

# *Trinity Bible Church*

*The Carpenter's House*

**June 15, 2008**

**FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:**

*Genesis 1:31-2:3*

*The Rest of Restoration*

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*Please join us for refreshments between services*

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sunday	15 June	Father's Day.
Monday	16 June	Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday	17 June	Gospel Presentations.
Thursday	18 June	Ladies' Prayer Meeting.
Friday	20 June	Mario and Drue leave for Nicaragua.
Sunday	22 June	Dan Hardy.
Wednesday	25 June	Charlie Stillion.
Friday	27 June	Drue returns from Nicaragua.
Sunday	29 June	Mario returns from Nicaragua.
Friday	4 July	Picnic at the Carle's. Baptism.

\*\* Thanks for your provision for camp fees! It was a great camp!!

\*\* Wednesday night class will involve learning different ways to present the gospel and the verses that make the points.

\*\* Note the picnic and the baptism at the Carle's on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Please contact Drue if you would like to be baptized.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING**

### *Hymns*

*The Keys to Life:  
Canonicity*

**GARY HORTON**  
**American Freedom Assembly**  
**June 2008**

The following letter was sent to me from Desert Pines High School in Las Vegas, Nevada. There were almost 3,000 students that received the message of freedom and the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. The principal never heard me but one teacher reacted and this letter was circulated to the other schools in the Vegas area. Here is the letter:

*Dear Parents and Guardians:*

*Today, during an assembly, a motivational speaker volunteered his services in order to convey a speech on patriotism, citizenship, and doing the right thing as a member of society. Unfortunately, with approximately five minutes left in his presentation he began to speak in terms of religious views. At the conclusion of the assembly, the speaker passed out coins with John 3:16 inscribed on the back, which hinged on a violation of the establishment clause. Accordingly, as his preaching did not rise to the level of prophesizing it was certainly deemed as being inappropriate. To date several actions have been taken in order to keep such an incident from happening on the campus of Desert Pines High School and other schools throughout the Clark County School District. Finally, I offer you my sincere apology and want you to know that if you wish to discuss this in further detail, my door is open to you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Dr. Timothy D. Stephens*  
*Principal*  
*Desert Pines High School*

This letter reflects the enemy's strategy to stop Christianity from being any part of the students' curriculum. It's the parents and teachers who react, not the young people. What a marvelous team I have in the Vegas area. Pastor Richard Olsen of Upland Bible Church and Mrs. Jamie Vertrees are the leadership. It was a blessing to see the open doors to the detention centers and behavioral schools. These schools are responsible for helping young people who have not been able to function in a regular school setting.

I apologize that our last letter took so long to reach many of you. Thank you for continuing to pray in spite of not always knowing exactly where I am. I began January on a dead run. I flew to Spokane and spent a day with the Palmers. They are a most incredible family. I need to see them at least once a year to keep my perspective on what it takes to keep 23 or so kids, grandkids, friends, dogs and cats on track. They have a son in Iraq and a daughter in Peru. Please pray for the Palmers.

I then drove west to the Chelan, WA area and spoke to country schools. The leadership and students were amazing. Next came three Christian schools in Seattle. I spoke to 1,700 students at Standwood High School and was once again blown away by the reception. I was there a few years back and the student body requested my return. I loved passing out coins to ROTC cadets, students and staff. That Wednesday and Thursday I shared my ministry with Evergreen Baptist Church and Grace Chapel. These two churches have stood by us for many years and one of the main reasons is the Oakland family, Bob and Jeannie.

On Saturday, my last stop in Washington was Vancouver. Pastor Kendal Weekes allowed me to speak to the fine folks of Grace Haven Bible Church. I consider the Weekes as family.

Monday I drove to McMinnville, OR and hooked up with the Dolence family who have enriched my life for over twenty years. That night I spoke to Yamhill County Jail, which consisted of eighty men and eight women. Later I spoke to a lock-up facility with ten tough teenagers in attendance. I ended with a large youth group at a local church in that area. Upon leaving McMinnville, I drove late into the night toward East Oregon to get to some more high schools and another detention center. This is where I get to spend time with the Donigians. It was their son Aram who first got me into schools in the state of Oregon. We spent time together as I prepared to drive seven hours back to Spokane through one very serious snowstorm. God's grace is sufficient since I'm still here.

