



THE HUB

DUST OF THE RABBI

Dr. Ted Wueste, Lead Pastor

In the first century, a Jewish rabbi said to his disciples, "Cover yourself with the dust of your rabbi's feet." On the dusty roads of 1st century Paletine, the idea was that a rabbi's disciples should follow him so closely, watching & observing, that by the end of the day, the disciples would have their rabbi's dust all over them.

Jesus taught & lived as a Jewish rabbi. He called a group of disciples & loved & mentored them so that they would embody the hope of a God-centered life. Now, He invites us to follow close to Him as disciples...

When we think of following someone or something, various images may come to our mind. But Jesus meant something very specific. The Gospel of Mark tells the story of Jesus' life from the perspective of what it means to follow Him – what it means to cover ourselves in the dust of our Rabbi. It starts with accepting the invitation, progresses with orienting our lives around Him, & matures through understanding how to apply truth to our lives & abandon our own agendas for the true, greater agendas for which we were created.



This fall (September 17 – November 19), we are going to dive into the Gospel of Mark & learn what it looks like to be covered in the dust of our Rabbi: a life that is filled with love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, & so much more. Our Sunday morning study will walk us through Mark's ancient words, & we will offer an accompanying daily reflection guide & weekly Community Group study. So, if you are not in a Community Group, sign up for one *today*, & make sure you get one of the "Dust of the Rabbi" reflection guides which will be available starting Sunday, September 10. May we be "covered in the dust of our Rabbi" this fall...

FINDING A COMMON CAUSE

The hope of the world is... the Church. Not the church as an institution; but the Church as the body of Christ, the hands & feet of Christ at work – serving, loving, sacrificing, giving. God designed us to live in community with other followers of Christ, & to love & serve others in the context of that community. A scan through the pages of the book of Acts reveals that the first followers of Christ were always serving & reaching out together. In 1 Corinthians 12, the picture of the body of Christ is not a lone "ear" or "eye" doing their own thing, but the "ear" & the "eye" & the "hand" working together for a common goal.

So this Fall, we're launching "Common Cause." We're encouraging every Community Group to have a Common Cause that

they do together. We're also encouraging people who aren't in a Community Group to gather friends to do a Common Cause & then to begin a new Community Group.

Common Cause has two important facets:

1. Pick a ministry/service project to do together.
2. Pray weekly for people who don't know Jesus.

Kinds of opportunities/suggestions

1. Take on an ongoing ministry (weekly student sponsors, set-up team, etc.)
2. Take on a task (helping with Angel Tree at Christmas/plan a retreat)
3. Go on a mission trip together
4. Create a ministry that is needed in the church or community

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TRINITY CHAPEL EXISTS...

to engage people in the journey of becoming fully-devoted followers of Christ as they...

LEARN to know & love God

LIVE in community, & LOVE with their gifts & stories

TRINITY CHAPEL MEETS...

Sundays, 9:30 & 11am

The Gladney Center

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MEET OUR STAFF!

Christy Overstreet

Director of Kids' Ministries

Family: husband Kameron (3 yrs) & baby girl due in December!

Hometown: San Antonio, TX

Little-known fact: I love running & have run in a few marathons.

Favorite Movies: Braveheart, Shawshank Redemption, Lady & the Tramp

Favorite Books: Tuck Everlasting, Secret Life of Bees, Where the Heart Is

Why I love TCBC: I love that you can be very authentic with everyone & share honestly life's "ups & downs." TCBC feels like a family.

Why I love kids' ministry: It's so fun to get to know kids & see how God is molding them each day, as they discover who He is.

QUICK GLANCES

@TCBC Ministries

ART GATHERING

First Friday evening of every month...for artists & arts lovers of all sorts! Email Belinda.Marshall@sbcglobal.net

LITERARY CAFE

Our NEW church library is a great place to check out books, study, & more!

OPEN Thur & Fri, 9:30am-12/1-5pm

GET TRAINED!

