

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

June 1, 2008

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:

Genesis 1:24-27

Day 6 of Restoration

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	1 June	The Lord's Table.
Wednesday	3 June	Bible Class.
Thursday	4 June	Ladies' Prayer Meeting.
Saturday	7 June	Men's Fellowship Breakfast.
Monday	9 June	Arkansas Youth Camp.
Wednesday	10 June	Gospel Presentations.
Thursday	11 June	Ladies' Prayer Meeting.
Sunday	15 June	Father's Day.
Monday	16 June	Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday	17 June	Gospel Presentations.

** The Arkansas Youth Camp is coming up in June. Camp fees are \$160. Several scholarships are needed. If you would like to help please designate your offering as "camp fees."

** Starting June 10 we will look at different ways to present the gospel.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

The Lord's Table

*The Keys to Life:
Inspiration*

GLENHAVEN YOUTH RANCH
Quentin Swafford, Director
June 2008

FROM THE DIRECTOR: We Are Grateful: A great big thanks to so many of you who responded to our needs from March and April. Through you, God has supplied the funds we needed. We always see His hand at work taking care of us and the young people He has sent our way. I do anticipate that we will continue to be challenged throughout the year regarding finances, because of the way rising fuel prices are affecting all that we buy. Expenditures for groceries have already gone up almost twenty percent. We just found out that the cost of the fertilizer we use for our pastures has doubled since last year. Even though we use funds from the sale of calves to pay for this, it still hurts. Prayer is our way of letting God know of our concerns. He has always taken care of us and always will.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMERTIME: A few residents will be going home this summer, ending their stay at Glenhaven. Where it is possible, others will go home for a week or two to be with their families. It is always our prayer that God has used us to plant seeds of grace and mercy leading to growth and healing in each young person. We ask for your prayers also for the new residents we have just accepted. We also need your prayers for a set of fulltime Ranch Parents, for the one boys resident house that is currently empty.

The calendar is full of summer activities this year. This will include some much needed time off for our direct care staff: Ranch Parents, Teachers and Resident Instructors. There is also vacation time for support staff. Also scheduled are visits by mission groups coming to serve at Glenhaven from churches around the country. There will be opportunities for the young people to attend youth camps, which seem to charge up their spiritual batteries, so to speak. This applies as well to staff members who attend camp. Camp time allows residents to develop friendships with other young people too.

We have also planned for another Colorado Backpacking Trip for the boys and (new this year) a trip to Virginia for the girls. The girl's trip will focus on putting on a Vacation Bible School for children who live in an impoverished area of the Appalachian Mountains. The young ladies on this trip will be challenged, just as the boys are on the hiking trip, to learn to give of themselves and work as a team under conditions that are not easy. If any of you would like to help support the girl's trip this year, the estimated cost is \$7,000. This amount covers 12 individuals (young ladies and chaperones) during the two week outing. As always with planned trips, if God does not supply funds then, we will not go. We are pleased to share with you that funds to support the Colorado Backpacking Trip have been received.

SUMMER MISSION GROUPS: Because of higher fuel costs some mission teams are planning trips to the States, closer to home. We already have four groups scheduled to come this year. These groups come to serve, providing labor to do a variety of different projects. It is always a big undertaking to host from 15 to 40 extra people on the Ranch for up to a week at a time. The logistics stretches the staff, but it is worth it. The encouragement we receive and all that gets done by the visitors uplifts both residents and staff alike.

REMEMBERING RUTH CUNNINGHAM BY LORI CUNNINGHAM: Many people knew her as Mrs. Cunningham. Some called her Ruth. Hundreds of teenagers called her Mar. For forty years of her life, she selflessly opened her home and her heart to countless souls. She touched the lives of many by her example of steadfast love for her Lord and Savior, Jesus

Christ. She endured a great deal while raising ten children of her own and being mom to over 9,000 more.

Ruth's husband, Glenn Cunningham, whom Glenhaven is named in honor of, traveled extensively during those days and Ruth handled the endless day to day routines of managing their old Ranch. However, she still found the strength to sew, bake cookies and brownies, and play the piano masterfully. In her later years, she dealt with many health problems, first, a heart attack, which was found to have been the third, with the first two going undetected. She returned from the hospital to recover after having a pacemaker put in, only to lose her husband, Glenn, the very next morning to a massive heart attack. A few years later, she had a stroke. She slowed down a bit after that, but it didn't keep her from driving grandkids from Arkansas to Montana, or flying to Australia to visit family. A few years later, she was diagnosed with aggressive breast cancer. Between surgery, chemotherapy, and then radiation, her example amazed everyone.

