. Our court date was April 25th.

#### **FROM THE MAIL BAG**

Gary - Thank you so much for taking the time to come to school today. Today is the first time my students have listened quietly to anyone for longer than a few minutes. They obviously were listening even the ones who thought they were too cool for your wisdom. The Holy Spirit knows the ones who are positive and I appreciate that He kept the enemies distractions to small moments. I apologize for forgetting to tell you about the incessant lunch bells that ring during our class! Thank you for encouraging me personally and for reminding me that each child is a ministry opportunity.

I spoke at length with Muhammed and have encouraged him to e-mail you. He is a brand new in Christ (a week). He told his parents a few days ago that he has become a Christian and they have flipped out. The irony is that their religion has forced his mother to live as a slave to his father. His parents have taken everything he owns away from him including his bed. He must sleep on the floor (no mattress) while the room he shares with his brother has been outfitted with a king sized bed. His parents have forced him to quit the soccer team and have falsely told his work that he wanted to quit. The day of graduation he must be totally moved out of the house. However, he told me that you made him realize that in spite of all this he is truly free because he knows Christ who is freedom from the world and who is the Truth. (Muhammad's words) Muhammad sees God's hand in his life already because you came today and the Holy Spirit used you to minister directly to him. I have other students who responded today and I am looking forward to tomorrow in class when I can do follow-up. I will let you know what happens. I am so humbled that you came today. I know you were sent for Muhammed (& me) if for nothing else. I know you don't see yourself this way but you are a great man.

Thank you, thank you.  
Much love-Janice

- 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)**
  - C. **In Relation to the Church (12:4-8)**
  - D. **In Relation to Society (12:9-21)**

Rom 12:9 = Love And Application.

C.T. = The love, without hypocrisy, abhorring the evil, attaching to the good.

20 Examples of Love and Good  
Ten "Spheres" of Growth in Love

Rom 12:10 = Relational Spheres 1 & 2-Love's Motivations.

C.T. = (1) In the {the sphere of} brotherly love, tenderly loving into one another; (2) in the {the sphere of} honor, giving preference to one another;

Summary:

1. There is still no "command" to be found here, but simply a powerful description of unhypocritical love.
2. Real love should be our desire toward both God and man.
3. It is something we should seek to "pour" into each other.
4. The opposites of these descriptive phrases are the "evil" that we are to abhor.
5. These two examples involve relationships within the Body of Christ.
6. They are not a simple call to "tolerating" one another but rather a call to a warm, Christlike relationship that is truly concerned for the welfare of another member of the Body of Christ.
7. **Brotherly love:**
  - A. Is taught by God. 1 Thes 4:9
  - B. Is commanded for those who need a "law." Heb 13:1-6
  - C. Can be increased through appreciation of God's love for us. 1 Peter 1:22-25
  - D. Is the horizontal marker of a vertical relationship with God. 2 Peter 1:5-8

**Principle #1: Unhypocritical love seeks warm relationships.**

8. Honor is seeing the value that other people have and considering them more important than oneself. Php 2:3
  - A. This requires the removal of arrogance. Cf Rom 12:3
  - B. Loving God requires loving His children, which involves honoring them. This will result in honor when we stand in front of the Lord. 1 Peter 1:3-9

- B. Endurance of circumstances in the present.
- C. The relationship that keeps it all together.

2. In the sphere of our Hope concerning the future, we rejoice because it is all from God's grace.
  - A. This rejoicing is a result of our justification by faith. Rom 5:1-5
  - B. It is an eager anticipation of our future. Rom 8:24-25
  - C. It comes through the encouragement of Scripture. Rom 15:4-5

**Principle #6: Unhypocritical love is grounded in grace.**

3. In the sphere of the present pressures of life, we persevere with joy and contentment.
  - A. The pattern of perseverance is our Lord. Heb 12:1-2
  - B. A crown is promised to those who endure. James 1:12-13

**Principle #7: Unhypocritical love perseveres under pressure.**

4. In the sphere of prayer, we are consistent.
  - A. It is required to function in the Angelic Conflict. Eph 6:18-19
  - B. It is important to bring it all before the Lord. Phil 4:6-7
  - C. It is required for orientation to your place in history and the use of your gift. 1 Peter 4:7-11

**Principle #8: Unhypocritical love consistently prays.**