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SPIRIT DAYS

Every Friday will be "Spirit Day" at TLBC. Students are encouraged to dress casual and wear TLBC shirts, hats or other clothing items with the TLBC Logo.

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Runner by Scott Seman

Exercise is very important to good health, and it can be fun too, but running a marathon is something I do not want to do. You do not wake up one morning and go run a marathon. To be the best runner you can be, you need a coach to scrutinize your technique, you must train daily, and then actually run in the races. For me, I can only think about how tired I would be after the race, and how hard all the training would be; I feel exhausted just thinking about it. However, the reality is that living a life for Christ requires some of the same principles as becoming a good marathon runner. These basic principles are revealed in Psalm 139:23, 24. It reads, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties; and see if there is any wicked way in me,



and lead me in the way everlasting" (NKJ). The key points to focus on are "search me," "try me," and "lead me."

The first principle is to let God search our hearts. God already knows what is there. However, asking God to search our hearts opens us up to His instruction. Purposefully inviting God's scrutiny is a way of actively connecting our thoughts to what God sees in our hearts. It allows God to reveal what He wants us to change in our lives. A running coach will do the same thing. We often lack the training to recognize what we are doing wrong, or the willingness to admit it to ourselves. A coach will make sure that those areas are pointed out, so we can improve.

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Winter Invasion - 2007 By Michelle McDermott

This December there was an invasion in North Sacramento.

It was an invasion of Holy Spirit-empowered, truth-wielding, gospel-speaking soldiers. The invasion went from neighborhood to neighborhood, and from small parks to big auditoriums. Victory Outreach Natomas Ministries brought the gospel to the streets for two weeks this winter presenting relevant truths to inner-city families through a powerful street drama called "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

In order to get the best report on

this invasion, I interviewed our very own Vice President, Pastor T. He was a very active part of this invasion - as a matter of fact, he played the part of the devil in the drama. He told me that his role in the drama was to represent evil and scare people, and he definitely did a good job scaring the kids!

Pastor T reports that a total of 1,400 people were reached with the gospel, and 1,200 of them responded to the altar call and accepted Jesus into their lives.

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The Extinction Chronicles (part 2)

A Christian Guide to Dinosaurs by Andrew Johnson



In the last article we began our discussion of dinosaur extinction with a look at the Genesis Flood (Noah's Flood or the Deluge, whatever you like to call it). That article concluded that since the ark was large enough to accommodate species from each dinosaur *kind*, it is not necessary to suppose that dinosaurs did not board the ark and therefore die out completely in the Deluge. In other words, the dinosaurs were represented on the ark and survived into the post-Flood world. This leaves us still with the question of their demise.

This question is yet to be answered even in mainstream paleontology and geology. Michael Oard reported in a 1997 article that in 1963, "a geologist counted 46 theories" (*Technical Journal* 11(2): Aug 1997). Of course since then theories have multiplied. Two dominant opposing views in recent years have been the Impact Theory and the Volcanic Theory. These theories oppose each other because there is disagreement over the explanation of certain geological data associated with the end of the

Cretaceous Period. In a number of locations of the so-called K-T (Cretaceous-Tertiary) Boundary, there is an unusual amount of iridium (which is rare in the earth's crust but plentiful in meteors). The phenomenon of shocked quartz crystals is also cited as support of either theory. Proponents of the impact consider these factors as evidence of an extraterrestrial impact. While the opposing view argues that the same can be explained by volcanic activity.

The truth is that the extinction of the dinosaurs is too often considered a singular event. Extinctions have been occurring throughout history (at least since the Flood) and will continue to occur until the end of history. There is no time in earth's history that one can point to and say, "That is when the dinosaurs died out." The extinction of the dinosaurs was part of a bigger picture, painted for us by the Apostle Paul in Romans 8:19-20. There he tells us that the "creation was subject to frustration" (v. 20 NIV). The Greek word translated "frustration" is *mataiotes*, and means "what is devoid of truth and appropriateness" or "frailty, wont of vigor."

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SPRING QUARTER - CLASSES OF INTEREST

* Weekend Audio Training Workshop, April 20 & 21

* History Of Christian Fine Arts & Art Exhibit Lab

Find out more information when Spring registration opens February 5th.

