Church Announcements and Events:

Calendar of Events for the Month of June and July 2018:

• NEW JUNE SERIES: (Come and bring a friend)

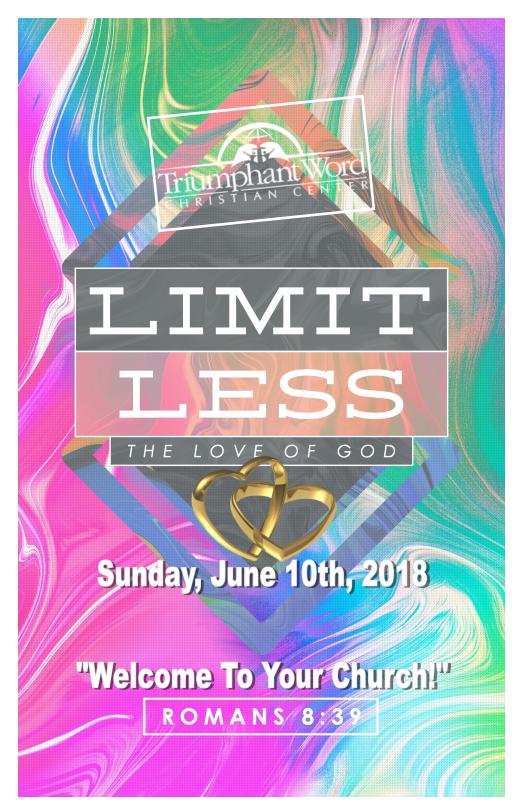
- ⇒ <u>Sundays</u>: "Marriage On The Rock" (God's Indestructible Plan for Marriage; Scriptural Guidance for Singles, Marriage, Divorce and Remarriage; etc.)
- \Rightarrow <u>Wednesdays</u>: "The Holy Spirit 101" (The Person and Power of the Holy Spirit...e.g. The Ministry and Help of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Believer; etc.)
- Next Sunday, June 17th @ 10:30am Father's Day

Special Announcements:

- <u>SUMMER READING @ TWCC!</u> Make this a <u>Summer of Growth</u> by reading a selection of E Books / PDF Books from CCB during the months of June & July:
- ⇒ 6/10 FINANCE FOCUS: (1) Laws of Increase (2) True Prosperity (3) Truly Rich Study Notes (4) Blessed to Be A Blessing (5) Build Your Financial Foundation (6) God's Banking System (7) What to Do with a God Idea
- ⇒ 6/17 FAMILY FOCUS: (1) Love Never Fails (2) Family Promises (3) Now Are We In Christ Jesus (4) The Force of Righteousness
- ⇒ 6/24 <u>HEALING/HEALTH FOCUS</u>: (1) Don't Buy the Lie (2) Healing How God Does It (3) Harvest of Health (4) 3 Steps to the Good Life (5) Don't Give Up Double Up
- \Rightarrow 7/1 7/21 <u>GRACE FOCUS</u>: Read 1 Day of Devotional "<u>21 Days of Grace for the</u> <u>Pace</u>" every day for 21 days.
- New Volunteer Opportunity and Emphasis: TWCC Media Ministry. The 2018 TWCC Media Ministry will exists to expand, export, enlarge, engage and enable the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, the message of faith and the In-Christ realities and truths to the members, quests and the social media and online community of TWCC, with a goal to empower, encourage and equip them to increase God's Kingdom and bring Him glory. TWCC's Media Ministry will consist of (1) a Creative Team for planning, strategy and production of creative content @ TWCC; (2) a Social Media Team for both Outreach Ad Campaigns and In-Reach for care, connection and communication; (3) a Marketing/Advertising Team (virtual/video) announcements, video testimonies and video's of the vision and messages @ TWCC; and (4) the Website/App Team to effectively manage, motivate with and market the vision of TWCC. We are growing this Ministry Team and we invite you onboard. "...Forget about what's happened; don't keep going over old history. Be alert, be present. I'm about to do something brand-new ... " -Isaiah 43:16 - 21 Message; "...Clear lots of ground for your tents! Make your tents large. Spread out! Think big! Use plenty of rope, drive the tent pegs deep. You're going to need lots of elbow room for your growing family. You're going to take over whole nations; you're going to resettle abandoned cities. Don't be afraid - you're not going to be embarrassed. Don't hold back - you're not going to come up short..." - Isaiah 54:1-6 Message



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SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY, June 10th, 2018

SERMON SERIES: "Marriage on the Rock!

SERMON TITLE: "Building, Balancing and Being in Marriage"

Genesis 2:22-25 (NKJV) - "²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man.²³ And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of Man."²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.²⁵ And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed."

