

Trinity Bible Church

The Carpenter's House

January 4, 2009

FIRST SERVICE MESSAGE:

The Angelic Infiltration

Genesis 6:1-8

Please join us for refreshments between services

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday	4 Jan	The Lord's Table. Deacon Nominations Open.
Wednesday	7 Jan	Class.
Saturday	10 Jan	Christianity 101 @ 4:00.
Saturday	10 Jan	Men's Fellowship Breakfast.
Saturday	17 Jan	Christianity 101 @ 4:00.
Sunday	18 Jan	Deacon Nominations Close.

- ** Christianity 101 begins again this coming Saturday at 4:00.
- ** You can catch up on any missed classes on our website: www.tbckc.org
- ** This year we will be voting for three deacons. Voting members may nominate three men for the position. Nominations open today and close January 18.
- ** Starting next week the Men's Fellowship Breakfast will be the second Saturday of each month.
- ** Please increase your prayers for TBC and specifically pray for wisdom and guidance for our participation in the spread of His Kingdom.

	November	Year-to-Date	General Fund	Building Fund
Income	\$6,695.00	\$80,982.15		
Expenses	8,059.15	82,677.02		
Balance	(\$1,074.15)	(\$ 1,694.87)	\$8,506.38	\$9,375.82

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OFFERING

The Lord's Table

Challenge:

Come and Dine in 2009

TRACY AND BRENDA LESAN
CrossWorld Connections
Bratislava, Slovakia
January 2009

CHRISTOPHER LEE - On Tuesday last week Brenda was concerned that she wasn't feeling baby Kathrynne move as much as normal, and it was worse on Thursday, so she scheduled an appointment with our Bratislava gynecologist on Friday. At that appointment he told us the sad news that Kathrynne had already died and advised us to go to the hospital in Hainburg (just across the Austrian border 30 min. from our house) the next day. When we got there early in morning the gynecologist on duty did an initial examination, started the medicine for inducing, and sent Brenda to her room at noon. Then at 2 pm he told us that he needed to send us to Vienna! They were concerned that they might need to do a C-section because the baby was in the transverse or sideways position, and the problem was that the lone anesthesiologist for the entire hospital that weekend was swamped and couldn't take any more patients. So it was off to Vienna, to the biggest hospital in Austria which, as we found out later, specializes in difficult deliveries. Being 2 hours from home greatly complicated many things, but it was a wonderful provision of God to have top-notch medical care and compassionate doctors and nurses.

The induction process in Vienna took a long time and was very painful. By Sunday night, however, the baby was miraculously in the right position, which meant that a C-section wasn't going to be necessary. Finally on Monday morning at 10 am the baby was born--not Kathrynne Joy but CHRISTOPHER LEE! We were surprised to find that it was a boy and not a girl as the Bratislava gynecologist had confidently told us 3 weeks earlier. It's a good thing that Brenda already had this second name in mind. He weighed 525 grams and was 27 cm long. The doctors reluctantly gave in to our pleas to let Brenda go home that evening. As has been her custom with the last several deliveries, she showered, got dressed in going-home clothes, and bravely moved around while hiding great pain. She had had to have an epidural (first time for her) because of the likelihood of a C-section, and her legs still weren't feeling and functioning normally like the anesthesiologist had promised (they still haven't fully recovered to this day--please pray for this), yet she was determined to walk out. She had to, because we had to get home. It had been a long 3 days away from the other children.

We scheduled a small funeral and burial ceremony in Hainburg for just our family on the 20th. It's been a huge challenge with a lot of driving and phone calls back and forth to Vienna and Hainburg to make all the arrangements and get the necessary documents and permits, speaking lots of German along the way. Thankfully God provided a Slovak speaker in one of the funeral home's branch offices, which helped tremendously.

This has been a heart-wrenching journey of many, many tears which we would have never chosen and would like to never repeat. Yet it's also been a meaningful journey of growth--growth in FAITH, in LOVE for the Lord and each other, and in appreciation of the wondrous HOPE that we have in Christ which no grave can overshadow. Brenda has often commented that it hurts to love. But the cost is worth it. We want to thank those of you who've been praying for us as we've walked this hard road. Please keep praying, especially in the days and weeks ahead.

SUFFICIENT GRACE - Some of the most effective ministry we have had has been at times that it cost us the most personally, both physically and emotionally. Yesterday was such a

case. With the delivery on Monday and the funeral on Friday we were all exhausted, especially me. I'm not bouncing back so quickly because it was such a hard labor, and my leg is still really bothering me. The kids were also sick with the flu at the beginning of the week and still needed rest. Yet we had all wanted to do an outreach Christmas service at our home, so on Saturday we decided that we just needed to do it on Sunday or we would miss a window of opportunity.