Invasion, *continued from page 1*

In addition to presenting the gospel through the drama, about 1,300 Christmas gifts were given out to children, and free hotdogs and sodas were given out at every outreach event.

The one thing that impressed Pastor T the most was watching the crowd as they watched the choir, clowns, and drama team sing and perform. He said, "At first it seemed like everyone who came were there for just one reason - to receive free gifts and hotdogs. Every night as the audience gathered to watch, it seemed that they didn't really care about the message being shared, and that not one person was going to respond to the altar call." However, night after night he was surprised to see almost every man, woman, and child walk up to the impromptu altar that was made right there on the street corner or blacktop area in the local parks. Gang members and drug dealers, hurting young women tired of living in hopelessness, single

mothers struggling to keep their kids safe in the madness of the inner-city - they all came broken and weeping before the Savior of their souls. "This is proof," asserts Pastor T, "that there is a real hunger to know Jesus Christ, but even more than that there is a desperation for the hope of the gospel - that people really are searching for truth and the power to change their lives!"

We ended the interview with Pastor T. putting out a challenge to all TLBC students to come and join Victory Outreach Natomas on their next invasion - even if it is just to watch and see what God is doing. He guarantees that you will be positively surprised at how it affects your outlook on inner-city outreach and evangelism. "Not only will you see God minister to the hurting and lost, but also to every person who participates or just observes His life changing power in action."



Running, *continued from page 1*

The next principle is to ask God to try you. One can read all day long, and ponder the areas of life that God wants one to change, but until one puts it into practice, thinking is all that has been accomplished. As Christians, we must go out into the world. We will be tested by situations and circumstances we encounter, and will then know for sure how far we have come. A running coach will train you, and teach you how you should run. You build strength through practice, but the true test is when you actually run in a marathon. Your strengths and weaknesses will become quite clear, revealing what you need to work on.

Desiring God to lead you is the last principle to focus on from this

passage. This is a lifelong commitment. If you want God to lead you, He will guide you down the path of righteousness and truth throughout your life. An athlete is not self-sufficient. A view from the outside is needed. If there is no guide, then bad habits can develop without the athlete noticing. A coach will continue to be that guide, leading the athlete, causing him/her to reach his/her full potential.

I never thought I would run in a marathon, but as Christians we are all running one. This marathon is a life lived for Christ, and we need a coach. We cannot do it on our own. In order to be successful, we must ask God to search the depths of our hearts, to try us, and lead us through life as we serve Him.



Graphic courtesy of Crossdaily.com.

“Thr3e” Strikes Out: A Film Review by John Ernst

Thr3e is a faith-based thriller, adapted from the book of the same name, by Ted Decker. My interest in this movie was peaked because of my knowledge of the author. Decker has a way of keeping his reader sitting on the edge of the seat or half way hidden under blankets while reading. He is known for the unexpected and always fulfills the reader’s expectations.

I went to this movie even though critics gave bad reviews. I hoped and prayed that it would not be the typical Christian book to movie adaptation. However, it was a waste of money.

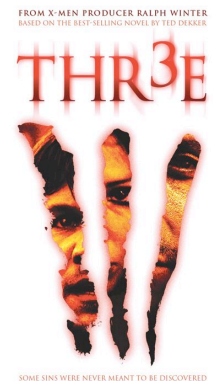
Thr3e is a thriller. The story revolves around a police profiler, and an insurance agent, who together help a shy graduate student after he is targeted by a bomber who uses riddles to terrify his victims. While Decker’s work presents the unusual and the unexpected, there shouldn’t be so many twists in the content that the story is unfathomable until the climax.

The basic plot of the film is about a man whose upbringing was so abusive it thoroughly damaged him mentally and emotionally. His agoraphobic aunt, Princess, raised him.

Princess’ house included her mentally retarded son, and another older, strange male. I never did discover what was wrong with this character. However, the character was badly portrayed throughout the movie. The boy was badly abused, severely punished and left alone a lot, thus teaching him to survive in his thoughts, causing him to develop different personalities. This, along with the absence of any truth, left him mentally and morally depleted. When the boy grew up, and had to face the world, his different personalities came to the forefront. As a result, he lived in a distortion brought about fears and lack of truth.

