

Campus Chronicles

Trinity Life Bible College

Temporary Facility Change, Oct. 16 & 17

The Trinity Life Center facilities will be closed for parking lot resurfacing and painting on Oct. 16 & 17, 2008. For those two days TLBC classes will be held at **Skyline Christian Center**. Our class schedule will stay the same.

Directions

To SCC from Fair Oaks – North Area

Take 1-80 West toward SAN FRANCISCO

Exit North (Right) onto **Northgate Blvd.**

Turn Left onto **North Market Blvd.**

Turn Left onto **South Market Court.**

To SCC from Elk Grove – South Area

Take 1-5 or CA-99 North towards Sacramento

From CA-99 Merge onto US-50 West
toward SAN FRANCISCO

Take I-5 North toward REDDING

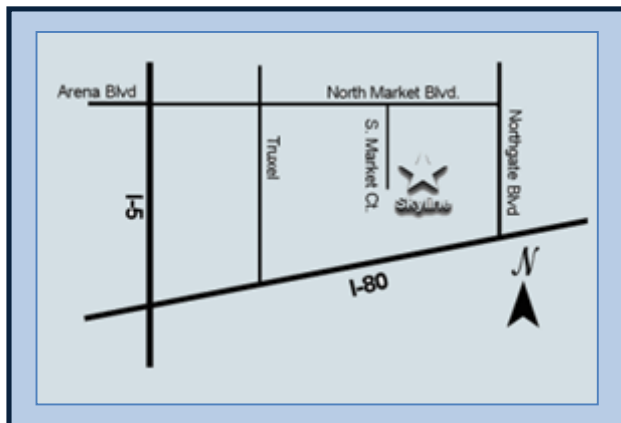
Take the I-80 East exit toward RENO

Exit North (Left) onto **Northgate Blvd.**

Turn Left onto **North Market Blvd.**

Turn left onto **South Market Court.**

Enter Skyline
at the south end of the building:
4120 South Market Court



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Honesty Demands Respect

By Tim Souza

CHRISTIANITY AND ART intersect at an awkward place in today's society. The mixture of money and ministry often diminish the honesty of the art we produce. In the history of the arts, the support of the church has often led to some of the most monumental inceptions of artistic achievement. The work of Michelangelo Buonarroti is an example of an artist commissioned by the church to create an awe-inspiring piece of work. This kind of art is not birthed overnight; it takes a culture of appreciation and freedom for it to exist. In today's society different types of art speak to the people. Music and film media dominate our senses on a regular basis. This has helped to create a world of exploitation, pouring out what once was a burgeoning artistic community into a mass of moneymaking ploys for the eyes and ears. Even though this exploitation exists on both the secular and religious side of the media

industry, there remain true artists out there, somewhere beyond the exhausting fluff.

Opinions abound when it comes to music and film, every movie made and every CD produced are reviewed to an overwhelming extent. Every maker of media must overcome the considerations of an unrelenting public concerning their work. This makes for tough sales and therefore artistic limitations. Filmmakers such as Joel and Ethan Coen, make films on a near yearly basis, never once making over seventy five million dollars stateside on a film and often making much less. This is not to say that they are running low on dough, but they have forgone the blockbuster money and limitations in order to create the best work that they can and become, arguably, our greatest living filmmakers.

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Getting to Know...

By Priscilla Marshall

I HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY BLESSED by the words that I hear throughout this campus from the students and graduates. I wanted to take a moment and encourage you all to listen to conversations around you and to reach out and actually meet someone that you never have! I am speaking today on getting to know the love and place that God has for all of us, and I will be utilizing some words that I have heard from you!

Did you know that you are not only hand-picked to be adopted into the great family of Christ by God, but that Christ shed His blood for you. In turn, this makes you a blood relative of Christ, the King. Does it not? I adapted this thought from Jordan Hulog in a sermon that he gave in my class. Its depth amazed me.

During our Alumni Chapel week, Pastor Jack Gonzales, a recent TLBC graduate, spoke boldly, calling us to put our hearts in the right place as we come into an act of worship. My heart was commanded by God on this day, through Pastor Jack's words, to come in with a heart of expectance. This was driven home when Professor Sudborough ended his message with a prophetic word from God: If we expect Christ to meet us here, He will! We are drawn to live our lives responsibly as believers in Christ and stand firm within our belief systems, not to be shaken or torn down.

We are continually able to hear from different members of our TLBC family in class and in chapel speaking with high regard for the

one that we rely on: God! We are able to hear from students like Kristina Neil and Liza Turner speak straight from the word of God, enforcing and speaking out loud numerous Bible scriptures and the meanings behind them.

We go to school with our family of believers. We have missionaries, people from other countries, and students who commute great distances from other cities because God has called them here. We have those who in the near future will lead worship, will lead churches, and small groups. Many of our fellow students will become teachers, professors, counselors, and social workers. It is worth your time to get to know them! So today I challenge you to meet someone that you have not yet met. get to know them, know their ministry, and learn how God is working in their heart.

If anyone would like to be interviewed or like to see someone interviewed, please contact the newspaper via email, Tana Colburn, or myself, Priscilla Marshall. I would love to know you more!



