

**Commencement**

**The Importance of Beginnings (Part 11)**

Speaker: Dr. Michael D. Sproul  
 Text: Revelation 21:1-8  
 Proposition: God is the Author of new beginnings.  
 Interrogative: Why?  
 Key Word: Reasons

- 1-7. Because He is the Author of the universe, human life, work, rules, family, redemption, and sanctification
  - 8. Because He is the Author of Heaven
    - A. By insuring us of immediate access into His presence at death or the rapture - *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*
    - B. By insuring us of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ *Revelation 21:1-8*
1. By seeing that God will \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ v. 1
  2. By understanding that God intends \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 2-3
  3. By realizing the blessings when \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 4-5
  4. By accepting God's free gift \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 6-7
  5. By warning of the fate \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ v. 8

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Care Group Lesson

**Week of July 4, 2010**

**Welcome:**  
 What is your favorite flavor of pie?

**Worship:**  
**Read Revelation 4:8-11.** Take this time to focus your heart and mind on the Lord. Pray for one another and share with one another your burdens of the week. Care for one another during these moments.

**Word:**  
**Read Revelation 21:1.** What will God do at the end of time with our present world and the heavens? Why is He going to destroy all that we currently see? How should this knowledge change how you view the current world?

**Read Revelation 21:2-3.** What is the analogy God uses to compare his preparation of heaven for us? Why do you think God prepares like this? How does this knowledge encourage you in your relationship with God?

**Read Revelation 21:6-7.** What must one BE before entering into salvation? Why do you think this is so important? How does this fact change how you share your faith?

**Witness:**  
 It is summer and we are having many, many guests each week. I (Pastor Mike) talked to four new families last week after church. Remember, the most important ten minutes to any guest is the ten minutes right after church is over. Does anyone speak to them? Does anyone greet them and get to know them? Does anyone ask to pray with them about any need? Be alert to be a minister on Sunday, not just a consumer!

**Care and Share Group of the Week**  
 Elvia Alexander/Joyce Farmer (480-464-0088)  
 Tuesdays from 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
 Broadway and Lindsay

Pray for Us... Hebrews 13:18

**Pastor:** Dave and Becky Stertzbach, Laura and Davy  
**Deacon:** Allen and Karin Fosnot, Anna, Phillip, Rachael, Ruth and Grant  
**Vocational Staff:** Oriana Whitehouse (husband Don; children Briana, Talon, Mikaila, and Bronson), Debbie Woods (husband Rich; children Michael, Bethany, and Brad)—TCA; Rebecca Collins, Shannon Doney (husband Mike; children Stephen, John, and Marissa), Sherry Jones, Emily Oswald—TFT  
**IBM Missionary:** Michael and Becky Petersen, Jeremiah, Timothy, Abigail, Lydia and Daniel—Poland  
**Health Needs:** Tiffany Brock, Ellen Burns, Yvonne Fish, Terri Gudmundson, Leta Jackson, Bill Kesen, Peggy Roberts, Judy Stephens, Theresa Trogen

If you have personal needs, requests, or blessings you wish to share with the pastoral staff, please send them to [info@tricityministries.org](mailto:info@tricityministries.org).

Weekly Schedule

<b>Sunday</b>	
Prayer Meeting	8:30 a.m.
Children's Sunday School	9:15 a.m.
Adult Bible Fellowships	9:15 a.m.
Morning Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal	4:45 p.m.
Evening Preaching Service	6:00 p.m.
Vacation Bible School	6:00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday</b>	
Children's Choirs/Youth Group	6:15 p.m.
Care and Share Groups	6:15 p.m.
Re:vive Care and Share Groups	7:00 p.m.
Fwd:motion Care and Share Group	7:00 p.m.
Spanish Care and Share Group	7:00 p.m.
<b>Saturday</b>	
Men's Prayer Meeting	7:00 a.m.
Visitation/Outreach	9:30 a.m.