I see this movie as the Christian community trying to make a fast buck, rather than produce a film of quality. If we would put effort into making a quality movie, instead of trying to figure out what type of product will sell, we would have a great end result whether it’s a film, book or art.

I believe the one thing I can say about this movie is that it lacks the Spirit of God. If we are going to do something for Christ then we need to make sure we glorify Him in whatever we do.



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PRAYER REQUEST

I hope TLBC is doing fine. I have a big request to ask of you, Pastor Ron, and the student body to pray for little Joseph, my son. He has been seeing a cardiologist and they are planning to do an MRI in a couple of months. He is certain that Joseph has what they call a Coarctation of the Aorta. The major artery that flows out to the body as a narrowed passage. He thinks there is a blockage. He would need surgery if that was the case. Pray that the artery to be open and flowing just as Joseph's body was created.

Thank you so much for your prayers. We love guys!!

In Christ,
Fritz and Rosalie
TLBC Alumni

TLBC Library/Learning Resource Center Hours:

Mon. & Tue. 8:15 am – 7:40 pm
Wed. 8:15 am – 2:00 pm
Thu. 8:15 am – 10:00 am &
12:30 pm – 7:40 pm
Fri. 8:15 am – 2:00 pm

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The creation was deprived of its true strength and vigor, making it subject to frailty and in wont of vigor. This was done with hope that the creation would be freed from its "bondage to decay" (v. 21 NIV). The dinosaurs, along with countless other living species have, in that frailty and decay, been lost.

In the next article, we conclude

our exploration of the extinction question with a post-Flood scenario of the dinosaur's gradual demise. After that we will tackle questions about dinosaur evolution and biology. What were dinosaurs like? Were dinosaurs warm or cold-blooded? Did dinosaurs have feathers? Are dinosaurs the ancestors of birds?

IRS: Taxpayers Have Until April 17th To File & Pay

Forget April 15th. This year, your tax return -- and payment -- aren't due until April 17th. That's because the 15th falls on a Sunday and the following day is Emancipation Day -- a legal holiday in the District of Columbia. The IRS says holidays observed in the nation's capital have an impact nationwide.

JOBS...

Job postings from the UC Davis web site - in the A/V field:

[Stage Tech at the Mondovi Center \(Davis\)](http://jobs.hr.ucdavis.edu/jm/ViewVacancy?id=7230)

<http://jobs.hr.ucdavis.edu/jm/ViewVacancy?id=7230>

[Media Distribution Tech at UCD Medical Center \(Sacramento\)](http://jobs.hr.ucdavis.edu/jm/ViewVacancy?id=7238)

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Help Wanted!!

Male preferred. In-home, support services needed for a TLBC alumnus in Sacramento-north area. 186 hours per month. \$10.00 per hour. Help with cooking, bathing, etc. Schedule: Monday thru Friday, 8 A.M. - 2 P.M., and one hour at bedtime. Also, Saturday and Sunday for another shift or person.

Call the TLBC office for screening and more information: (916) 348-4689.

Announcements

TLBC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Meet with Prof. Colburn, Dean of Women, for a time of fellowship, Thursday, February 1, 2007, 12:35 PM, outside the Trinity Café. Then join us next week, February 5, 2007 at 5:15 pm.

"A woman's heart should be so hidden in Christ that a man should have to seek Him first to find her."

SEND US YOUR ANSWER:

How have you been "refined" in your Christian walk at TLBC? We need your feedback for the yearbook. Submit your response to Prof. Colburn in the TLBC Office.

ALERT!! HOLIDAY CHANGE

TLBC will celebrate President's Day on Friday, February 16th, rather than Monday February 19th.

SACRAMENTO HUD

Section 8 Housing applications now being accepted. Apply on line: www.sacwaitlist.com by February 12, 2007.

TLBC OPEN HOUSE

February 13 & 15
Invite friends to experience Trinity Life Bible College - with an exciting extended Chapel on these days - and the chance to register for the Spring quarter.