Ben Connelly, Director of Equipping/College

One of the central things our church is called to is to equip, & to equip *EVERYONE!* In several aspects of your journey with Christ, TCBC is working to expand opportunities for you to "grow in the grace & knowledge of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ" (2Pt 3:8). Here are great opportunities for you this Fall:

- > **TRINITY UNIVERSITY** (Sundays, 6-7:30pm, Oct 1-22): courses to equip various aspects of faith:
 1. *Essentials of Knowing Christ*: a look at the basic beliefs of the Christian faith (Kameron Overstreet)
 2. *Essentials of Serving Christ*: your SHAPE for unique ministry (Jerry Daniel, Jeff Jamison, & team)
 3. *Revelation*: an overview of the end times & beyond (Ted Wueste & Jeff Bryan)
 4. *Faith & Pop Culture*: viewing movies, music, politics, etc. in relation of faith (Beau Black)
 5. *Worship - a Way of Life*: what & why we worship, & how we're called to do it 24/7 (Ben Connelly)
- > **MENTORING**: We're continuing men's mentoring, & this Fall we're kicking off mentoring for women! If you'd like to be involved in mentoring, call 817.546.0880, or email mandyd@trinitychapelbc.org!
- > **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY**: Our midweek study resumes in September, meeting at Michele Gill's in southwest Ft. Worth. For info, call the office or email Michele Gill (michele.gill@sbcglobal.net) or Becky Connelly (bec_conn@uwmmail.com).

REACHING...

Mandy Damon, Ministry Assistant

One of our church goals for 2006-07 is to become more intentional about pursuing unreached & unchurched peoples around us, on both a local & worldwide basis:

CITY REACH - one of our goals is to mobilize ministry in our community & we'll offer opportunities to do so throughout the Fall. **Hopefest** (October 14) is a citywide event that allows area churches to supply resources to our hurting community. This includes medical treatment, bicycles, groceries, counseling, etc. Also, in December we'll participate in **Angel Tree**, a program through which you sponsor a child & provide Christmas gifts for children in families without the means to do this on



their own. In addition, we're beginning to partner with other local ministries like **H.O.P.E. Farm** (an local ministry to inner-city kids) & our worship band, **The Wonderful Façade**, will

continue to play concerts in local venues. We'll keep you posted as other opportunities for evangelism & ministry develop. We plan to expand our outreach this coming spring!

GLOBAL REACH - August 20 saw us wrap-up our 6-month **Global Reach Giving Project**, which enabled us to send funds to each of TCBC's four "focus areas," Africa, Belize, India & the Middle East. This year, we are excited to offer several opportunities for the TCBC family to "go into all the world" & share the Gospel: we're sending a team to **Calcutta, India November 8 - 19**; we're hosting two trips during **Spring Break, March 12 - 18, one to New Orleans & one to Belize**; & in **July 2007, we're sending our first team to Africa** (details TBA).



For more information, or to get involved with our various outreach ministries, visit our website, www.trinitychapelbc.org or email Mandy (mandyd@trinitychapelbc.org).

PLUG INTO COMMUNITY!

Community Groups are one of the most important things we do. It is here that authentic relationships & significant spiritual growth occurs. To get involved in a Community Group - you can do one of three things:

1. Fill out the registration card in the weekly worship guide (put it in the offering plate or take it to the info table) on Sunday AM
2. Send an email to mandyd@trinitychapelbc.org
3. Call the church office at 817.546.0880.

For more information, visit our website: www.trinitychapelbc.org

COMMUNITY GROUP LEADERS:

- > Current Leader Meeting: Sept 6, 6:30 @TCBC office
- > New Leader Training comingg in September... watch your email for details
- > For more info or to get involved in Community Group leadership, call the office or email ericw@trinitychapelbc.org!

Celebrate Recovery has been one of the best & hardest things I've done for my self, my friends, & my family. Being guided through reliving some of the toughest life experiences is not always fun, but it has been so beneficial to me. I've learned so much about myself; like what it means to work through difficulties instead of retreating from them. I learned that a lot of the person I am is due to where I came from, & how I've worked through that, or for me, just swept it under the rug. I've learned that the way to be the person God created me to be is to let go of these hurts, to not let them define me, and to lean solely on Him. CS Lewis says about Aslan in The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, "No, he's not safe, but he's good." CR is a place where you approach things you'd rather forget, verbalize and purge the pain, & in the hopes to be made clean, move past the things that haunt us.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY is a ministry to help deal with the hurts, habits, & hang-ups that each of us carry with us. To get involved, contact Matt at our office: mattv@trinitychapelbc.org

STUDENTS & COLLEGE GET A BUILDING!