Tracy began calling friends and neighbors. The kids pitched in to get things straightened up and set up. Then everyone helped on Sunday morning--song sheets, refreshments, candy canes and tracts, Christmas-cards making supplies for Sunday school, extra music practice. Though a few of those whom we invited were sick and/or had other plans, 6 unsaved people came. Jacob, Anna, Jennifer, and Rebekah provided all the music. Tracy was able to share the gospel clearly through the theme of Christmas. Please pray for the Catholics who came, especially the former owner of our home who afterward had questions about faith and works. For me it was a time of answering questions and sharing our faith and all the ways that God worked this past week through Christopher's birth and burial--all the way down to the fresh blanket of snow at the cemetery which reminded us of the beauty of heaven (and kept the little ones distracted). It was also a time of giving hugs and listening to others in need. Lucia, a new believer, (a former atheist) especially seemed so comforted to see how real our faith in God was. So, yes, we're drained both physically and emotionally, but we know that God can really work in such times, as Paul writes: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness....for when I am weak, then I am strong" (2Corinthians 12:9-10).

SCHOOLS REPORT: Tracy and the kids visited 7 classrooms in 2 different schools to make Christmas cards and were able to share the gospel with around 175 students and teachers through the candy canes and tracts. Christopher was born on the day that we had scheduled a third school (3 more classes of 25 each), so we had to cancel that one. THANK YOU for all who have prayed for us through this and sent encouraging notes. We read many of the emails to the kids last night so that they could see how much God cares for us through the Church beyond just Bratislava.

YEAR END REPORT: With the end of the year here we'd like to share a bit of what the Lord has been doing this past twelve months both in our lives and in the lives of our Slovak friends. It has been a year of great joys and painful trials. Here are some of the highs and lows.

- * In the spring we hosted and led a rewarding Bible study on marriage.
- * Vojto, Maria, and Lucia believed in Christ for salvation.
- * Kamil and Jana, new believers, joined our church in the summer and are growing.
- * After eight months of high fevers, no weight gain and a multitude of doctor's visits and exams, our daughter Elizabeth is finally well.
- * Brenda sprained her ankle in August and developed a recurring blood clot.
- * In August we learned that our developing baby, due mid-February, had severe congenital defects and would not be able to live outside the womb.
- * Miro and Slavka from our church married in October and moved to another city.

We're thankful for what God is doing and can see His hand at work in many ways. Thank you for partnering with us so that there might be more Slovaks in heaven praising the Lord. We wish you all a blessed holiday season as you worship our Lord and Savior

The Angelic Infiltration

Genesis 6:1-8

6:1 L.T. = Now it came about, when men began to multiply on the face of the land, and daughters were born to them,

6:2 L.T. = that the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful; and they took wives for themselves, whomever they chose.

6:3 L.T. = Then Yahweh said, "My Spirit shall not strive with man forever, because he is flesh; nevertheless his days shall be one hundred and twenty years."

6:4 L.T. = The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of men, and they bore *offspring* to them. Those were the mighty men who were of old, men of the name.

Summary:

- 1. There were giants on earth both before and after the Flood.**
- 2. "Those days" is defined as "when the sons of God came in..."**
- 3. The "sons of God" according to the Old Testament existed before the present condition of the earth. Job 38:4-7**
 - A. The "King of Tyre" (Satan) was placed in the original Garden of Eden which was prepared before he was created. Eze 28:13**
 - B. God created the angels at one time before the earth was put in its present form. Psa 148:2 cf 5;**
 - C. The "King of Babylon" (Satan) fell and his habitat was judged, for the earth became formless and void. Gen 1:2; Isa 14:1-14; Rom 8:19-21**
 - D. Angels would naturally be called "sons of God" because they were directly created by Him.**
 - E. The "sons of God" are seen in the company of Satan after the restoration of the earth. Job 1:6**
 - F. Some, but not all of them violated the rules and became incarcerated until the final judgment. Jude 6**
 - G. There was something these angels did that was above and beyond their fall, for there are many demons still loose today.**
 - H. It is clear that their incarceration was a result of an act done that was key in the judgment of the Flood. 2 Peter 2:4-5**
- 4. The "daughters of men" bore children to the angelic "sons of God" who became the "offspring of the gods," the historical basis of mythology.**
 - A. For cohabitation to occur the angels must have had some sort of material body with which to impregnate the daughters of men.**
 - B. It appears clear that after the Flood no cohabitation was permitted. The prohibition was enforced.**
- 5. This new being is both angel and man, wrapped in flesh and called "man," who only thought continually of evil. Cf 6:2,5**
- 6. One of the chief attacks is to contaminate the human line to the point that there is no possibility for a "seed of the woman."**
- 7. These beings are counterfeits of the "God-man" who would provide salvation.**
- 8. It appears that human beings will replace the forever lost "sons of God" as adopted "sons of God." Rom 8:15,23; 9:4; Gal 4:5; Eph 1:5**
 - A. It requires giving us new bodies. Luke 20:35-36**

- B. We become a “son of God” through faith in Christ Jesus.
Gal 3:26-27
- C. We live our adoption when we are led by the Spirit. Rom 8:14
- D. We act out our adoption as we seek to spread the message of peace.
Matt 5:9
- E. All Creation is awaiting our unveiling. Rom 8:19

Principle: Satan has absolutely no love for mankind and thus is a murderer who will go to any length to _____ you.

