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TRURO FAMILY NEWS

A Heart For God: Learning To Aim Our Desires Toward The Kingdom

by Tory Baucum

We have finished an 11 week series on the Prophetic books of the Old Testament, entitled *A Heart for God*. Here are some things I hope we are learning from the prophets, upon whose shoulders we still stand.

First, God is so involved in our personal lives that He is affected by our decisions, our pains and struggles, our joys and victories. God is not the “unmoved mover” of Western philosophy. He is the “most moved lover” of the Universe.

Second, we humans are not primarily containers filled with information, “thinking beings,” or merely just rational creatures. Rather, we are primarily arrows directed toward specific goals, ends or goods. We are “desiring/loving beings” that is, *affective creatures*. We are not primarily rational creatures that sometimes get emotional; we are emotional creatures who sometimes think rationally. This has many implications, one of which is that we often tend to go with our “gut” on important decisions.

Third, God communicates and reveals Himself within our emotional lives, not merely just in our thinking. These are not opposed to one another, but we should not see rationality as primary either.

In biblical anthropology, the mind is subservient to the heart. As Theophany, of the 8th century wrote, “The principal thing is to stand with the mind in the heart before God, and to keep on standing before God unceasingly day and night, until the end of life.” The formation of persons occurs just as much through practices and habits as it does through the transmission of ideas. Humans are ritually oriented

creatures, shaped by both secular and religious liturgies that seek to aim our hearts to some “kingdom” or “ultimate value.”

Finally, the Christian liturgy is not unique as a set of patterned practices that tell a story and shape behavior accordingly. Secular North American Temples like shopping malls and sports arenas are actually liturgically laden environments, designed to shape participants into either consumers or competitors. That is what they are designed to do. Whether we see society as liturgically laden or not does not change the fact that it is and that these liturgies are shaping disordered loves in people.

Christian liturgy is unique only in the story it tells and the end to which it aims the worshipper. Christian liturgy, our corporate worship, aims to make us lovers of God, to give us a heart for God. It is a massive undertaking of rehabilitation, of converting hearts for God. It accomplishes this through the revelation of a great mystery: we find ourselves in a divine romance and our liturgy is essentially a nuptial ceremony where the bond between Christians and their Lord is continually renewed, deepened and enlarged. Like a wedding, there are processions and singing, vows given and received, sermons and scriptures read, and the giving and receiving of gifts—symbols of our love. Only in this ceremony, not just rings, but lives are exchanged. The death of the Bride is exchanged for the life of the Bridegroom, so that His death becomes our life—“and our lives are now hid in Christ in God.” When no one on earth could be found to erase the hostility between God and humanity, God himself became that one in the person of Jesus—the *One who truly has a heart for God*.



Rector's Forum and Book Signing

Join us for a special Rector's Forum on December 6th featuring author Frederica Mathewes-Green. Her work has appeared in such diverse publications as the *Washington Post*, *Christianity Today*, *Smithsonian*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *First Things*, *Books & Culture*, *Sojourners*, *Touchstone*, and the *Wall Street Journal*. She will be speaking on her book “The Lost Gospel of Mary: The Mother of Jesus in Three Ancient Texts” The presentation will be in conjunction with Truro's newest Art Gallery Exhibit “Mary Mother of God in Image and Word” curated by Ioana Belca, iconographer in cooperation with the Washington Arts Group. Ms. Mathewes-Green will be signing copies of her book following the Rector's forum.

Special Giving for Holiday Greens & Music:

Throughout Advent, special giving envelopes will be in the pew racks, allowing you to offer special gifts in honor or in memory of loved ones. Your faithful participation and generous contributions will help us offer the finest adornments and music as an act of worship during this Christmas season! Please place your gift in the offering plates. Memorials and Thanksgivings received by December 7th will be listed in the Christmas Eve worship guides; afterward, they will be listed in the Epiphany Sunday worship guides.

NOVACO—NOVACO is seeking volunteers to work with our families—we provide mentoring training. Please contact volunteer@novaco.org to find out more. NOVACO is seeking Board of Directors nominees for 2010. Please visit our website at www.novaco.org for more info, or e-mail questions to vneeley@novaco.org

TRURO PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN HOLDS MONTH COMMUNITY NIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR—The hosting restaurant gives TPK between 5% & 10% of the evening's proceeds; food receipts need to be placed in the designated box. Tuesday, December 1st TPK will be at Five Guys on Fairfax Blvd, in Fairfax City, from 5 pm to 8 pm. We would appreciate your support!

INTERNATIONAL NATIVITY SETS NEEDED—Do you have an international Nativity set that you would be willing to have on display for our Global Christmas Celebration? It will be on Friday, December 11, 6:30–9 pm. Please contact Alice Hunt at 703.273.1300, ext 312 for more information and/or to sign up!

