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STUDENTS

Good food, great fun and fellowship. Required for evening CL&M. June 2, Friday at 6:00 PM in the Cornerstone. Family & friends are welcome.



"TURBO CHARGE" SUMMER DAY CLASSES

Sign up now for summer school!

Registration for "Turbo Charge" Session # 1 will only remain open a few more days. Don't miss out! Check with the office for more information. Evening classes will also be offered following the traditional 6-week session.

YEARBOOKS ARE HERE - OOPS.

Yearbooks are available for purchase in the TLBC office.

That said, we need to apologize to those of you who took a photo and then didn't make it into the yearbook. Unfortunately, the computer upon which the photos were stored CRASHED, and we lost 1/3 of our student photos. This happened late in the process and we were under a time crunch and were not able to offer retakes.

Our sincere APOLOGIES!!!! We'll do better next year.

THE RUNNER WILL SOON COME HOME

By Cathy Whalen

There was a time when I was running away from God that I kept telling Him that I wouldn't choose Jesus because He was too strict for me. I didn't really grow up with Jesus, we went to Catholic Church sometimes. I pretty much made up my own god that I chose. On May 26, 2006 I will have 16 years clean and sober from drugs and alcohol. I was a person who drank and used drugs heavily for many years. Everybody had given up on me and no one saw any hope. I ran from Pennsylvania to California with a \$100.00 in my pocket and one small suitcase. I wanted to start all over but ended up in the street and living from one drug dealer to another drug dealer's house. I did many crazy things and should not be sane or alive today, but for the grace of God.

When I was in Alcoholics Anonymous, they taught me that I could make up my god the way I chose. I could write down on a piece of paper just what my god would allow me to do. That was pretty easy because I decided that my god would allow me to do everything but drink, use, murder or some other major so called sin. I did the steps of Alcoholics Anonymous many times and waited for things to get better and they never did. As a matter of fact, right before my conversion to Christ, I contemplated suicide on a daily basis; this

was because I knew that if I drank or used I was afraid what I would do since I had blackouts all of the time. I just couldn't figure out how I was going to do it because I tried years before and always lived. Then God began to chase me and send people to me and I would curse at them and tell them, "I hated God" and to leave me alone. For about 6 months, God was everywhere I was. I would turn on the TV and a Christian program would come on but I couldn't get my finger to change the remote. Or, I would get mad because He was chasing me and tell him that I wasn't choosing Jesus because he was too strict. I would open up the newspaper and there would be something about Jesus and I couldn't believe it. Finally, one night after so much pain, I said that I would give him a chance. I felt a great peace and the next day I was looking for a church. That has been almost 13 years ago and I have been with Him ever since.

So, when you see the hardest, most rebellious person in your life who doesn't seem to be getting it at all and you pray and nothing seems to be happening, **don't be moved**. I was a very hard-hearted person because of the many wounds from my childhood and teenage years. Then God changed me and when He did, He changed me drastically, dramatically and forever.

Don't give in to being
overwhelmed –
rest in Him.

WERE YOU CALLED TO THE MINISTRY?

Scripture of the week by: Denise Thurman

Jeremiah 1:4-5

Then the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

The end of the school year is approaching quickly. Some of us will be graduating, others will begin their vacations, and some will ponder what to do in the fall. Some students may say, "This quarter was a bit overwhelming" and not want to return.

Well, let me be honest those were my thoughts! That was before this scripture dropped into my spirit! Here are a few words

of encouragement for those feeling like I was....

I didn't choose God, He chose me! He chose me before the foundation of the world. He ordained me while I was yet in my mother's womb and named me. When I look at the scripture in the spirit realm...all I can say is "WOW"! Because we are a special people when God says (paraphrasing), "I want her to do this, or him to do that. Denise will be able to mentor or minister to that person, or Bob can give a testimony to that young man who's struggling." We have to remember, for those of us He has called into the ministry, He will equip us and always deliver us! So whenever doubt enters your mind always think back to Jeremiah 1:4-5, and know we serve an **Awesome God** and that he will never leave us nor forsake us.

PREDESTINED FOR GLORY

By Andrew Johnson

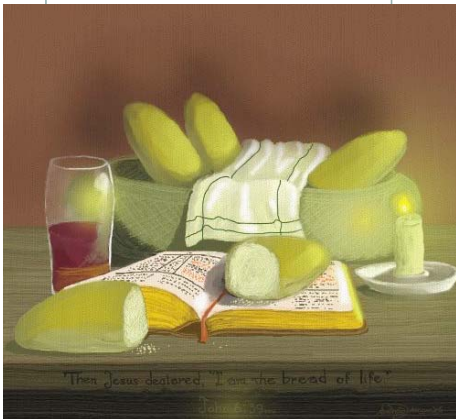
"Predestination" is for some a scary theological term, and for others it is a point of theological debate. For those afraid of the word, I hope to quell that fear. In respect to the debate, let me make a couple of remarks. First, when we make predestination a matter of "who" is predestined to be saved or condemned, we make this truth more complicated than necessary. Second, when we make it a conflict between the sovereignty of God and the will of man, we miss what predestination is all about. Predestination is not a matter of who is saved, but of what God has foreordained **for those** who belong to His chosen One, Jesus Christ.

