

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS SUNDAY, APRIL 3, 2011

When words fail us what do we do? Where do we go to find expressions that can adequately convey deeply rooted feelings of gratitude and thanksgiving? There is one way that comes to my mind. It may not be the most conventional or the most dynamic, but it is the way that allows me to truly express my appreciation for your acts of encouragement and kindness. It is my desire to continue to work to fulfill the vision statement of our church. In response to your gracious generosity demonstrated towards me during this season of challenge I am reminded that "I must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day for the night comes when no man can work." I am all the more determined, to the best of my God given ability, to lead us in the way the Lord would have us to go. To every member of the Trinity family thank you. You will never know how much you have inspired and encouraged me over these last weeks. The abundance of cards that flooded my mail was indeed a spiritual delight. I received card after card from this family of believers that spoke of your love, support and most of all your appreciation for the pastoral leadership that comes through me from the Eternal.

You expressed through individualized and personalized messages how much my brief tenure as pastor has impacted your life, the life of your family and our community. With God as my witness, I was totally overwhelmed by what I have come to mean to so many. Your prayers for my return caused me to move to a new place of understanding the words "And I will give you Pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding." You helped me to know that I am here as the result of God's "I will give." Your love and support could not be what it is if you were not led by God. The comments you wrote, the cards you selected clearly indicated your spiritual knowledge and wisdom of what pastor means to God and people. I am grateful to this congregation. For your faithfulness in praying for me as your Pastor, for praying for my health, leadership, preaching and teaching. I am grateful for the way that you encouraged me by affirming me as your "Pastor". I am humbled. I am grateful, and I am thankful. My prayer to God is that He will allow me to show my appreciation in the years ahead through an even greater demonstration of His power at work in my life—To God be the glory! Amen!

CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

Go Therefore And Make Disciples Of All The Nations

Galatians 2:20

We believe that everyone should live for Christ and not for himself. And, should, by the indwelling Spirit, allow Christ to manifest His life through him to God's glory. By yielding to the Holy Spirit and obedience to the Word of God, each believer should mature and continually become more conformed to the image of Christ.

John 17

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ of which Jesus is the Head, and whose members are those who have truly received Christ by faith. Trinity Church, which is the local church, is a tangible expression of the body of Christ in a particular location. Our purpose is to make Christ known to lost men, to make disciples, and to glorify God on earth.

Matthew 28:18-20 (KJV)

And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

VISION STATEMENT

To Become a 21st Century Model Christian Community

Our Church family would faithfully and intentionally prioritize ministry initiatives following the examples of Jesus, the Apostles, and the New Testament Church.

We would be devoted to the practices and disciplines of personal discipleship, witnessing, evangelism and servant ministry/leadership.

The presence and power of the Holy Spirit would be manifested and evident in our congregation through love, and our knowledge and employment of the *Spiritual Gifts*.

We would deliberately engage in maturing the *Fruit of the Spirit* in our private and public life.

Matthew 6:33; Philippians 2:1, 13; Colossians 3:14-16; Acts 2:1-4, 43-47, 3:1-6; Galatians 5:22-26

2011 CHURCH THEME

"The Christian Church Worshipping, Witnessing, And Serving With The Mind Of Christ"

Philippians 2:5-8

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no

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*Jesus the Christ, Our Lord and Savior
The Head of the Church*

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 11:00 AM & 4:00PM

The Invocation

* The Responsive Reading of the Word.....John 1:1-18

**“Thy word have I hid in mine heart,
that I might not sin against Thee”**

* The Hymn of Praise.....How Great Thou Art

The Welcome & Announcements

The Church Prays Together

*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we
may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need*
Hebrews 4:16

The Ministry of Music...Anointed Voices of Worship & Praise

The Proclamation of God’s Word

(11am) “From Eternity to Calvary”
(John 1:1-14)

(4pm) “Inexhaustible Grace”
(John 1:14-18)

Pastor Marshall

* The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

The Time of Christian Stewardship (Tithes - Offerings)
And he gave Him tithes of all...Genesis 14:20

The Ordinance of The Lord’s Supper (4PM ONLY)

The Hymn of Departure

The Benediction

* *Please Stand*

HOW GREAT THOU ART

VERSES

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow’r thru out the universe displayed!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

CHORUS

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
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***Witnessing Scripture For the Month:
Romans 10:9***

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

APR 4	Treasure in Clay Jars	II Corinthians 4:1-12
APR 5	Praise from the Restored	Jeremiah 31:2-9
APR 6	Live for the Glory of God	I Corinthians 10:23-31
APR 7	A Message that Builds Up	Acts 20:28-35
APR 8	Protection from Evil	John 17:6-19
APR 9	The Good and the Right Way	I Samuel 12:19-25
APR 10	Build Yourselves Up in Faith	Jude 17-25

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Pantry operating days and hours for the month of April are the 12th, 13th, 26th and 27th, 1:00pm through 3:00pm. If you are able to work any of these days, please see Sis. Tillage.

Clothes Closet operation hours are the same as the pantry. Thank you for your donations of warm coats, hats, gloves, hoodies and boots for adults and children.

Thursday, April 14th—Saturday, April 16th
20th Black Mother’s Conference

Attention all Mothers and Guardians: Join us for our 20th Black Mothers’ Conference—April 14-16, 2011. Our theme: “Christian Mothers Worshipping, Witnessing and Serving With The Mind Of Christ”. Keynote Addresses: “*Black Mothering & Getting Real about Being a Mother*”, “*Raising Disciplined Children*”, and “*Dare to Dream for Your Child*”. Workshops: “*Developing a Lifestyle of Healthy Eating*”, “*Teaching our Children to Live Out their Faith*”, “*Communicating Effectively with Your Children*”, and “*Raising Godly Children in Non-Traditional Situations*”. Thursday, 5:55-9:00pm, Friday, 6:00-8:35pm, and Saturday, 9:00am-2:00pm. Refreshments and child care provided all 3 days.

SICK & SHUT-IN LISTING

Please contact the Church office for more information

