

PASTORAL REFLECTIONS SUNDAY, MARCH 20, 2011

Our God is an awesome God. As we consider all that is happening in the world around us it is good to know that God continues to be in control. With so much devastation in the world in recent years I hear so many asking, “what in the world is going on?” Last week Japan reminded us once again how vulnerable the human race remains in spite of all our technological advancements. Nature has once again demonstrated to us that we are in control of nothing. As we pray for the people of Japan, the most recent victims of natural disaster, we are able to see, all too clearly, once again how little we are able to manage in the world we live in. On a much smaller scale, let us not forget how a simple snow covering or icing over in our southern states can bring our country to a standstill. As much as we would like to think we can handle anything, the truth is we cannot. We are limited. Our abilities, resources and intelligence are only able to take us so far. When we exhaust our human resources it is good to know that the God we serve is awesome.

Christians are not exempt from what happens in the world around us. We will be subject to the world we live in. As nature expresses and unleashes her wrath on the Christian community our confidence should be in the fact that God is with us. No matter how threatening the elements become they can never remove us from the eternal power and graces of God. Although we may experience loss of life, material things, and other resources we are eternally kept by the power of God. Nothing nature presents can overpower the Eternal. God is control. The hymn writer reminds us in *Be Still My Soul* that “The waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.”

The same awesome God who spoke to the winds and waves and commanded, “Peace be still!” is with us. We must not lose hope or become doubtful in the midst of natural disasters. We must appreciate God’s awesome power and presence. Our faith must continue to allow us to go forward trusting that God remains in control. There is much that we don’t understand and questions that remain unanswered when we see the devastation caused by nature and that is understandable. Nonetheless, as Christians our faith challenges us to put all of our anxiousness, fear, and questions in the hands of our awesome God. He alone ultimately knows the reason why.

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 reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

TRINITY

MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP 8:00 AM & 11:00AM

The Invocation

* The Responsive Reading of the WordPsalm 46

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

* The Hymn of Praise.....What A Friend We Have In Jesus
Hymn No. 342

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.....Trinity Music Ministry

The Proclamation of God’s Word

(8am) Rev. Coley Gracey

**(11am) Rev. Terrance Gowdy
Pastor, Macedonia Baptist Church
Pontiac, Michigan**

* The Invitation to Christian Discipleship

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

The Hymn of Departure

The Benediction

* *Please Stand*

Please Join Us For The Upcoming Opportunities

For Spiritual Growth And Christian Fellowship

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Men’s Ministry
6:00pm—8:00pm
Family Life Center, 3rd Floor

Trinity Men’s Ministry will meet this Tuesday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm on the third floor of the Family Life Center. We will have Pastor Derrick McDonald, Prospect Baptist Church in Pontiac as our featured speaker as we discuss Christian Service in the Community. Please plan to attend as we seek to encourage one another to grow spiritually and effectively in life. We will be continuing our monthly Bible Quiz and prayers for one another and Pastor Marshall.

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

Women’s Ministry
6:00pm—8:00pm
Family Life Center, 2nd Floor

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 Worshiping, 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.

Sunday, March 27, 2011

Pastoral Day

Rev. Dr. Christopher M. Hamlin, Guest Preacher
Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church
Birmingham, Alabama
8:30am Church School
10:00am Worship Service Only

***Witnessing Scripture For the Month:
Psalm 27:1***

HOME DAILY BIBLE READINGS

MAR 21	Chosen to Serve	Acts 6:1-6
MAR 22	Served by the Master	Luke 12:35-40
MAR 23	Support for Parents	Mark 7:9-13
MAR 24	Honoring Elders	Leviticus 19:31-37
MAR 25	A Widow’s Gift	Mark 12:41-44
MAR 26	Assisting Widows	I Timothy 5:9-16
MAR 27	Duties toward Believers	I Timothy 5:1-8, 17-22

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

The Health Ministry will be doing blood pressure screenings today after the 11:00am service in the conference room next to the church office.

Pantry operating days and hours for the rest of March are the 22nd and 23rd, 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.

SICK & SHUT-IN LISTING

Please contact the Church Office for more Information

