



# The Voice of Victory



The voice of him that crieth... prepare ye the way of the Lord...—Isaiah 40:3

## Upcoming Events:

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## Mark Your Calendar:

**February 7<sup>th</sup>:**  
Family Fun Night  
Come watch a power  
Christian video here in  
the Fellowship Hall  
6-8pm

**February 14<sup>th</sup>:**  
Valentine's Banquet  
Church Fellowship  
Hall  
5:30pm  
\$12/Couple or \$6/person

**March 6<sup>th</sup>:**  
Prayer Night  
7-9pm

**March 7<sup>th</sup>:**  
Annual Church Breakfast  
9am

**February 21<sup>st</sup>:**  
Men's Bible Study:  
The Steps of a Good  
Man  
6:30pm @ Church

**Jan. 30- Feb.5:**  
Trinidad Missions Trip  
Pray for the Missions  
Team and the service  
they will hold.

**March 8<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>:**  
Spring Revival  
With Pastor Scott Coghill

**March 29<sup>th</sup>:**  
Spring Friend Day  
Sunday AM Services



**Visitation**  
Every Tuesday  
Evening  
7:00pm

**Prayer Night**  
The first Friday Night of  
Every Month  
7-9pm



Be in prayer for the Trinidad Missions Team:  
Pastor Jason Myers, Bro. Bill and Sis. Rebecca Ribbans and Bro.  
Phil Hurd

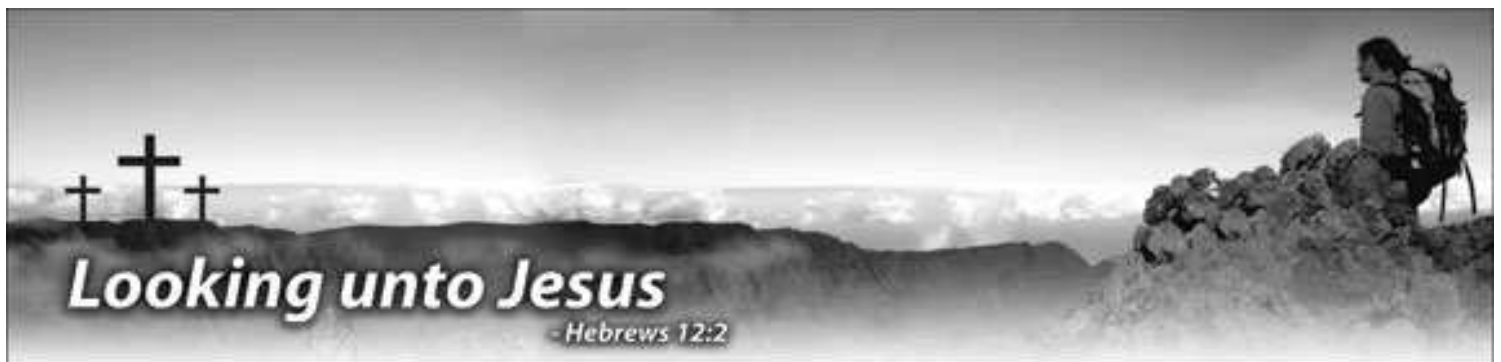
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## The Pastor's Page

### “They Stand Up Together”

By: Pastor Jason M. Myers

**“Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. <sup>13</sup> Mine hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned the heavens: when I call unto them, they stand up together.” -Isaiah 48:12-13**

What a wonderful example of obedience to the Creator. God calls to His creation and they stand up together. They rise up in unity out of respect for their LORD and in complete unison their very existence gives praise to their God. From our Sun that is so enormous if it were hollow could hold approximately one million of our Earths in side of it, to the microscopic Phytoplankton that swim in the Ocean, all are created by our God and all of them, small and great and everything in between give praise to the Great Creator. They realize the seriousness of Revelation 4:11 which says **“Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.”** Everything was created and remains in existence for the sole purpose of bringing honor, glory and pleasure to the one who created.

I would like to say that all of creation honors their Creator but I cannot. There's one creation that has rebelled against its loving master and that is our own Human race. The Bible says in Isaiah 53:6 **“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way...”**

We have turned our back to the very one that has given us life and continues to give us life. We live as if we must only satisfy ourselves. We buy and are never full, we desire and are never content, we are constantly seeking and yet we never find.

