

TRINITY COMMUNITY CHURCH

“Go therefore and make disciples...” Matthew 28:19a

Trinity Newsletter

Unless the LORD builds the house, those who build it labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. Psalm 127:1

A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

Where is Your Faith?

He said to them, “Where is your faith?” And they were afraid, and they marveled, saying to one another, “Who then is this, that he commands even winds and water, and they obey him?” Luke 8:25 (ESV)

In this context, Jesus and the disciples are on a boat after a busy day of ministry and he has told them to go the other side of the lake. As they journeyed, Jesus fell asleep and a dangerous windstorm developed causing the disciples to be fearful. In desperation, they awaken Jesus; He commands the violent weather to cease, a miracle occurs and calm weather is the result. All of this then prompted Jesus’ rhetorical question, “Where is your faith?”

Jesus is not seeking information to help Him understand the disciples, since He already knows them. Rather this question should prompt the disciples to consider what they have learned about themselves and about Jesus when they face danger and uncertainty in life. The question should prompt serious contemplation regarding whether the disciples are actually learning and growing from the previous teachings of Christ. Jesus was not implying that they had no faith at all because He knew they had faith to be saved and trust Him with their eternal destiny. But now they needed faith to persevere in the trials, difficulties and dangers of life knowing that Jesus is with them.

The same is true for believers today. As we journey through life obeying Christ’s commands, we will encounter various storms and trials of life that involve danger with uncertain outcomes. However the question for the believer in times of danger and uncertainty is whether we will respond in panic and fear or in faith and trust. Both responses are very real possibilities for the believer as we see in our text and as we have experienced in our own lives. If we are not learning and growing to trust Christ in the smaller matters of life – food, water, clothing, shelter, etc. – then we will certainly panic when faced with more serious issues.

Therefore my beloved brother or sister, do you honestly believe that Jesus is Lord over (in control of) your daily experiences and activities? Do you honestly believe that He is Lord over the mundane matters that seem so routine and natural – eating, drinking, reading, working, shopping, exercise, etc.? If your answer is “yes”, then you must resign yourself to also believe that Jesus is also in control of all things in your life including serious illness, financial crises, family calamities and the like because nothing is too difficult for Him to handle. If you believe in miracles, then you must believe that nothing is beyond His omnipotent ability, and you must believe in miracles to be a believer at all. However if you do not believe that Jesus is in full control of every aspect of your life, then you must consider the question that the disciples asked, “Who then is this...?” He is Lord of all or not Lord at all; Lord of everything or Lord of nothing. I’m certain that you will conclude that Jesus is “the blessed and only Sovereign, King of kings and Lord of lords”!

Pastor Willie D. Woodmore



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**Trinity
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I AM TRINITY!

Anthony Anderson's story begins in early 2011AA (After Accident). He is next to the last of 7 children. He has no recollection of his parents, but has been told by his siblings that they were good parents and that he had a good childhood. His parents and youngest brother passed away before his accident. (He doesn't remember the brother, who was kidnapped at age 7, when Anthony was only 8 years old. The family tells him that the brother was never found). He has also lost the memory of his first wife, Oletha, who died from a sudden brain aneurysm. He says that she was his first love, "we were always together", my family tells me. Recently he saw a woman in the thrift store whose appearance brought back strong memories of her. He said he called his daughter and asked her, "have I been married before"? After describing the woman to Tameka, he knew that the woman favored his 1st wife! In March of 2011, Anthony had a near fatal accident on his job where he sustained a head injury twice in one day! The 2nd injury left him with a traumatic brain injury and a broken hip. He was in rehab for several months following the accident. After improving to the point that he could return home, in June of 2012, Anthony's home caught on fire! A new stove had been installed by Sears and apparently it was faulty. Anthony says he recalls phoning his wife several times to tell her something was wrong but got no answer. He says he heard a voice tell him to go into the bedroom. Initially he got in the bed but the voice spoke again and told him to get on the floor. The next thing he recalls is the firemen lifting him from the house through the bedroom window! He sustained severe smoke inhalation and ended back in rehab as a result of it.