- Marriage is still a good idea because it is God's idea. He created it. He designed it. He established it and defined its parameters. Contrary to much contemporary thought and teaching, marriage is not a human concept. Marriage is of divine origin! <u>Genesis 2:20 22 (NKJV)</u> "²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. ²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man."
- These verses of Scripture describe how God, taking a rib from the side of the man He had already created, fashioned from it a woman to be a "suitable helper" (Genesis 2:20) for the man. Then God brought the man and the woman together and confirmed their relationship as husband and wife, thereby ordaining the institution of <u>MARRIAGE</u>.
- From the outset, God established marriage as a permanent relationship, the union of two separate people

 a man and a woman into "one flesh". <u>Genesis 2:23 25 (NKJV)</u> "²³ And Adam said: "This is now
 bone of my bones And flesh of my flesh; She shall be called Woman, Because she was taken out of
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- "One flesh" is not simply the "gluing" of two people together but rather the "fusion" of two distinct elements into one. If I glue tow pieces of wood together, they are bonded but not fused. They remain two separate pieces of wood, and sufficient heat or pressure will break the bond. It is different with fusion. When two elements are fused into one they become inseparable. A force of sufficient magnitude may <u>destroy</u> them, but it can never <u>disjoin</u> them. *Marriage is like a precious gem of the different elements fused together.*
- ANOTHER IMPORTANT TRUTH ABOUT MARRIAGE IS THAT GOD ESTABLISED IT AS THE FIRST AND MOST FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF HUMAN SOCIETY. While the family is the basic foundation of any healthy society, marriage is the foundation of the family. <u>MARRIAGE</u> is also the foundation upon which the Church, the community of believers and God's special society, rests. In other words, a healthy "house" is the key to both a healthy church and a healthy society. IT TAKES ONLY A FEW MINUTES TO GET MARRIED, BUT BUILDING A MARRIAGE REQUIRES A LIFETIME. God's Foundational Laws for Marriage:
- ⇒ #1 The Law of <u>PRIORITY</u> "For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother..." <u>Gene-</u> sis 2:24 (NIV). IF WE PUT MARRIAGE IN ANY POSITION OF PRIORITY OTHER THAN THE ONE GOD HAS INSTITUTED, THE MARRIAGE DOES NOT WORK!
- #2 The Law of <u>PURSUIT</u> "And shall cleave to his wife..." <u>Genesis 2:24</u> The Hebrew word for "cleave" means "to pursue with great energy and to cling to something zealously." Falling in love is easy, staying in love is WORK!
- #3 The Law of <u>POSSESSION</u> "And they shall become one flesh." <u>Genesis 2:24</u>. THE LAW OF POSSESSION IS THE KEY TO ESTABLISHING TRUST AND INTIMACY IN A RELATIONSHIP. The full meaning and implications the Law of Possession has in marriage is a complete union in which ALL things previously owned and managed individually (separately) are now owned and managed jointly. There are no exceptions.
- #4 The Law of <u>PURITY</u> "And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed." <u>Genesis 2:25</u> In the beginning of time, God intended marriage to be a place of total "nakedness" physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually. This is the condition Adam and Eve enjoyed in Genesis 2:25. They were completely exposed before God and before one another.
- Marriage is honorable! Hebrews 13:4 (NKJV) "Marriage is honorable among all, and the bed undefiled; but fornicators and adulterers God will judge." Success in marriage does not depend on spouses committing themselves just to EACH OTHER as much as it does to their committing themselves to MARRIAGE, the unchanging institution that the have MUTUALLY entered into. It's not just <u>WHO</u> you love, but <u>WHAT</u> you love! <u>Marriage is bigger than the two people in it</u>.
- The person we marry is not the person we will live with, because that person is changing all the time. THE INSTITUTION OF MARRIAGE IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN OUR PERSONAL FEELINGS.
 BUILDING THE MARRIAGE: Read Ephesians 5:21 - 33 (NKJV)
- A successful MARRIAGE depends on knowledge and knowledge acted upon. Love is very important for happiness in marriage, but by itself it cannot make a marriage work. We must KNOW how to express and exhibit the love of God through our: (1) _____, our <u>COMPASSION</u>, (3) our

______and (4) our <u>CARING</u> in the context of the MARRIAGE. The love of God is more than able to *equip* us, *enable* us and *empower* us to love, to choose to love, to commit, care, show compassion, give, forgive, forebear, resolve conflicts, bless, benefit and build up the MARRIAGE.

 But we must KNOW HOW TO commit, submit, care, communicate, comply, forgive, repent, resolve issues, etc.

SERMON NOTES (CONTINUED...)