I have never seen a dying man kick and abuse his life support machine, nor have I seen a starving man push away life sustaining food. But sadly I have seen people utterly and most disrespectfully push away the very God that is supplying their every breath. You see friend, you may not think about your heart while it is beating in your chest or your lungs that continuously pump to provide breath as you go about your day as usual, but as soon as one of them stops you will know instantly. The Bible is clear that our time on earth is short. Genesis 6:3 says **“And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man...”** Jesus himself said in John 12:35-36 **“Then Jesus said unto them, Yet a little while is the light with you. Walk while ye have the light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth. <sup>36</sup> While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light. These things spake Jesus, and departed, and did hide himself from them.”** Hebrews 9:27 **“And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:”**

You may not be able to change your past but you can do something about your future. By repenting of your sins and totally surrendering your life to the Lordship of Jesus Christ your future becomes brighter and your life can start honoring your Creator. By asking Christ to be your personal Savior, you are taking his righteousness upon you. All of your sins are covered by his sinless blood and all of your flaws and imperfections are hidden by his flawless perfection. Christ is the only substitute that God the Father will accept for your sins. Only by faith in Jesus Christ will you be accepted by the Holy Father; religion, morality, good works, confirmation, sacraments... can never make us holy and righteous in God's sight. God will only accept his Son's death as payment for sin. To them that surrender to Christ, the crippling effect of sin is healed forever. As death, hell and the grave could not permanently hold our Lord Jesus Christ; even so death has no permanent victory over the child of God.

Whether you're a veteran Christian or a Sinner seeking forgiveness, in light of God's amazing grace, why not start today living a life that will bring honor and glory to your Creator? **What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.”** -1 Cor. 6:19-20



# Youth Notes



## Looking Unto Jesus

By Bro. Tony Patterson

***Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ  
Jesus: Philippians 2:5***

“Looking unto Jesus” is our theme for the year here at Victory. I believe that it should resound not only through the adults of our church but also through the youth as well. In today’s world we are taught to rely on our own selves, the humble and meek are weak. If you want to get anywhere you can’t be concerned about others. But Paul, when he was writing his letter to the church at Philippi, wrote to them to essentially “Look unto Jesus” for the correct attitude they should have. In Philippians 2:7, he writes, “Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.” Then, from there he goes on to write about the humility of Christ.

This year as we look unto Jesus for many things such as: souls saved, our new construction, leadership, and unity, let our minds be as Christ. Let us “look unto” Him to be our example of how to live our everyday lives. Let us put off the worldly attitude of “me first” and take on the towel of a servant and be humble as Christ was. Christ was not weak. The same man who bowed and washed the disciples’ feet also cleared the house of God of the money changers and thieves. But he knew what was important. In Mark 10:45 he says, “For even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister...” When was the last time that we put our wants and our desires to the side and helped out someone else?

As young people you are busy. There places to go and people to see; school, work, and play all demand your time. But be “Christ-minded” as you walk through this life. See others, help others, and love others above self. For ever person you meet is a soul that will live forever and ever chance to help is a chance to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **Upcoming Youth Events:**

### This Month:

February:

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>:  
**Youth Fun Night**  
6pm

Come enjoy popcorn and good Christian movie with us in the Fellowship Hall. Teens and Junior age young people are both welcomed.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>:  
**Teen TNT**  
6pm

### Looking Ahead:

March:

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>:  
**Junior Bowling**  
10am-2pm

South Hanover Lanes  
(We will be going canvassing prior to the activity if weather permits)

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>:  
**Quarterly Parents Meeting**  
7pm  
(Following Evening Service)

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup>:  
**TNT**  
6pm



# Missions and Ministries

## A Pluralistic Society

By Bro. Bill Ribbans

One of the events revealed to the Apostle John was that the Antichrist will be the head of a One World religion and demand to be worshiped as God. A renewed emphasis on pluralism, or ecumenicalism, is another step toward a One World religion. We face that kind of society here in America, but it is also taking root worldwide. We must be aware of this threat as we ask for an increased role in the Great Commission. The following is an excerpt of a commentary from the Trinidad newspaper The Guardian:

*Published: January 28th, 2009, Trinidad Guardian*

*Religion is being used to create divisions, differences, intolerance, prejudice, fear, violence, and terror in society. Instead of bringing unity among religions, striving for understanding, advocating the upliftment of the soul and living in peace, some insist on creating differences between peoples of the world. It is time that we analyse the dark side of some religions. All through history they play the victims game. Across the world they instigate animosity, violence and terror in the society. They have controlled the media to such an extent that they cause people to think as if under hypnosis.*

*Throughout history, Hindus have been open-minded, pluralistic, tolerant and peace-loving. They have welcomed all religions with open hearts and allowed them to practise with no restrictions. . . . But some have taken advantage of the benevolent Hindus. They follow the path of divisiveness, intolerance and violence in the name of their chosen God.*

*In fact, US President Barack Obama talks about his upbringing and how he was exposed to different faiths and cultivated the need for openness. In his *The Audacity of Hope*, he writes: "I was not raised in a religious household. For my mother, organised religion too often dressed up closed-mindedness in the garb of piety, cruelty and oppression in the righteousness. However, in her mind a working knowledge of the world's great religions was a necessary part of any well-rounded education." He continued: "In our household the Bible, the Koran and the Bhagvat Gita sat on the shelf alongside books of Greek and Norse and African mythology."*

In the months and years to come, staying true to the one and only true Gospel will be increasingly more difficult. There are many good preachers in Trinidad who preach their hearts out. But Jesus said in Matthew 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven". There is only one God and He had only one begotten Son, without whom there is no salvation. Jesus said in Matthew 7:13-14, "Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." Jesus is that gate. Any other way leads to destruction.