

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

November 4, 2007

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:

Judgment

Romans 14:1-4

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	4 Nov	TIME CHANGE. (Hope you didn't just find out)
Sunday	4 Nov	The Lord's Table.
Monday	5 Nov	Youth Meeting.
Wednesday	7 Nov	Pastor Thomas Samuel from India.
Thursday	8 Nov	Ladies Prayer Meeting.
Saturday	10 Nov	Ladies Breakfast Brunch@ Mimi's Café.
Monday	12 Nov	Youth Meeting.
Wednesday	14 Nov	2 Corinthians 2.
Sunday	18 Nov	SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING.
Wednesday	21 Nov	No class.
Thursday	22 Nov	Ladies Prayer Meeting cancelled.
Tuesday	4 Dec	Gary Horton. Pot Luck Dinner @ 6:00

** Please note the SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING, immediately following the second service to vote on changes to the Constitution. You may pick up the proposed changes on the back table. Please direct any questions or opinions you may have to the pastor or deacons.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

The Lord's Table

SECOND SERVICE MESSAGE:

How To Build Relationships

GARY HORTON
American Freedom Assembly
November 2007

A Message From Gary -- I finished another school year thanks to the grace of God, the power of prayer and all of you who make up the AFA team. I cannot help but reflect on the open doors and the response of these young people. I still hold fast to the promise of Revelation 3:7 concerning doors that God opens, no man can shut. The hardest part of the mission today is that while the young people are starving for Truth, the current leadership in the public schools has caved in to the anti-God minority and are closing doors to any and all who represent the Lord Jesus Christ and His gospel.

In 1962, I sat with five friends on the front row of one of the first trials regarding prayer, Bible reading and the Ten Commandments in the public schools. It was then that the enemy began to rear his ugly head by claiming that Christianity had no place in public life. I have tried to keep all of you alert to the subtle erosion of freedom regarding anything having to do with our Lord Jesus Christ, especially when the target is our young people. One example of how difficult it has become to book this program at this time, I received a copy of a new policy in Iowa. The schools have to accept it or be penalized an/or sued. The new policy is entitled "School Assemblies and Faith Based Organizations".

School Assemblies and Faith Based Organization

Public school administrators, please be aware that complaints have been made by students, parents, and legislators about school assemblies sponsored by faith-based organizations. While the in-school assemblies make no mention of religion or religious beliefs (focusing on "character" or related issues), districts expose themselves to both public criticism and possible successful lawsuits on claims of violations of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment by promoting one religion over others. This is because an announcement is generally made during the assembly of a meeting to be held after school hours and not on school premises, of an overtly religious nature. Thus, the religion to be promoted at the later meeting is advantaged by the district. Any such advantage is unconstitutional.

Check out thoroughly any group wanting to speak at an in-school assembly to your students (who are, after all, a captive audience). Ask for a list of prior appearances by the group, and then call some schools on the list to see if there were any issues. Make it clear to the sponsoring group that you will not provide them with an opportunity to advertise their religious meeting at your school to your students. If such an announcement is made despite your best preventative efforts, send a note home with students apologizing for the disobedience of the sponsor.

Finally, any student who complains about this is correct and concerned, and certainly should face no retaliatory actions. The task of educators includes upholding the lawful civil rights of all students.

I can only believe that such a policy will soon be on the desk of every school administrator in America. What a slap in the face this is to Christianity and the beliefs on which our nation and Western civilization were founded. I am confident that God will continue to open doors to some schools and of course jails and detention centers. How long will it take for this country to realize why there is so much violence and crime in our schools and colleges? What are the Columbiners

and Virginia Techs trying to tell us? The Word of God and the Holy Spirit represent the power that Satan fears. He will stop at nothing to destroy their influence. However, our Lord has already won the strategic victory and He has everything under control when it comes to the destiny of this client nation and our young people. Let us not waiver in our mission to glorify our Lord.

Family Update -- Now, allow me to give you an update on another battle we are fighting. This one has to do with our grandson Shane. Though this is personal and close to home, Shane's story represents the brutal attack our younger generations face. Our court date of April 25th was rescheduled. We are grateful for this timing and that the judge agreed to break up the 31 consecutive days that the other side gets with Shane in the summer.

It will be broken down into two, 2- week periods with Shane coming back to us for at least 2 weeks during the split. The judge also agreed to allow T J phone contact with Shane every other day. Last year Shane was cut off from any contact with T J for the entire month and it did a real number on his heart and soul. The other issues will be covered at the next hearing or in God's perfect timing. This battle is clearly one of Good versus Evil for control of this little soul. We realize this is a real Faith-Rest test and only God can deliver. Our precious Savior is protecting Shane's soul and ALL things work together for good to those who Love Him. We appreciate all of you who pray about this and for us.