ATTENTION SINGLES AT TRURO—Mrs. Angela Minns would like to host a Christmas Dinner on December 16 for the Single Folks of CANA and ADV. If you would like to attend please contact Penny Rauh at rosierauh@aol.com.

Youth Taize Service—December 16th at 7 pm, Chapel

“He who sings, prays twice”—St. Augustine

The Truro Youth Choir and Handbells will join in leading an Advent Taizé Prayer service in the chapel on Dec. 16th at 7 pm. The Taizé Community is an ecumenical Christian monastic order in Taizé, Burgundy, France. Composed of a little over 100 brothers who come from Catholic, Orthodox and Protestant traditions, the community has become known world wide for their sung prayers. The songs emphasize simple phrases of scripture, and are repeated in intent to aid meditation and prayer. Come join us for this short, beautiful prayer service as we worship God in this season of Advent.



Note of Thanks

Thanksgiving Bag Collection

Thanks be to God for this Truro church family who so generously supported the Thanksgiving Bag Collection last weekend. A total of 276 bags was delivered to The Lamb Center, Love the World Fellowship, Sanctity of Life, FACETS, and FISH.

The Lamb Center

The Lamb Center wishes to thank everyone for their generous contributions during Truro's annual ingathering supporting local missions. The number of homeless guests served at The Lamb Center often reaches 130 per day during the winter months.

Donations may be dropped off at Truro throughout the year and placed in our Blue Lamb Center bin located in the covered walkway outside of the undercroft.



Give Gifts That Give Hope

Are you searching for a meaningful way to share the celebration of the birth of Christ with family and friends? Is it difficult to find “just the right thing” in a crowded shopping mall? Would you like to give gifts that honor your loved ones AND provide help to needy people?

Please come to the **Gifts That Give Hope Alternative Gift** Fair on December 12, 2009, in the Undercroft from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Shop from over 25 nonprofits for “virtual gifts” (school supplies or tutoring for a low-income child, emergency food for a family, music therapy for an Alzheimer’s patient, job training for the unemployed, legal services for a refugee seeking citizenship, and many, many more).

You will receive a beautiful custom card with a description of the gift, which you can present to your friend or family member. All gifts are tax-deductible. Several nonprofits will also be selling tangible gifts, including jewelry, ornaments, and ethnic crafts, at their tables (not tax-deductible). Cash and checks will be accepted.

Giving Gifts That Give Hope not only honors special people on your gift list but also provides hope to those who are not on anyone’s gift list.

The nonprofit organizations participating in the fair include: Alzheimer’s Family Day Center, Amy’s Amigos, Brain Foundation, Brazil 2010 (Truro’s Youth), Computer CORE, Empowered Women International, FACETS, Flashes of Hope, Food for Others, Friends of Guest House, Giving

Circle of HOPE, Good Shepherd Alliance, Grace Ministries, Helping Hungry Kids, Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic, Just Neighbors, JustNeem, Kids R First, Land of a Thousand Hills Coffee, Liberty’s Promise, Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry, NOVA Scripts Central, Partner for Surgery, Thai Totes, and more.

For more information, please visit www.giftsthatgivehope.org or call Linda Strup at 703.620.9302.



GIFTS THAT GIVE
HOPE



In Memoriam

John “Jack” Chilton

Died: November 19, 2009

Husband to Betty Chilton. Father to Keith and his wife Nancy.

A service will be held in the Truro Chapel,
Tuesday, Dec 1 at 12:30 pm.

Note of Thanks

To Truro clergy, staff, and people:

We want to thank everyone who helped us while Fred underwent surgery and recuperation. Our thanks to those who gave so generously with meals, rides, and housing for Ginger. We felt supported by all who prayed for us, (known and unknown) and for the visits. We are truly blessed. —Fred and Ginger Wandell

Advent at Truro

Carol Sing & Gallery Talk

Sunday, December 7, 6:00 pm (Art Gallery), 7:00 pm (Chapel)

The annual Truro Carol Sing will be held in the Chapel on Sunday evening, December 6th at 7pm. Featuring guest instrumentalists Matt and Kate Rogers, harp and saxophone duo, the Carol Sing is a wonderful opportunity to gather with friends and family to sing your favorite Christmas Carols. This year, there will be a reception before the Carol Sing in the Undercroft in conjunction with the newest Truro Art Gallery exhibit.

Mary Mother of God in Image and Word:
December Art Gallery Exhibit

The month of December will feature a new exhibit in the Truro Art Gallery titled “Mary Mother of God in Image and Word” consisting of contemporary icons, curated by Ioana Belca in cooperation with the Washington Arts Group. Early scriptural and papyrus examples from manuscripts included in the book “The Lost Gospel of Mary: The Mother of Jesus in Three Ancient Texts” as well as other art historical expressions devoted to Mary will be included in the show.