Chris Wilson, Director of Student Ministries & Ben Connelly, Director of Equipping/College

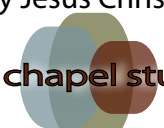
Space has always been an issue for Trinity Chapel's students...& we're beyond ecstatic to let you know that God has opened a new door...literally...& provided us the perfect answer! Beginning August 20, Trinity Chapel Students ("TCS," 7th - 12th grade) & TCBCcollege will be meeting next door to the Gladney Center, at the Harris Education Center. This is a huge blessing, & we invite anyone in our church family to come check out our new "Student Building!" In addition to our new space, there are several new things happening in our student & college ministries...here's what's up:

- WEEKLY GATHERINGS:**
- V56:**
Sundays, 9:30am
Gladney Center
- TCS:**
The Gathering
Sundays, 9:30am
Student Building
- The Blend:**
Wednesdays evenings
Oakmont Elementary
- TCBCcollege:**
Sundays, 11:00am
Student Building
- Mentor Triangles:**
various times & places
throughout the week

VERTICAL 56 (NEW 5th & 6th grade ministry!) - Our purpose is to see 5th & 6th grade students begin to own their faith in Christ – that they begin to embrace Christ as savior, & pursue growth in Him as their own responsibility. It is through relationships we impart truth & love to students, giving them a foundation for life change & authentic faith.



TRINITY CHAPEL STUDENTS (7th-12th grade) - Our mission is to equip students to live out God's purpose for their life as defined by Jesus Christ. We want to be a ministry of students who are examples of Christ & His truth, through relationships, in a **trinity chapel students** relevant & exciting way. We want to love students better & explain the realities of Christ in ways that draw them closer to God.



TCBCcollege - After an incredible first year, TCBCcollege is looking forward to more intentional ministry, building relationships & reaching area campuses during the '06-'07 year. With a team of over 20 adult mentors, & with students getting involved in all aspects of the church, we can't wait to see what God has in store, as we spread His glory to TCU, TCC, UTA, Southwestern, & beyond!



ELEVATE! (BIG STUFF FOR KIDS)

Christy Overstreet, Director of Children's Ministry

A lot of change is happening this fall in our kids' ministry, as we re-direct & re-focus everything we're doing. We're excited to announce our new children's program, ELEVATION, beginning August 20, & we can't wait to see what God will continue to do in the lives of our children!

"Elevation" is our new kids' ministry name, because our purpose is to reach kids in going to the next level in Christ so that He may be lifted up. Our vision is to create a place where kids learn to know who God is, have a loving relationship with Christ and others, & live out their faith according to His word. We hope your child can be "elevated" to a new place in their walk with Christ!



Under the "Elevation" umbrella are three groups, divided by age:



Backpackers: A super-safe, fun environment for kids ages birth – 2 years, our nursery will provide a perfect place for kids to be cared for while parents enjoy community & worship at Trinity Chapel.



Explorers: Our ministry just for preschoolers, explorers will provide a great combination of games, interaction, drama, and Biblical teaching, to help kids start strong in their journey to Christ!



Base Camp: An exciting and fun place for elementary kids, Base Camp will be the perfect place for fun, excitement, and truth, for K-4 kids to learn to know & love God.

COMMON CAUSE (continued from pg. 1)

5. Take on 2 different tasks (men teach a kids' class/women do a Habitat project, etc.)

In the coming weeks, we will have a list of idea & suggestions for Common Causes that your group can adopt, as we strive forward in making an impact in our world. Look for the Common Cause table in the foyer throughout September, & we'll overview the plan with Community Group leaders at our Sept. 6 meeting!

THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP*

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And He was saying to them all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, & take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, & loses or forfeits himself? (Luke 9:23-25)

This is the single greatest & hardest passage on self-denial in all of Scripture. We are told we should *lose* our lives for Christ's sake. We are told we must *deny* ourselves. We're to *carry a cross*, the most dreaded instrument of execution there is. The cross is suggestive of the very sacrifices of Jesus himself. In terms of costliness, how much more dreadful a picture could be painted?