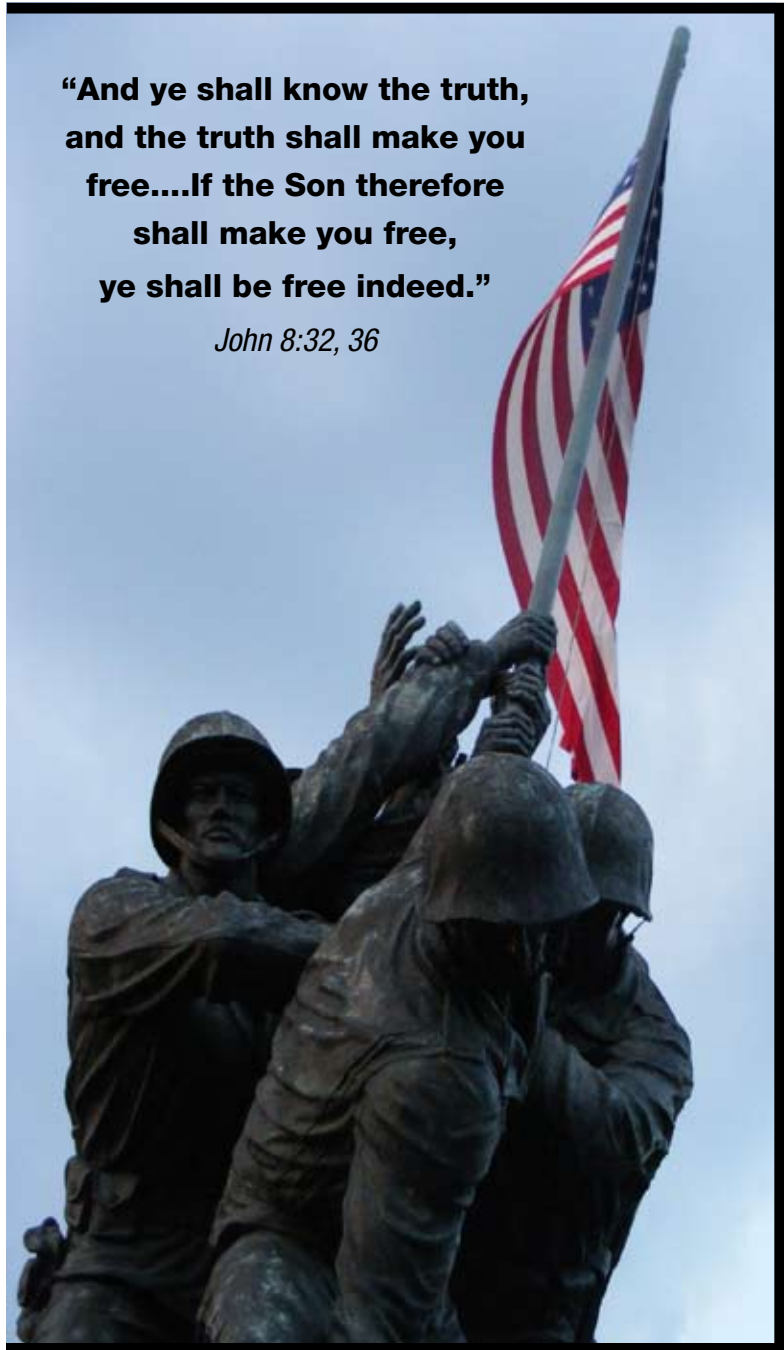
TBC Staff

Senior Pastor	<i>Dr. Michael Sproul</i>
Executive Assistant	<i>Pastor Todd Tjepkema</i>
Music Pastor	<i>Pastor Dave Stertzbach</i>
Children's Pastor	<i>Pastor Bryan Miller</i>
Youth/Family Pastor	<i>Pastor Mark Maxwell</i>
College Pastor	<i>Pastor James Yuen</i>
Senior Adults Pastor	<i>Pastor Jim Sproul</i>
Men's Ministry	<i>Pastor Todd Tjepkema</i>
Ladies' Ministry	<i>Denise Glenn</i>
Nursery Directors	<i>Tim and Sue Kufrin</i>
Awana Directors	<i>Paula Mostrom, Pat Foote</i>
Business Administrator	<i>Walter Baines</i>
Time for Tots Preschool	<i>Nancy Roberts</i>
Tri-City Christian Academy	<i>Pastor Thad Todd</i>
International Baptist College	<i>Dr. Jerry Tetreau</i>
	<i>Pastor David Brock</i>
International Baptist Missions	<i>Dr. Dave Sproul</i>
	<i>Pastor Larry Ball</i>



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**“And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free....If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.”**

*John 8:32, 36*

**July 4, 2010**

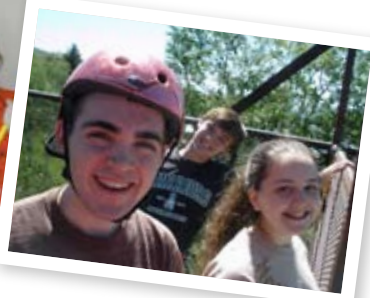
*Ministers – Every Member*



**Vacation Bible School**  
Children are invited to come to Vacation Bible School every Sunday night at 6:00 p.m. throughout the summer! *Cuddles* is for children going into K3 or K4 in the fall and meets in 104. *Sea Quest: Diving for God's Treasure* is for children who will be in K5 through 6th grade this fall and meets in 256 (chapel).



**Tri-City Teens Help Camp Utibaca**  
June 15-20, 2010



See more photos and read more about this and other events on our website.

Photos may be taken at any church service or event and may be used for web or print publications. For more information about Tri-City's photography ministry, contact Vicki Tayloe at dtayloe@cox.net.

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Total Offering	\$	Sunday ABF
General & Missions	\$	<b>459</b>
Over/(Under) Budget	\$	Sunday Morning
Grace Giving	\$	<b>653</b>
Building Fund	\$	Evening Service
IBC Building Fund	\$	<b>338</b>
Matching Funds	\$	
Other Designations	\$	