Application: Every act of _____ to Satan in obedience to God is another step toward his ultimate doom.

- A. 3. Destruction of Man, the Flood:
 - a. Defilement of man. 6:1-4
 - b. Judgment of God. 6:5-8

Gen 6:5 = Divine Observation.

6:5 L.T. = Then Yahweh saw that the evil of man was multiplied on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the day.

Summary:

1. Mankind had really embraced the knowledge of evil that entered the world with the eating from the forbidden tree.
2. Mankind was to the point of thinking about it all the time, in their imaginations and in their plans.
3. Add the fallen angel-men into the mix and we can only “imagine” the degree of their “imaginings.”
4. The main problem is the “continuity” of their evil thoughts with no breaks in it. Cf Rom 3:10-18
5. The Flood will not change this way of thinking, but it will show the just penalty for it. Gen 8:21; Matt 24:37-38

Principle: Unbroken evil thoughts in life are preparations for _____.

Gen 6:6 = Divine Sorrow.

6:6 L.T. = And Yahweh changed responses because He had made man on the earth, and He was grieved in His heart.

Summary:

1. The Lord did not make a mistake and suddenly realize that He needed to change His mind about mankind. 1 Sam 15:28-29
 - A. This word is not really a word meaning to “repent” or “change one’s mind,” but rather it means to change one’s response.
 - B. Moses pled with the Lord to change His response to Israel’s sin. Ex 32:12-14
 - C. The Lord actually promises to “change His response” concerning discipline when obedience begins. Jer 18:7-10

- D. God will not change His response based on man's standards but because man has changed. Num 23:17-19
2. This passage is actually a declaration of the extent of man's volition to chart its own course into evil and that it was man who had changed and placed himself in a different relationship with God.
 3. God was moved to the center of His Being (His heart), pointing out again that our Lord is a conscious and perfect Being, full of grace.
 4. In His grace He knew that the best thing for mankind was to stop this evil before it completely destroyed mankind.
 5. Sin grieves the Lord, the Holy Spirit. Gen 6:3 cf Eph 4:30

Principle: _____ does not please the Lord.

Gen 6:7 = Divine Declaration.

6:7 L.T. = And Yahweh said, "I will blot out man whom I have created from the face of the land, from man to animals to creeping things and to birds of the sky; for I have pity that I have made them."

Summary:

1. The Lord is going to "erase" the Antediluvian civilization from the face of the earth.
2. The "erasure" will include man, land animals, and birds.
3. It was better to be blotted off the earth than to be blotted out of the Book of Life. Exo 32:32-33
4. Something has to be "erased" for us to not be "blotted out" of the Book of Life, which is our sins. Psa 51:1-3

Principle: Discipline from God is always for the _____ of mankind.

Gen 6:8 = Divine Grace.

6:8 L.T. = But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.

Summary:

1. There must not have been a lot of mankind "calling upon the Name of the Lord." Cf 4:26
2. Noah sought the grace of God and found it, so he must have recognized himself to be a sinner.
3. Noah broke from the evil of his day and was the exception to the rule of evil on the earth. Cf 6:5
4. Grace has always been fundamental to God's Plan.

Principle: In the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, one person can seek grace and make a _____.

Come D-I-N-E in 2009

1. _____ the _____: Matt 16:24 cf Rom 12:1-3
 - A. This is the true test of _____. Matt 16:24
 - B. This is not to be _____ in the Christian life. 2 Tim 2:12-13
 - C. Deeds reveal spiritual _____. Titus 1:16
 - D. This is how to truly live the _____ of God. Titus 2:11-13

2. _____ in the _____. Rev 3:18-22
 - A. It is the antidote to _____. Rev 3:14-19
 - B. It is a step of faith out of _____. Matt 6:31-34

3. _____ the _____.
 - A. Have the attitude of a _____ as you approach the Word of God. 1 Peter 2:1-3
 - B. Use it to be _____. Heb 5:13-14
 - C. Begin with your closest _____. Eph 5:28-30

4. _____
 - A. Live in the Light of _____. 1 Thes 5:9-11
 - B. Look for those who are about to _____. 1 Thes 5:14-22
 - C. Don't _____. Heb 3:12-14
 - D. Live _____, _____, and _____. Heb 10:19-25