Election: Chosen to Be Holy

Ephesians 1:3-14 | Eph. 4

By Andrew Johnson

“He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him”

IN THE SHORT TIME that I have been theologically Reformed, I have twice heard one of the classic misunderstandings of the doctrine of election. It is really a knockdown argument against election (or at least the Reformed understanding of election). It is often objected that election means that a person, assuming his election, can continue in a life of sin and still enter heaven. However, no Reformed Christian believes along these lines for the very reason that the New Testament nowhere teaches such a thing. Quite to the contrary the New Testament teaches that holiness is the mark of the elect. In our passage, it is said that we were chosen “that we would be holy.”

Richard D. Phillips observes that this misunderstanding of election “fails to realize that holiness is the goal for which we are saved.” Paul dealt with a similar issue when he wrote, “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin so that grace may increase? May it never be so! How shall we who died to sin live in it?” (Rom. 6:1-2 NASB) This goes back to what was said before: we are chosen *in Christ* to be holy. We died with Him, and so died to sin in order to be made alive to God. Now does this mean we never sin? Of course not! It does mean that we

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Anonymous

A LITTLE GIRL HAD BEEN SHOPPING with her Mom in Target. She must have been 6 years old, this beautiful red haired, freckle faced image of innocence.

It was pouring outside. The kind of rain that gushes over the top of rain gutters, so much in a hurry to hit the earth it has no time to flow down the spout. We all stood there under the awning and just inside the door of the Target.

We waited, some patiently, others irritated because nature messed up their hurried day. I am always mesmerized by rainfall. I got lost in the sound and sight of the heavens washing away the dirt and dust of the world. Memories of running, splashing so carefree as a child came pouring in as a welcome reprieve from the worries of my day. The little voice was so sweet as it broke the hypnotic trance we were all caught in

do not *live* in sin; rather we *continue* in Christ and so continue in holiness.

The elect are called to holiness. Paul wrote to the Thessalonians, “It is God’s will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God...For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life.” (1 Thess. 4:3-5, 7 NIV) Peter tells us that God has “called us to his own glory and excellence.” (2 Peter 1:3 ESV) The sovereign grace of God does not give license; rather it trains “us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives.” (Titus 2:12 ESV) For Christ “gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.” (Titus 2:14 ESV)

God does not free us from sin only to be made slaves to it again; rather, He has united us with Christ so that in His death we die to the old sinful self and walk in spiritual life to God. That life is a life that grows in holiness, continually set apart for God.

In the next article we finally move on to Ephesians 1:5!



“Mom let’s run through the rain,” she said.

“What?” Mom asked.

“Let’s run through the rain!” She repeated

“No, honey. We’ll wait until it slows down a bit,” Mom replied.

This young child waited about another minute and repeated: “Mom, let’s run through the rain,”

“We’ll get soaked if we do,” Mom said.

“No, we won’t, Mom. That’s not what you said this morning,” the young girl said as she tugged at her Mom’s arm.

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The example of secular artists such as these serves to show that pandering to public opinion is not the way by which we come about great art (which is what we should long to see). Shane Carruth was a complete unknown to the filmmaking world until he spent \$7,000 of his own money and a few years making a small film called "Primer." Carruth was not bound by a studio or public demand. He was commissioned by his own drive and afforded success by his creativity. He is a Christian by his own admission and made his "sci-fi" movie accordingly, not aiming to get anyone saved, but telling a story with right and wrong defined. Carruth was honored in 2004 for his skills by winning the oft-coveted (even by the aforementioned Coen Brothers) Dramatic Grand Jury Prize from the Sundance Film Festival. By this process of art making, Carruth demanded respect for his creation by making an honest and good product.

What is this all about? It is about our responsibility to do the best we can with what God has given us. Though Christian art is often chided by the critical societies of our day, we may sometimes deserve it. If we want the respect of our supposed artistic peers we must create with honesty and not always with regard for the wants of the Christian culture, not, necessarily, even for the purpose of ministry. If we want to use creativity to get people saved then we should create accordingly. However, if we as Christians desire a voice in contemporary culture we must respect its standards.

The Church, historically, has been a place for great artistic expression. There are also great contemporary artists from whom we can learn. Whether they are religious or not, they can teach us how to thrive as artists whose work demands an audience simply through the quality of what they produce.

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"This morning? When did I say we could run through the rain and not get wet?"

"Don't you remember? When you were talking to Daddy about his cancer, you said, 'If God can get us through this, he can get us through anything!'"

The entire crowd stopped dead silent. I swear you couldn't hear anything but the rain. We all stood silently. No one came or left in the next few minutes.

Mom paused and thought for a moment about what she would say. Now some would laugh it off and scold her for being silly. Some might even ignore what was said. But this was a moment of affirmation in a young child's life. A time when innocent trust can be nurtured so that it will bloom into faith.

"Honey, you are absolutely right. Let's run through the rain. If GOD let's us get wet, well

maybe we just needed washing," Mom said.

Then off they ran. We all stood watching, smiling and laughing as they darted past the cars and yes, through the puddles. They held their shopping bags over their heads just in case. They got soaked. But they were followed by a few who screamed and laughed like children all the way to their cars.

And yes, I did. I ran. I got wet. I needed washing. Circumstances or people can take away your material possessions, they can take away your money, and they can take away your health. But no one can ever take away your precious memories...So, don't forget to make time and take the opportunities to make memories everyday. To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.

I HOPE YOU STILL TAKE THE TIME TO RUN THROUGH THE RAIN.

Announcements

October 20-24, 2008

Get Your Picture Taken for the Yearbook!

And BUY your Yearbook while the price is LOW & get into the drawing for great prizes!

October 24 & 25, 2008

Audio Boot Camp

Encourage your church media team highly beneficial class!

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