I made it to the Richmond, VA area. Jon Bryant is my point man that I met at the age of seven. We met with some of his church leaders to plan a way to reach the young people in that area. I sure enjoyed my time at a small Christian School, Crestwood Presbyterian. Then on to one of the oldest military schools still standing, Fishburne Military School was built in 1879, and holds eighty cadets. After that I drove down to Lynchburg, and linked up with Todd Campo. Todd is the superintendent of Liberty Academy, which holds close to 1,000 young people. I spoke to a small church that night then on to the academy the next morning beginning at 10 AM and ending at 3 PM. I spoke to the first assembly then the teachers continued bringing their students back hour after hour for follow-up sessions. The next morning I went back at 7:30 AM just to encourage the faculty. I got to have time with the 4-5 graders and also stayed to talk to 2-3 graders. I love those little ones. I am excited about the potential open doors in Virginia. Thank you Todd and JoAnn for the hospitality and leadership that will open the Lynchburg area. It remains difficult to put these miracles of God's ministry into words Thank you for traveling with me by prayer and being God's provision in sending me to all these places to present His good news.

*Dear Mr. Horton:*

*On behalf of Stanwood High School, we thank you dearly for your appearance at our Martin Luther King, Jr. assembly. Your presentation touched the lives of many of our students. We greatly appreciate the profound depth of your message. Your speech was extremely inspirational in many different ways. We have had reports from many students who are still contemplating the meaning of your words. We have also received moments from parents that heard about your inspirational message when their sons and daughters came home from school. The message you conveyed was a powerful one, one that will not be forgotten. Thank you once again for making our Martin Luther King, Jr. assembly such a memorable and powerful experience. Sincerely, Stanwood High School Leadership Class*

*TJ.*

*I heard your dad speak last night and was amazed it brought me to tears and I was speechless. I want to share this message with my whole family. And I would like to give him props for being so on fire for God. I can just see God in him and the way he delivers this message and I would like to thank him so much for the words that he spoke tonight. He told me to tell you that I have red hair just like your mama. He also said that if I wanted anything that I could ask you to send me something and you would know what to send or you would ask him what to send. I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you so much and I want you to know I think your father is an amazing man and that God is doing great things through him. Sincerely, Crystal Neubia, McMinnville, OR*

*Genesis 1:31-2:3*  
*The Rest of Restoration*

**Gen 1:31 = The Proclamation of Good on the Sixth Day.**

1:31 C.T. = And Elohim saw all that He had made, and behold-very good. And it became evening and it became morning, the sixth day.

**Summary:**

1. God places everything in perfect working order.
2. He has solved the problems of TOHU and BOHU.
3. It is supremely organized with everything designed to work in perfect harmony.
4. It does recognize that there is already a battle raging.
5. God saw:
  - A. The Light and Darkness. D + 1
  - B. The different locations and functions of the waters. D + 2
  - C. The dry land and vegetation. D + 3
  - D. The sun, moon and stars, for signs, seasons, days and years. D + 4
  - E. The aquatic life and birds. D + 5
  - F. Animals and man. D + 6
6. Taken all together it was "very good."
7. This indicates that the woman was made on the 6<sup>th</sup> day, for man without her was "not good."
8. The earth has a perfect environment, so "environmental determinism" is put to the test.
  - A. Perfect environment should continue to be perfect.
  - B. One thing was left with the potential for imperfection.
  - C. That is the decisions of the man and woman that are to be in the "likeness" of God, the DEMUTH.
9. The Biblical description of this process was 7 literal days.
10. To take it as figurative or mythical greatly affects one's worldview for God very carefully laid out the literal design.

**Genesis 2**

**Extended Outline:**

- A. Four Events (Gen 1-11).
  1. The Creation Of The World And Man. (1-2)
    - H. The Seventh Day. 2:1-3
    - I. The Man and the Garden. 2:4-9
    - J. The River and its Branches. 2:10-14
    - K. The Test. 2:15-17
    - L. The Woman. 2:18-25

**Gen 2:1 = Summary Verse.**

2:1 C.T. = Thus the heavens and the earth were totally completed, and all their hosts.

**Summary:**

1. This verse indicates that everything described in Chapter 1 is fully completed.
2. TOHU and BOHU have been remedied and the new universal society has order, as one would expect from God.
3. Everything is focused on man's habitation of planet earth and it is all perfect.
4. Some of the "organized groupings" or "hosts" only have two representatives at this time.

2:1 C.T. = Thus the heavens and the earth were totally completed, and all their hosts.

