

Welcome To Creekside Community Church!

Sermon Notes

March 16, 2008

Christianity 101: Paul's Letter to the Romans

By: John Bruce



Can People Live Without God?

(Romans 1:18-32)

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 16th:

- 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.

Monday, March 17th:

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

Tuesday, March 18th:

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

Wednesday, March 19th:

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

Thursday, March 20th:

- 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.

Friday, March 21st:

- Mexico Team Leaves
- Good Friday Service: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 22nd:

- Easter Egg Hunt at Verdese Park (across from Cox): 11:00 a.m. Call Jenny at (510) 430-0607.

Sunday, March 23rd:

- Easter Service: 9:00 and 10:30 a.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.

All tithes from Easter Sunday will go towards Creekside Community Services, Inc., which will fund the outreach ministries of our church for the next year. "He made sure that justice and help were given to the poor and needy, and everything went well for him. Isn't that what it means to know Me?" - Jeremiah 22:16

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.

This Week with Beth Moore, "The Presence of God", March 24,-26th, 7:00 p.m.

This month's Beth Moore DVD teaching series will be March 24-26. Ladies of all ages are invited to attend. No homework, no studying required. We will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Katie Atwood's home in San Leandro to experience the teaching and spiritual insights of Beth Moore. Choose the evening (Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday) that works best with **your** schedule. The DVD is an hour in length, and will be shown each evening. We will view the lesson from 7:00-8:00 pm, and allow 30 minutes following for discussion and prayer. For more information or to RSVP, contact Katie Atwood (510) 483-3134 or email kathleenatwood@gmail.com.

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.

Love Won Out Seminar: Saturday, April 12th

A dynamic one-day seminar to equip you with the tools necessary to show the love of Christ to those affected by homosexuality. Seminar is on Saturday, April 12, 2008 in Mountain View. Group registration is \$40 per person and must be in by April 6th. Registration at the door is \$60 per person. For additional information and group discount contact John Gilson at (510) 331-9268.

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.

Children's Dedication: Sunday, April 13th, 10:30 a.m.

We will be doing a special children's dedication during second service on the 13th of February. If you are interested in having your child dedicated, please call John Bruce at (510) 430-0607.

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The Disease

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures.”

- Romans 1:18-23

The Symptoms

“Therefore **God gave them over** in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

For this reason **God gave them** over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, **God gave them** over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful; and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.” - Romans 1:24-32