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# Be Strong and Do It

2010 Theme • 1 Chronicles 28:20

**No Evening Service Tonight**

In celebration of Independence Day, there will be no evening service or regular activities tonight.

**Meeting for Parents of Ironwood Campers**

There will be a brief parent meeting immediately following the morning service on Sunday for the parents of all campers going to Camp Ironwood. We will meet up in 256 (chapel).

**Ice Cream Social July 11**

After the Sunday evening service on July 11, we will enjoy an ice cream social in Fellowship Hall. Bring a half gallon of ice cream (one per family) and the Church will supply toppings for sundaes.

**Men's Breakfast July 17**

Come join Pastor Mike for breakfast, Bible study, and prayer on Saturday, July 17 from 8:00-9:15 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor will be teaching on "The Making of a Man" from the book of Nehemiah. The optional breakfast costs \$3.

**College Pastor Transition**

Chris Koehn has served as our college pastor for three years. He feels called to serve as a lay leader instead of full-time pastor, and we fully support his decision. James Yuen, currently our Information Systems Manager, will be assuming the college pastor responsibilities as well until another IS Manager can be found. We are thankful for Chris and Carly Koehn's faithful service, and look forward to their continued ministry participation as lay leaders. Please pray for James and Susie Yuen, as well as Re:vive (our college ministry) during this time of transition.

**Academy Growth Leads to Cramped Quarters**

The incredible growth in Tri-City Christian Academy's fall enrollment numbers (already at 283, up from 209 at this time last year) means that we are quickly outgrowing our new building. We are working hard to get one of the College Complex buildings ready for use. Every Tuesday we will have an informal work day to hang drywall. If you are willing to help on a Tuesday, any time between 6:30 a.m. and 3:00, please contact Jess Chamberlain at 480-222-4771. If you can bring your own screw gun, that would be helpful.