Anthony Anderson

Anthony shared that the Lord has blessed him to first meet Ms. Virginia, then Ms. Debbie, who invited him to Trinity. He says he knew right away that he was where God wanted him to be because "there was so much love", when he came to Wednesday choir rehearsal and bible study, then the following Sunday worship service. He believes that Trinity is a part of his rehab because the music and the word of God "is causing my mind to be renewed". When asked about his salvation, he said, "I don't remember". "All I know is that I love the Lord and if He asked me to sacrifice my life for Him, I would!" "I love Him that much!" He says that He knows it was the Lord that saved him from death after the accident; "it was the Lord, Who was with me through the fire"; and just in the last week, it was the Lord who kept him from being hit by a car twice while riding in his power chair! One lady insisted that she hit him, but Anthony assured her that she hadn't, telling her that "the Lord protected me!" When asked about his quiet time with God, Anthony said that God is constantly giving him scripture to meditate on. "I don't always know what it means, but eventually He gives me understanding". He appreciates the time Ernest and the Pastor gives him to help him understand. He says that he's also learning how to pray better and is always asking God for a discerning Spirit. His family tells him he's much more outgoing and approachable since the accident. He talks of the Lord in his going out and coming in. Now that he has more freedom, having use of a power chair, he talks with people on the bus stop, while riding Metrolink, sitting in doctors offices and in the thrift stores. He's always asking the people he meets, "do you know the Lord"? He tells them about his injuries and how God is continuing to restore him and people are being blessed! The people of Trinity know this firsthand!

Finally, when asked how the people of God could pray for him, Anthony first thought of his two daughters, Tameka and Kiera. He says that they take good care of him and he wants God to bless them. He asked us to pray that Tameka would find a church home where she can grow and mature in God's word.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ⇒ **Men's Fellowship:** 10/6, 10/20, 11/3, 12/1 and 12/15. All meetings are held at the Worship Center unless otherwise specified. Guests are welcomed to attend! Bro. Alan Hibbler is the Coordinator.
- ⇒ **Women's Retreat:** 10/13 and 10/27, 11/10 and 12/8 at the Worship Center unless otherwise specified. Guests are welcome but need to **RSVP to (636) 447-3232** in order to receive lessons in advance. Sis. Shelia Taylor is the Coordinator.
- ⇒ **Men's Fellowship Retreat:** The Trinity Men's Fellowship will have a **day of retreat on October 6, 2012 from 9a-8p**. Even though most activities will be held at the Worship Center, some will be held off-site. Guests are welcome to attend and are encouraged to RSVP by calling **(636) 447-3232** and leaving a message. You will receive a follow-up call from the coordinator of this event.
- ⇒ **Family Film Night:** The Trinity Family will enjoy another Family Film Night at the Worship Center on October 26, 2012 at 7p. Come join us for a night of film, food & fellowship! Guests are welcome!
- ⇒ **2012 Church Anniversary: The Trinity Community Church 2nd Annual Church Anniversary will be November 25, 2012. Details are forthcoming and will be posted to the website. SAVE THE DATE!**

He said that Kiera and her husband (Isaiah) and the kids need much prayer because their needs are great, due to her husband not being employed. For himself he asked, "pray for my complete healing and restoration...no more walkers, power chairs and medications". Also pray for my wife as we go through divorce; that she would repent and find peace with God. "I don't have any hatred or malice against her" he says. Anthony has come to enjoy the peace of God in the midst of his trials and suffering. He is happy and joyful - Always! Whenever you're in his presence and he's speaking about the goodness of Jesus, you will hear him inevitably exclaim, "Oh Boy!"

PRAYER REQUESTS & PRAISE REPORTS

- ◆ We praise and thank God for His continued mercy and grace shown Deacon John Taylor. He has completed radiation and is now cancer free! He is also recuperating well from the concerns with his heart. Continue to keep the Taylor Family in your prayers during this period of restoration of health. Also pray for John's brother, Hubie, who is in rehab recuperating from a stroke.
- ◆ Pray for Brenda Abernathy as she endures the challenges associated with dialysis. Also pray for her speedy recovery from this time of hospitalization and illness.
- ◆ Pray for Dionna Jones and Philip Woodmore as they wait upon the Lord to reveal His will for them regarding education and career needs.
- ◆ Remember to keep Kalan Johnson in your prayers while he is away at college. Keep all of our youth in your prayers as they face the various challenges school and education brings them.