Our situation is a microcosm of what is happening all across America. Satan was able to divide the first family on earth and he hasn't let up yet. Whether married or single, with children of your own or not, stand fast, guard your own soul, and be alert and ready to protect the souls of these innocent young people as God would have us to do. There is a positive note concerning Shane's soul. Ruthie heard Shane preaching about Jesus the other day to the birds, squirrels and other little creatures that we feed daily. Also last week we had our air conditioner serviced. As Shane was watching the repairman do his work, he asked him, "Do you love Jesus? Needless to say, it opened the door for me to present the gospel to this gentleman. He assured Shane that he already loved Jesus but it was amazing to see my grandson ready to represent his Lord. What a joy he is.

From The Mail Bag

I would like to express my appreciation and admiration for the tremendous presentation provided by Ranger Horton to our youth at Caliente Youth Center. It was an uplifting experience for youth and staff alike, and I am personally honored to have had the opportunity to hear him speak. We would love to have him return to our campus at any time, and would certainly recommend him to any agency, organization, or campus that serves youth. His passion for his work is obviously deeply rooted within him and his pride for his country emanates in his words. I wish more people shared his sense of duty, honor, loyalty, and love for God and Country. Please let him know that he certainly inspired me to order a new gold eagle to sit atop our American Flag.

Jamie D. Killian, Superintendent, Caliente Youth Center, Caliente, Nevada

Judgment Romans 14:1-4

- VI. Application: the Practice of Righteousness in Service (12:1–15:13)
- E. In Relation to Overcoming Evil (13:1-14)
 - F. In Relation to Other Christians (14:1–15:13)
 - 1. Judge Not One Another. 14:1-12
 - a. Accept the Weaker Brother. 14:1-4

Rom 14:1 = Accept the Weaker Believer.

C.T. = Now all of you accept the one who is weak in the faith, but not for *the purpose of judging* his reasonings.

Summary:

1. This is a command to _____ receive the spiritually weaker brother.
2. This is also a command to not proclaim _____ the stronger brother and thus manifest arrogance. Cf 12:3
3. This verse is the introduction to the imperative to “accept others as Christ accepted us.” Rom 15:7
4. Personal “reasonings” often come from an attitude that seeks _____ over others. James 2:1-4
5. Personal “reasonings” should not lead to _____ behavior. 1 Tim 2:8
6. We should become like Christ without even thinking about it. Phil 2:14-17

Principle #1: Don’t _____ to know others’ reasonings.

Rom 14:2 = For Example.

14:2 C.T. = One person believes that he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats vegetables only.

Summary:

1. The truth from “the faith” is that the Lord Himself declared all foods “clean, so nothing is spiritually off limits” Mark 7:17-21
2. One who is vegetarian for _____ reasons is the weaker believer.

Principle #2: Be _____ of the Scriptural truth.

Rom 14:3 = Avoid Legalisms.

14:3 C.T. = The one who eats is not to regard with contempt the one who does not eat, and the one who does not eat is not to judge the one who eats, for the God has accepted him.

Summary:

1. The measure is not our liberty but our _____ . Rom 14:20
2. The spiritual issue is that we may not know the reasonings or motives of other believers.
 - A. Some people may choose to be vegetarian, not for spiritual reasons.
 - B. Some may choose to be vegetarian through a faulty interpretation of some Old Testament passages. Dan 1
 - C. Some people cannot eat meat for their system will not tolerate it. How do you know what it is?
3. Neither person is permitted to be condescending or judge the other.

Principle #3: _____ the grace given to you.

Rom 14:4 = Who Are You?

14:4 C.T. = Who are you to judge the household servant of another? To his own master he stands or falls; and he will stand, for the Lord is powerful to make him stand.

Summary:

1. This begs the question of the master and servant and poses the question, "Are you the master of another's servant?"
2. Our "master" wants us to know our position which does not include the judgment of another servant's motives.
3. He is powerful enough to make them stand up strong just like He is powerful enough to make _____ stand up strong.
4. To wrongfully move into the realm of judgment means that we have selected another master, but we cannot serve two of them at the same time. Luke 16:13
5. The master is in the business of empowering his servants to stand and no longer be weak. He is actually empowering them to _____.
6. When we are involved in wrongful judgment, _____ are the "weaker" brother.

Principle #4: _____ the weaker brother.

Overcome Evil with Good: Accept the non-essential viewpoints of a weaker believer. It is evil to not do so.

How To Build Relationships

5. Q. = How do we do we become loving?

A. = It requires a _____ to establish "loving one another" as the second greatest priority in life.

