

Welcome To Creekside Community Church!

Sermon Notes

March 9, 2008

Christianity 101: Paul's Letter to the Romans

By: John Bruce



The Most Powerful Message in the World

Romans 1:1-17

Information For Your First Time At Creekside

- Services meet on Sundays at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.
- Please pick up a name tag at the Welcome Table.
- CDs of the service are available for \$3 at the sound table in the back of the room. CDs are free for first time visitors.
- Video of this weekend's service is available online at www.creeksidecommunity.org.
- Infants through fifth graders are invited to our kids' program located in the north wing of the building.
- Programs for Junior High and High Schoolers are available during the 10:30 service.
- Please join us between services for refreshments.

Contact The Staff

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Small Groups At Creekside

Contact the group leader to join a small group or receive information.

Monday:

Henry and Sohini Chan: Promises of God
(510) 639-0681
7:00 p.m. in Oakland

Ron and Teri Arth: Matthew
(510) 769-9567
7:00 p.m. in San Leandro

Cambra/Assefa: Romans
(510) 655-6220
7:30 p.m. in San Leandro

Tuesday:

Pat McQuillister: Women's Study
Precept Upon Precept
(510) 562-6297
7:00 p.m. at Creekside

Wednesday:

Amy Olson: Women's Study on Daniel
(510) 357-4441
9:30 a.m. at Creekside

Greg & Lori Arthur: Weapons of Warfare
(510) 532-1211
7:00 p.m. in Oakland

Bob Reinhart: Celebrate Recovery
(510) 430-0607
7:00 p.m. at Creekside

Dan and Toni Lewis: Living By Faith
(925) 376-0259
7:30 p.m. in Oakland

Jim and Deborah Palmieri: Luke
(510) 632-2448
7:00 p.m. in San Leandro

Craig & Laura Turner: Couples Study on
Love & Respect
(510) 638-1421
6:30 p.m. in San Leandro

Thursday:

Scott & Stacie Clausen: James
(510) 638-8977
6:00-8:00 p.m. in San Leandro

Katie Atwood: Women's Study on Daniel
(510) 483-3134
7:00 p.m. at Creekside

Nicholas/Nakayama: Genesis Part 2
(510) 583-1743
7:30 p.m. in Hayward

Joe & Jan Grijalva: Crown Financial
Bible Study (510) 278-0627
7:15 p.m. at Creekside

Saturday:

Paul Bronner: Men's Study of Proverbs
(925) 803-5028
8:00 a.m. at Creekside

Jeni Engler: Women's Study
Letter To The Corinthians
(510) 352-8473
7:00 a.m. in San Leandro

This Week at Creekside

Sunday, March 9th:

- Sunday Prayer Fellowship: Library from 8:45 -10:00 a.m. Call Judith Guerino at (510) 383 -9266.
- The Gospel According To John: Upstairs Conference Room from 9:00 -10:00 a.m. Call Bob Reinhart at (510) 430 - 0607.
- Prophecy in Judah: Upstairs Conference Room from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call Bob Knoll at (510) 614-0809 or Bruce McGregor at (510) 483-1185.
- 2 Peter: Adult Classroom from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Call Russell Cull at (510) 521-1401.
- Crave Progressive Service: 7:00—9:00 p.m. Call Richard at (510) 430-0607.

Monday, March 10th:

- Martial Arts Classes: 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 p.m. Call Chris Wallace at (510) 919-0314.

Tuesday, March 11th:

- Adrenaline High School Group: 7:00-9:00 p.m. Call Richard Moore at (510) 430-0607.

Wednesday, March 12th:

- Celebrate Recovery 7:00-9:00 p.m. Call Bob Reinhart at (510) 430-0607.

Thursday, March 13th:

- Martial Arts Classes: 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 p.m. Call Chris Wallace at (510) 919-0314.
- Catalyst Junior High Group: 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Call Richard Moore at (510) 430-0607.

Saturday, March 15th:

- Easter Egg Decorating Party: 10:00—Noon. Call Jenny at (510) 430-0607.
- Gary Boyd Memorial Service: 3:00 p.m.