And to top it off, we are to do this cross-carrying not just once, at some triumphant point of martyrdom, after which the job will be done. Rather, we are to carry this cross *daily*—every day of our lives! This seems *impossible*; it also sounds *undesirable*! Who but a masochist would *want* to do this? Who could [wake up] looking forward to it, or go to bed with pleasure at having done it?

Yet if we think this way, we are letting the words of self-sacrifice & self-denial—which are real, but only part of a larger picture—eclipse the central meaning of the text. "If anyone wishes to come after Me..." Self-denial & cross-bearing is a means to, or part of, coming after Jesus. But what does Jesus offer those who come to him, and follow after him?

Consider Matt 10:28-30. "Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, & I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you & learn of me, for I am meek & lowly of heart. You shall find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, & my burden is light." In other words, all this apparently heavy-duty self-denial is done with a promise of finding rest, ease & lightness! As we abide in Jesus, as we find our joy in Him, we are empowered & fulfilled. It's not only God's glory that comes out ahead in this—we also come out ahead.

If it seems that I am imposing Matthew 10 on Luke 9 to lighten it, consider just what Luke 9 itself says in the next verse: "For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it." Here the end is in view: our long-term goal should not be to lose our lives, but to *save* them. Losing our lives now is the divinely-prescribed way to ultimately save them.

God has built us in such a way that He is the greatest pleasure and desire of our heart. Therefore, any other pleasures apart from Him, can only satisfy us in very brief & shallow ways (followed by guilt and numbness & deeper dissatisfaction). But every command of Scripture to rejoice in following Christ, even in the midst of sacrifice, affirms that obedience is not only in our eternal self-interest, but even our temporal self-interest.

So the cost of discipleship is significant. But paying that cost purchases something: it purchases life, gain, profit, reward, rest, & fulfillment. By not paying the cost of discipleship—by paying the cost of non-discipleship—we purchase death, loss, anxiety & lack of fulfillment. Which is the better deal? What is to God's glory is also to our good!

So when we are tempted, let's be motivated not only by love for God & our desire to see God glorified. (Lofty as those are, sometimes they seem insufficient to motivate us.) Let's also be motivated by our desire for life rather than death, & gain rather than loss. Realize that the passing cost of discipleship, real though it be, pales in comparison to the lasting cost of non-discipleship.

DATES TO KNOW: FALL '06

- Aug 29: Connection Power Training
- Sep 9: Women's Mentor Training
- Sep 15: The Wonderful Facade (Starbucks, Montgomery Plaza)
- Sep 17 & 24: Starting Point Class
- Oct 1-22: Trinity University (Sunday nights)
- Oct 4-7: TCBCcollege Fall Break Roadtrip
- Oct 7-8: TCS Fall Retreat
- Mid-Oct: V56 Fall Retreat
- Oct 14: HOPEfest
- Oct 27-28: Men's Retreat
- Nov 8-19: India Mission Trip
- Dec 26-30: TCS SKI THIS

LOOKING AHEAD TO 2007

- Dec 31-Jan 4: TCBCcollege PASSION '07
- Mar 12-18: Belize Mission Trip
- Mar 12-18*: New Orleans Mission (*dates within this wk TBA)
- Apr 13-14: Women's Retreat
- Apr 29: BBQ & Baptism
- June 2007: Camp Trinity

WHERE WE ARE; WHERE WE'RE GOING...

Where we are:

- > Growth: 15% over last year in overall attendance
Adults: 291 Children: 95 Students: 35 = 421
- > Staying at the Gladney Center at least one more yr
- > Financially: Budget 05-06: \$520,000; Giving: ~\$600,000
- > "Future account": \$295,000

Please pray for...

- > Growth as followers of Christ
- > Growth in understanding how to live & serve in community
- > Spiritual growth & expanded impact in kids'/student ministries
- > Our church outreach
- > Budget 06-07: \$645,103
- > Possible 3rd service in the evening starting in January, 2007
- > Land to purchase in southwest Fort Worth

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