At 81, she decided to move to Tucson, AZ. Her congestive heart failure caused her health to continue to decline. She was diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes and her diet was extremely limited from sodium and fluids. In November of 2007, she broke her hip by tripping over her buggy and suffered another heart attack. Hospital bound for several weeks, she witnessed to doctors and nurses who were blessed by her countenance. On January 4, 2008, her body struggling to heal, she said, "I'm ready to go home." On January 7 2008, our Lord answered her prayers and brought her home.

Ruth was an amazing woman because she chose to follow our amazing God. Her favorite Bible verse was: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."* Proverbs 3:5-6. The families that now make up Glenhaven Youth Ranch hold her near and dear to our hearts. On Saturday June 7, 2008 at 11:00 a.m., an additional memorial service for Ruth Cunningham will be held at Grace Bible Church, 1005 Richard Street, Hot Springs, AR

GENE AND DAWN WHITEHURST East West Ministries

Good News! We just got word today that our visas to MM have been approved! Kathy's has not been approved yet because she just returned from Africa and just got her application in yesterday. But they said hers will be ready by June 6th. So we are very thankful and praise God! We are prayerfully making our preparations because we want to make sure that what we'll be doing is what is most needed for the people who have gone through such terrible things. The people going are: Chad and Brandi Bortnem (Dawn's son and daughter-in-law), Nicole Bortnem (Dawn's other daughter-in-law), Mary Tippy and Denise Hovland, (who have been several times before teaching woman's BEE classes), Les Prock (a pastor from Seattle area), Gene, Dawn and Kathy. Both Nicole and Mary are nurses so we know we'll be able to put them to very good use! We will be visiting the orphanages plus teaching four different groups of our leaders and missionaries the workshop, "Healing the Wounds of Trauma". And we plan to spend many hours with the people one on one. We want to be there to listen to them, encourage them, and love them. We'd appreciate your prayers, Gene, Dawn and Kathy of Surpassing Grace

Genesis 1:24-27
Day 6 of Restoration

1:1-5	=	Original Creation And Day One. Light from Darkness.
1:6-8	=	The Second Day. Waters from Waters.
1:9-13	=	The Third Day. Dry Land and Vegetation.
1:14-19	=	The Fourth Day. Lights in the heavens.
1:20-23	=	The Fifth Day. Fish and Birds.
1:24-31	=	The Sixth Day. Land Animals and Man

Gen 1:24 = Land Animals.

1:24 C.T. = Then Elohim said, "Let the earth bring forth *each* soul of life after its kind: *each* domestic animal and creeping thing and wild beast of the earth after its kind"; and it became so.

Summary:

1. God begins to populate the dry land.
 - A. Animals that would be domesticated by man, like cattle.
 - B. Creeping things like insects, reptiles etc.
 - C. Wild animals that would not normally be domesticated by man, such as lions.
2. He forms the animals from dirt, like He did the man. Cf 2:19
3. The Divine Taxonomy now includes:
 - A. Plants that are not classed as having a "soul of life."
 - B. Fish.
 - C. Birds.
 - D. Amphibians.
 - E. Domesticatable animals.
 - F. Insects.
 - G. Wild animals.

Gen 1:25 = Proclamation of Good.

1:25 C.T. = And Elohim made *each* beast of the earth after its kind, and *each* domestic animal after its kind, and every creeping thing on the ground after its kind; and Elohim saw that it was good.

Summary:

1. Each animal's body is manufactured from existing material, as is man's.
2. It is formed according to its own kind and gender, as is man's.
3. The wild beasts were herbivorous and not antagonistic until the Fall.
Cf 1:30

Gen 1:26 = The Plan to Make Man.

1:26 C.T. = Then Elohim said, "Let Us make mankind in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them wisely rule over the fish of the sea and over *each* bird of the heavens and over *each* domestic animal and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Gen 1:27 = The Creation of Mankind.