*Mr. & Mrs. Michael High and Mr. & Mrs. James Dornan, Sr. request the honor of your presence at the marriage of Susannah Ruth High and James Lee Dornan, Jr. on Friday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Tri-City Baptist Church. A cake and punch reception will follow.*

*On Saturday, July 10, you are invited to a drop-in baby shower from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in room 222 for (the soon to arrive) Emma Lee Loetscher. Since the Loetschers will soon be moving out of state, gift cards are preferred.*

The Next Two Weeks at TBC

Date	Event	Time	Location
Today	Independence Day (evening service and regular activities canceled)		
	Fwd:motion BBQ	5:00 p.m.	Andersons'
Monday, July 5	All ministry offices (including Time For Tots) closed		
July 5 - August 6	IBC Library closed for summer		
Friday, July 9	High/Dornan Wedding	7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Saturday, July 10	Drop-In Baby Shower for Loetschers	2:00-4:00 p.m.	222
Sunday, July 11	Register to Vote	Before, after services	Information Desk
	Re:vive Doulos Meeting	12:15 p.m.	251
	Video "Privileged Planet"	6:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
	Ice Cream Social	7:30 p.m.	142
July 12-17	Junior Camp - See Pastor Bryan Miller for details		
Friday, July 16	Re:vive Friday Night Activity - See Pastor James Yuen for details		

Future Events

Fine Arts Summer Camps ..... July 19-30  
 Summer Enrichment Ends..... August 13  
 Work Day ..... August 14  
 Vacation Bible School Ends ... August 15  
 Fall Semester Begins (TCA).... August 18  
 Fall Semester Begins (IBC)..... August 25  
 Awana Begins..... August 29  
 Missions Conference..... Sept. 19-22  
 IBC Fall Seminar..... October 5-7  
 Men's Retreat ..... October 22-23  
 Ladies' Conference ..... October 30  
 Family Fun Night ..... October 30  
 IBC Youth Conference..... November 4-5  
 TCA Holiday Program..... November 19  
 Church Work Day ..... November 20

As we celebrate the birth of our nation, let us not forget to pray for and encourage those who continue to defend our freedom. Below is a list of names and addresses of military personnel connected with our ministry. Please pray for them and consider sending them an encouraging note thanking them for their service.

**PV2 Mason Christensen**

1897 Washington Road  
 FTC 120 Battalion  
 Fort Jackson, SC 29207  
*Dick and Joanne Christensen's grandson*

**SPC Stephen M. Doney**

3 I Band, DSTB ID  
 COB Speicher, IRAQ  
 APO AE 09393  
*Shannon Doney's son*

**SPC John C. Doney**

I AD Band, I AD  
 Camp Liberty, IRAQ  
 APO AE 09344  
*Shannon Doney's son*

**Seaman Cassidy Donwen - U.S. Navy**

160 "L" St.  
 Lemoore, CA 93245  
*Bill and Esther Campbell's grandson*

**AMN Benjamin Good**

140 Phantom St. #13241  
 Keesler AFB, MS 39534  
*Mike and Debbie Good's son*

**LCpl Andrew Loetscher**

4 Hidden Hollow Road  
 Recluse, WY 82725  
*Russ and Angie Loetscher's uncle*

**Pfc. Michel Mooring - Afghanistan**

Unit "C"  
 CO 2-4 AVNREG 4th ID  
 Marmlow-Mes  
 APOAE 9368  
*Bill and Esther Campbell's nephew*

**Staff Sgt. Jason Wells - Air Force EOD**

*Alan and Pat Wells' son*

Chorus of the Month

**Our Prayer**

Dear Heavenly Father, we worship You;  
 We want Your heart to rejoice in all we do;  
 Your kingdom come, Your will be done;  
 Dear Heavenly Father, we worship You.

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