SERMON TITLE: "Building, Balancing and Being in Marriage" BUILDING THE MARRIAGE (continued): Read Ephesians 5:21 - 33 (NKJV)

- For example, LOVE is the master toolkit to bless, benefit, beautify and BUILD a great heavenly MAR-RIAGE. But we must gain KNOWLEDGE and KNOW HOW of how to use this heavenly "Toolkit". Therefore, lifelong success in MARRIAGE depends on how much we ______ about it, not just how we <u>FEEL</u> about it. Most married people love and feel good about each other, but many do not know how to communicate effectively or relate well to each other.
- <u>Three Reasons for Resisting Change</u>: (1) <u>Fear of Going First</u> they are afraid to commit to their own biblical roles until their spouses change. They fear being taking advantage of – the more pride and hurt that is there, the more stubborn the standoff. (2) <u>Society's Influence</u> (3) <u>Lack of Belief</u>
- Here are three things the proper roles of husbands and wives accomplish as found in Ephesians
 <u>5:21 33</u>: (1) *Biblical Roles* ______ We cannot provide for our own needs completely. (2) *Biblical Roles* ______ as Dr. Willard Harley, Jr. says when we assume our responsibilities to
 meet each other's emotional needs we are building and protecting the marriage from an affair. (3) *Biblical Roles* ______ When two people love one another as Paul described in Ephesians 5, the
 result is deepened love, intimacy and trust. Biblical roles keep a relationship growing year after year. Your
 feelings are so healthy; your mutual respect and honor is so deep; your desire is so strong. *A BLISSFUL, BIBLICAL MARRIAGE BEGINS BY PUTTING FAITH IN GOD'S WORD AND BELIEVING HE HAS THE ANSWERS YOU SEEK!*

BALANCING GRACE AND TRUTH IN MARRIAGE AND FAMILY: Read John 1:14 (NKJV)

- We need a healthy ________ of grace and truth to bless and build our MARRIAGE and family relationships. Just as Jesus was a perfect balance of grace and truth, every successful relationship must be balanced with these two elements. In every relationship, _______ is the essential ingredient that bears a standard, establishes healthy boundaries and prevents violation or moral degeneration. However, TRUTH by itself is cruel, intimidating and counterproductive as times. _______ is the essential relational ingredient that values and elevates. GRACE isn't focused on performance, but on the desire to be united in heart with the object of its affection. GRACE is the ointment that makes TRUTH bearable, the sweet fragrance that beautifies an imperfect garden. GRACE never argues or disagrees with God's standards, but accepts, forgives, and encourages the one who is struggling to attain to TRUTH.
- <u>GRACE AND TRUTH ARE INSEPARABLE PARTNERS</u>. TRUTH BY ITSELF KILLS. IT IS A HARSH TASKMASTER WITH NO LOYAL SUBJECTS. GRACE BY ITSELF IS A CHEERLEADER WITHOUT A TEAM – A SPINELESS ORGANISM WITHOUT STRENGTH OR DEFINITION.
- <u>Consider these tenets</u>: (1) Relationships of TRUTH without GRACE dry up. (2) Relationships of GRACE without TRUTH blow up. (3) Relationships of TRUTH <u>AND</u> GRACE grow up. <u>A Formula for Parenting</u>: Rules + Relationship = Righteousness; Rules Relationship = Rebellion; Relationship Rules = Destruction. <u>Proverbs 3:3 4 (NKJV)</u> "³Let not <u>mercy</u> and <u>truth</u> forsake them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart, ⁴ And so find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man."

IMPORTANT "BE'S" FOR BEING IN MARRIAGE: Read 1 Peter 5:5 - 9 (NKJV)

- 1st BE <u>BE SUBMISSIVE</u> SUBMISSION This is the key to ______! Submission is a military term meaning proper arrangement and order. Submission is not subjugation. Submission and meekness is not weakness!
- 2nd BE <u>BE HUMBLE</u> HUMILITY This the key to _____! Satan always attacks people who are next in line for a promotion. He tempts us to get in sin and disobedience. And, PRIDE is the strength of sin. The opposite of humility is PRIDE.
- 3rd BE <u>BE WORRY FREE</u> CASTING YOUR CARES ON THE LORD This is the key to the <u>!</u> The promise of God's <u>Presence</u>, <u>peace</u>, <u>protection</u> and <u>provision</u> comes with <u>casting your</u> <u>cares</u> NOT <u>carrying your cares</u>. We cannot allow worry, anxiety and care to weigh us down and break our marriages and families down. We must cast ALL of our cares – through our deliberate speaking, deliberate actions and follow-through of our faith.
- 4th BE <u>BE GRATEFUL</u> DON'T COMPLAIN This is the key to making ______/ <u>Philippians</u> 2:14 [<u>Amplified Classic</u>] – "¹⁴Do all things without grumbling and <u>faultfinding</u> and <u>complaining</u> [against God] and questioning and doubting [among yourselves]" <u>BEING GRATEFUL IS A MAGNET FOR</u> MIRACLES! When you complain you sound <u>powerless</u>, when you are grateful, you sound <u>powerful</u>! WHEN YOU COMPLAIN YOU REMAIN... GIVE THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE YOU WILL BE RAISED!

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