News and Notes

Sunday Prayer Fellowship: We would like to invite all our prayer partners to join us for group prayer on Sunday mornings from 8:45-10:00 a.m. in the church library. For more information, call Judith Guerino at (510) 383-9266.

Gently Used Towels Needed: Interfaith Homelessness Network is asking for donations of gently used towels for the shower program they sponsor at the Boys and Girls club in San Leandro. If you would like to bring your towels to church we will make sure they get to Interfaith Homelessness Network.

DVI Prison Ministry: Creekside buys the Bibles given each year to more than 4,000 new inmates processed through Dueul Vocation Institution State Prison. Creekside also buys other things needed by the DVI Chaplain such as anger management workbooks, and sound equipment. To donate to the Creekside Prison Bible Fund, please call Sharon in the church office or simply write Prison Bible Fund on your check and place in the offering box.

Crave Progressive Service: Sunday, March 9th, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

“What do you crave? Crave Meaning? Crave Truth? Crave Intimacy? Crave Life? Come find out what you crave. Creekside Community Church is starting a service of progressive worship for progressive people. We will serve food during the service to satisfy some of those cravings. Any questions please call Richard at (510) 430-0607. No child care will be provided during this service. See you there!

Egg Decorating Party: Saturday, March 15th, 10:00-12:00 p.m.

Came and make your own animal eggs, an egg family, sparkly eggs, egg cookies and more! We'll also have lots of egg-zellent treats to enjoy. All supplies will be provided. This event is free and open to the entire community so invite your friends. Please RSVP to Jenny Bruce by calling (510) 430-0607 or email jenny@creeksidecommunity.org so that we know how many supplies to provide.

Gary Boyd Memorial: Saturday, March 15th, 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in celebrating the life and sharing memories of friend, Gary Boyd. Memorial services will be held at Creekside on March 15.

Jones Convalescent Home: Thursday, March 20th, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Join the Creekside staff as we minister the clients and staff at Jones Convalescent Home through singing, games, and room visits. Call Kathy Greer (510) 430-0607.

Good Friday Service: Friday, March 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Come reflect on Christ's sacrifice for us at a Good Friday Service on March 21st. No child care provided.

Easter Egg Hunt: Sat., March 22nd, Verdese Carter Park (across from Cox)

Help us provide an exciting Easter Egg Hunt for the kids at Cox Elementary School. There are several ways to serve. You can donate two dozen plastic eggs and enough candy to fill them (we will stuff the eggs) or you can help hide eggs and encourage kids on Saturday, March 22nd at 11:00 a.m. Please call Jenny at (510) 430-0607 if you would like to help.

Easter Service: Sunday, March 23rd, 9:00 and 10:30 a.m.

Lunch On Us: Sunday, March 30th, Noon

New to Creekside? Please join the Creekside staff for a relaxed and informal lunch on Sunday, March 30th at noon in the Student Center. We'd love to get to know you and for you to get to know us. Please RSVP to Sharon at (510) 430-0607 or email Sharon@creeksidecommunity.org.

Singles Connection: Sunday, April 6th, at 11:45 a.m.

Meet other singles at Creekside by joining us after second service for a bite to eat. We'll meet at 11:45 a.m. in the lobby. Call Janet at (925) 376-1745 for information.

Creekside Work Morning: Saturday, April 12th, 8:00 a.m.—12:00 Noon

Men and women are invited to join us for a work morning to take care of minor maintenance and cleaning around the building. Contact John Gilson at (510) 331-9268 or email maintenance@creeksidecommunity.org for further information.

The Most Powerful Message in the World

Romans 1:1-17

A. A Better King.

"Paul, a bond-servant of Christ Jesus, called as an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God," (Romans 1:1)

B. A Better Story.

"...which He promised beforehand through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning His Son, who was born of a descendant of David according to the flesh, who was declared the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead, according to the Spirit of holiness, Jesus Christ our Lord," (Romans 1:2-4)

C. A Better Solution.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith." (Romans 1:16-17)