In Romans 8:29-30 we read, "For those God *foreknew* he also *predestined* to be *conformed to the likeness of his Son*, that he might be the *firstborn among many brothers*. And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified." First, we want to ask, "Who has God foreknown and predestined?" To answer that we need only look at the larger context, "Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the

firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for *our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*" (Romans 8:23) In short, Paul in verse 29-30 is speaking of the "the children of God," (vv 18-21) who are the "firstfruits of the Spirit" that "groan inwardly" awaiting the "adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies." From John 1:12 we read that those who receive Christ and believe in His name are given the "right to become children of God."

We have already seen the "what" of predestination in Romans 8:29-30, as well as in verse 23; now we also look to Ephesians 1:4-5, "For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will." Tom Julien notes that for the Romans, adoption was "a ceremony which conferred the right of inheritance" to their own children (Inherited Wealth, 15). We are God's children now if we belong to Christ, and we have the Spirit of adoption to confirm that. The adoption as sons,

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*"Then Jesus declared, 'I
am the bread of life.'"
John 3:39
Artwork by
Andrew Johnson*

More Than a School

By Joshua Mallery

Trinity Life Bible College is a tool that God has set in place for the training up of His children to do the work of God. It is a place where we can grow, and mature in God, and relationships with other people. We learn to be disciplined and how to trust and rely in God in all of our daily activities. Every time we wrote a term paper we were learning more than we knew. It wasn't just about writing but about trusting and maturing in the Lord. It was about building Character, and as we all know so well character is what helps us minister for the Lord and not for ourselves. It is all about God and nothing else. As long as we keep it about God, whatever we do will be blessed by Him and will touch and change the lives of those around us.

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Curtis Perea

PREDESTINATION, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

... then, is God conferring on His children the right of inheritance as we are “conformed to the image of his Son.” In the words of Hebrews, “In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God... should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy

and those who are made holy are of the same family. So, Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.” (Hebrews 2:10-11). Predestination is not a subject that should cause us to fear or argue, but to rejoice in the hope of what God has determined for us who belong to Him.

GOD IS OUR KING: & KNOWS WHAT IS BEST FOR US!

By: Jennifer Johnson

Last Friday night I had the privilege of taking my three-year old daughter to a “princess party.” All the little girls were dressed up in princess dresses, everything-and I mean everything-was pink. The book, Gigi: God's Little Princess written by Sheila Walsh, inspired the party. The story is of a little girl who wakes up one morning as a princess. On that day she gets a crown and is able to pick out her own castle. She knows exactly what she wants her castle to look like but cannot find one to match her precise vision, so decides to have one built to her specifications. While designing her castle, she picks flowers to go all around the outside. Her court assistant explains the king wants her to have trees because he knows what is best for her. She declines the trees and gets the flowers she wants. Then she insists that the moat around the castle be filled with chocolate milk instead of water. Again, her assistant states that the king knows what is best and wants her moat to be filled with water. Still, she demands chocolate milk. The story continues with the assistant relaying the king's instructions, since he wants what is best for her, but she rebels against all the king's suggestions.

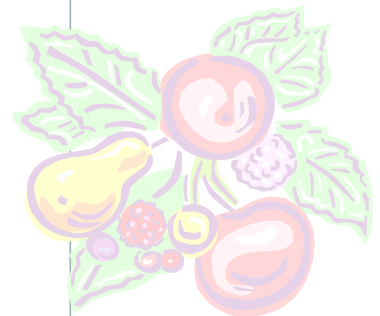
When the castle is all done, she moves in and discovers she's allergic to all

the flowers she demanded. The assistant explains, “I think that is why the king wanted you to have trees, because he knows what is best for you.” She then realizes that the chocolate milk moat has attracted bees, and again the assistant explains that was why the king wanted water, because he knows what is best. Everything Gigi wanted was not what was best for her, and therefore, did not make her happy. What would have made her happy were the things the King [God] wanted for her!

That night my daughter and I both learned a valuable lesson: God is our king, he knows what we need and what he wants for us. We may not always get what *we* want, but we get what we *need*! We may not always agree with what he has given to us, in fact we may feel we deserve more, but he knows what we deserve and why. He knows what is best for us and he will never give us second best. He gives us what he wants us to have at the moment he wants us to have it!

Summer is upon us, and some may question about returning next year, or what to do now that they are graduated. The answer to these questions, as well as many others, is VERY simple: ask God what he wants for your life, and then wait for his answer. That's it. Just ask and he will reveal his will to you. He will not steer you wrong!

Jeremiah 29:11 “For I know the plans I have for you “declares the Lord”, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”



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**Student Volunteers
Needed**

We need your help with graduation events, both on Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10. Volunteers are needed Friday for set-up and decorating, and on Saturday for before, during and after the graduation ceremony. If you are able to help at all, please contact Rosemarie or Christina in the TLBC office ASAP.

Thanks!

GRADUATION ACTIVITIES

Graduation Banquet

6:30 pm, Friday June 9th
The Lions Gate Banquet Hall
Tickets \$25 each available
in the TLBC Office

Commencement Exercise

2:00 pm, Saturday, June 10th
Trinity Life Center Sanctuary
Reception to follow.

**USHERS Needed for
GRADUATION.**

When: Saturday, June 10, 2006.
SIGN UP IN THE
BIBLE COLLEGE OFFICE.

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Are available for pick up in the TLBC office.
If you're graduating – get yours now.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE: There are two part-time positions open in the TLBC office. Each is 30 hours per week, one in the daytime and the other in the evening with wonderful benefits. Contact Kathy Clarke to apply.

Word Find Puzzle

Called to Be Holy

1 Peter 1:13-25

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