In conjunction with the exhibit, there will be a Gallery Talk and reception on December 6th at 6 pm in the Art Gallery, following the Alive@5 service, and prior to the annual Carol Sing. On Dec. 6th the exhibition will also include a bronze casting of Mary’s bust from the Pieta in St. Peter’s. Don’t miss this exciting event!

Global Christmas Celebration

Friday, December 11th, 6:30–9 pm, Undercroft

A Family Ministry, TIPS and La Comunidad Hispana partnership

6:30–7 pm at Chili (everyone bring a pot to share!)! 7–9 pm with singing, drama, puppets, cider, hot chocolate, and cookies.

Christmas Wreath Making

Saturday, December 12th, 9 am–10 am, Common Grounds

Be part of the “Hanging of the Greens” this Advent season at Truro AND create a wreath of your own to take home! There will be a workshop on making Williamsburg-style wreaths of fresh and dried natural materials at 9:00 Saturday, December 12. This will be followed by making the wreaths for the Truro campus. The cost of the workshop is \$25 to cover materials. Please call or e-mail Catherine Woodcock at 703.847.2045 (catherine@woodcocknest.com) for a reservation. Those who only want to create the Truro wreaths may come at 10:30.

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07:30 am, Worship
08:30 am, Worship
10:00 am, Worship (en español)
10:00 am, Rector's Forum
11:15 am, Worship
01:00 pm, Love The World Fellowship
05:00 pm, Alive @ 5
06:00 pm, Alpha

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06:30 am, Men's Group
04:00 pm, Handbell Rehearsal
07:00 pm, AA Meeting

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09:30 am, Women's Bible Study
11:30 am, Military Prayer
04:30 pm, Hosanna and Praise Dance
06:00 pm, Worship Dance
06:45 pm, Young Adults
07:00 pm, Outreach First Tuesday
07:00 pm, Personnel Committee Meeting
07:30 pm, Boy Scouts

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06:30 am, Men's Bible Study, (Truro)
11:00 am, Holy Eucharist, Chapel
04:30 pm, Ministry Training and Dinner
04:30 pm, Bells & Children's Choir
06:00 pm, Faith Track Class
06:30 pm, Student Ministry Training
07:30 pm, Discipleship Group

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06:30 am, Men's Fraternity--Video Series
09:30 am, Women's Bible Study
10:00 am, DOK Bible Study
07:00 pm, East Africa Action Group
07:15 pm, Choir Rehearsal
07:30 pm, Daughters of the King

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12:00 pm, Seniors Lunch and Fellowship

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read ahead

December 06

The Carols of Christmas:
Luke's Poems of Jesus Birth

Zechariah's Prophecy
Luke 1:57-79

when you visit

Fill out a Welcome Card—Please join us immediately following the 11:15 service for a Welcome Reception in the Gunnell House Parlor. The Gunnell House is the historic home located just to the right of the main church as you enter by the ramp.

what about children, teens, young adults, and families?

Our KidZone Team wears green shirts and will help find the right place for your child.

Nursery: Nursery available on Sundays during 8:30 & 11:15 am worship for ages 3 and younger.

Nursing/Cry Room: For nursing moms and upset infants/toddlers, located in the "Fellowship Room" off the Undercroft beneath the sanctuary.

Pre-K to Grade 6: WEE Worship for 3 year olds-Kindergarten AND WOW Worship for 1st-6th grade is during both 8:30 & 11:15 services. Small Groups are during the 10 am Discipleship Hour.

Teens: Small Groups meet at 10am. Youth Group is Sunday from 6:30-8 pm in the Upper Room. Come for dinner at 6pm. Wednesday night Student Ministry Team 6:00 pm dinner, 6:30-8 training, located in the Undercroft.

Young Adults: We meet Tuesday nights for dinner and fellowship from 6:45-9 pm (Gunnell House Parlor). Anyone and everyone from late teens to mid thirties is welcome to join! Contact: Family Ministry at 703.273.1300.

needs & blessings

NEED: Looking for folks that would be interested in commuting to and from work by bicycle. I work 7:45-4/4:30pm M-F. I live in North Arlington, and work in Old Town Alexandria. If anyone is looking for a bicycle commuting buddy feel free to contact me Thomas White at 202.390.3367 (cell) or 703.522.6360 (home).

LOOKING FOR HELP OR A JOB? If you are an employer or know of positions in your company, please check out the resumes on Truro's web site. Contact information can be obtained through Tim Teague, 703.273.1300, ext 420. If you would like to post your resume on Truro's website, please contact Truro Communications at communications@trurochurch.org, or ext 127.

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