1:27 C.T. = And Elohim created the man in His own image, in the image of Elohim He created him; male and female He created them.

Summary:

- 1. The plan was a unanimous decision of the Trinity.**
- 2. God's "image" included His self-consciousness and ability to decide.**
 - A. This is important for failure to recognize it in another person makes one guilty of a lack of function in God's likeness. James 3:8-9**
 - B. Unjustly taking another's life, because they are made in God's image, makes one worthy of capital punishment. Gen 9:6**
 - C. Man would have a concept of eternity. Eccl 3:11**
 - D. Man would have a sense of right and wrong. Rom 2:14-15**
- 3. His "likeness" refers to how the self-consciousness and volition are used.**
 - A. Notice that God made man in His "image," but not in His "likeness."**
 - B. The likeness was reserved for spiritual growth. Gen 5:3**
- 4. These two things are what distinguish mankind from animals.**
- 5. God created out of nothing the living part of mankind. Gen 2:7**
- 6. He created them ready for sex so that they could fulfill the command.**
- 7. They were created physically and intellectually mature but not spiritually mature.**
- 8. Spiritual maturity requires information, understanding and making wise decisions.**
- 9. There exists a male and female soul that are designed to complement each other. Gen 2:18**
- 10. Chapter 2 will give some of the details.**

The Keys to Life: Inspiration

5. Did the Creator have a written record? Yes or No? Is there a Canon of Scripture? The word "canon" is from a Greek word meaning a "ruler."
- A. The Question of Inspiration.
11. Jesus came to fulfill the Law and the Prophets which means He viewed the Scriptures as totally accurate. Matt 5:17-19
- a. If they were not totally accurate, then Jesus was subscribing to error, which would not be compatible with the Essence of God.
 - b. Since the Scriptures are revealed by the Holy Spirit and attest to Jesus as the Messiah (John 16:5-15), the perfect Son (1 Pet 2:24-25) of the perfect God (Matt 5:48), for Him to agree with error (if the Scriptures are not inerrant) is to deny His perfection and to call the Holy Spirit a liar, which is blasphemy.
12. If the Bible is inspired of God then it is inerrant or else we impugn the character of God. Heb 6:18
- a. Inerrancy means that when all the facts are known, the Scriptures in their original autographs, properly interpreted, will be shown to be wholly true in everything they affirm, whether this has to do with doctrine, morality or the social, physical and life sciences.
 - b. Inerrancy does not mean that various accounts by various witnesses have to be recorded with the same words in the same way. Cf the Gospels.
 - c. Even when non-Biblical sources are quoted, the quotation is accurate.
 - d. Inerrancy is not defined in terms of strict grammatical rules, as writers have always been allowed freedom of expression.
 - e. Some attack inerrancy on grounds that the Bible is not specific enough.
 - f. The Bible is not designed to be a scientific journal that uses modern terminology to describe scientific events, but rather speaks to people where they are.
 - g. There does not have to be an exhaustive account of an event reported for it to be accurate. Gen 14

13. **The Bible was inerrant in its original autographs. There have admittedly been scribal errors in the transmission of the texts, but 95% of all extant writings are in complete agreement.**
 - a. **Some say that the Bible does not teach its own inerrancy, only that it is inspired.**
 - b. **First of all the Bible affirms that Scripture is a revelation from God and secondly if it is from God then it is true.**
 - c. **Inerrancy follows logically from inspiration.**
 - d. **Some claim inerrancy is not important**
 - e. **Some claim it is a recent invention that originated with B.B. Warfield of Princeton in the late 1800's.**
 - f. **Others claim there are errors in the Bible, but they are issues of the copies, not of the originals.**
 - g. **Some claim that since we do not have the originals then we cannot rely on the transmitted message.**
 - h. **Why didn't God preserve the originals? Maybe it was because He did not want man to worship the scrolls but rather the One that inspired them!**
 - i. **What the Bible affirms is inerrant, but not necessarily everything it contains. For example, it records lies. Inerrancy does not make the lie into truth but rather the record of the lie is what is true.**
 - j. **The real crux of the inerrancy issue is that whatever the Bible affirms is without error.**
 - k. **The real question is whether or not you can be confident in the Word of God.**

14. **Total Inspiration and Inerrancy give us assurance of our so-great salvation. 1 John 5:13**