Gen 2:2 = The Timing.

2:2 C.T. = And by the seventh day Elohim totally completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done.

Gen 2:3 = The Blessing.

2:3 C.T. = Then Elohim blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which Elohim had created for the purpose of manufacturing.

**Summary:**

1. The work of restoration was completed by the 7<sup>th</sup> day.
2. The proposition is clearly established that God made things from nothing for the purpose of making them into something.
3. This day is 24 hours because it occurs with an ordinal number (7<sup>th</sup>), but it lacks the identifier of "evening and morning," so it extends for God beyond the 24 hours and involves His creative activity.
  - A. With the creation of the heavens and earth, the soul of animals and the soul of man, God's "creation from nothing" ceased. Gen 1:1,21,27; 2:3; 5:1; Deut 4:32 are the only places Elohim is said to "create."
  - B. In contrast, the manufacturing work does not cease forever. Psa 118:21-24; 135:6-7
4. God clearly set some things in motion which would then be normally governed by the physical laws that He established.
5. The Sabbath Day was set aside from the beginning (sanctified) and was reiterated in the Mosaic Law with explanation. Exo 31:12-18
6. The weekly Sabbatical day of rest was given for the purpose of remembering His work in creation. Exo 20:8-11
7. In the seventh month, the Ark rested on Ararat. Gen 8:4
8. In the seventh month the Fall Feasts were instituted. Lev 23:23-28
9. God also established a year of rest for the land every 7<sup>th</sup> year. Exo 23:10-13; Lev 25:3-4
10. The Church is not under the forms of the Mosaic Law. Col 2:16-17
11. The reason is that there is a moment by moment rest available to the children of God. Heb 4:1-16; Matt 11:28-30

## ***The Keys to Life: Canonicity***

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.
  - B. The Question of Canonicity. How was it determined what books would be in the Bible?
    1. Preparation of the Scriptures:
      - a. Papyrus.
      - b. Parchment.
      - c. Vellum.
      - d. Ostraca.
      - e. Clay Tablets.
      - f. Wax tablets.
    2. Forms of ancient books:
      - a. Rolls or scrolls.
      - b. Codex or book form.
    3. Types of writing:
      - a. Uncial.
      - b. Miniscules.
    4. Chapters:
    5. Tests of a book for inclusion in the Canon:
      - a. Is it authoritative? "Thus saith the Lord!"
      - b. Is it prophetic? Was it written by a man of God and also authenticated by the prophets?
      - c. Is it authentic? The ancient church fathers motto was "if in doubt, throw it out."
      - d. Is it dynamic? Did it come with the life-transforming power of God?
      - e. Was it received, collected, read and used? How did the people of God view it?
      - f. Other Principles:
        1. Did the writers know they were writing scripture? Deut 31:24-26; Josh 1:8; Jdg 3:4; Jer 36; Neb 8:1-8; Dan 9:2,5,6; Zech 7:12; 2 Pet 1:21
        2. Public official action. Was there ever an assembly of believers who acknowledged it?
    6. In canonizing certain writings the church was not conferring authority on the books; rather it was acknowledging them to possess authority. Jesus Christ witnessed to the OT Canon: Luke 11:49-51; Luke 24:44
      - a. Josephus.
      - b. The Septuagint.

- c. **The Talmud:**
7. **The early church had the ability to spiritually analyze the validity and accuracy of the writings through the gifts of Prophecy and Discerning of Spirits, given by the Holy Spirit. 1 Cor 14:32**
  8. **No book of Scripture was initially rejected by the Church and later accepted into the Canon.**
  9. **The Patristic Analysis of Old Testament Canonicity:**
    - a. **The Homologoumena, the “things confessed.”**
    - b. **The Antilogoumena, “the things spoken against.”**
    - c. **The Pseudepigrapha, “the lying/false writings.”**
    - d. **The Apocrypha, “the writings apart from.”**
  10. **Scripture was attested to by the writings of the early church fathers.**
  11. **The Scriptures are unique:**
    - a. **Their Continuity.**
    - b. **Their circulation:**
    - c. **Their translation:**
    - d. **Their survival:**
    - e. **Their teachings:**
  12. **An interesting observation concerning both inspiration and canonicity is that those who try to discredit the Scriptures view them as “inspired” in that they view Biblical assertions as being credible enough to warrant attack. Notice that they always attack the Literal rendering and try to assert those who believe the Bible are uninformed or naive.**