

GRAPEVINE

SUNDAY MARCH 21 2010

Our destiny is in God, our hope is in Christ Jesus, our inspiration is through the Holy Spirit and our guidebook is the Bible.

YOUR CHURCH OFFICERS:- Rev. Jacqueline Hartsmith-Foy, Minister (Tel 00 34 952532825, email: jaqfoy@gmail.com) Sid Silber, Church Secretary, Malcolm Straw, Treasurer, Mair Martinez, Presbytery Representative.

A very warm welcome to you all. If you are visiting Torre del Mar Church for the first time, please make yourself known to Jacki, our minister, or a member of the congregation. You are very welcome to stay for coffee and a chat after the service.



Each week please pray for our Church Officers. Pray for our

sponsored children Angel Adrian, Bernadette, Alemneshe, Keru, Ian, Aveli and Subash. Pray for our outreach and mission in 2010 and for our church witness.. Ask that God would open a door for our love and our message.

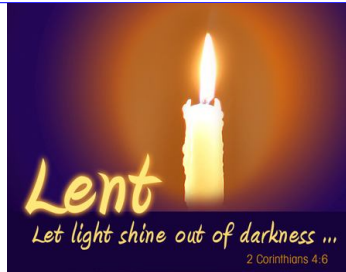
MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH Today we are delighted to welcome Ingrid Funk Garcia de la Fuente to membership of our church. Ingrid was one of the founder members of Torre del Mar Church and we are so blessed to have her back in our family. Yes, I say family, because as members of the church, we enter into God's family and church is about family relationships.

Researchers have recently discovered that honesty makes for good relationships. If you are honest and objective about yourself, you will tend to have more success in relationships than those who are false and deluded. I hope that these findings will come as no great surprise to you. Humility and honesty are key virtues in sustaining any relationship, and in particular those which are most intimate and loving.

Lack of self-awareness can result either from our having too elevated an opinion of ourselves, or from low self-esteem. In both cases we are unable to esteem our own true worth. We are also unable to judge others with any degree of objectivity; the proud see others as beneath them and the dejected have their eyes fixed on the ground, unable to look up for fear they may offend.

As we come together to share with each other this morning, we remember that we are a family and we are in a family relationship. Sharing with each other means encouraging each other. We can only do this if we are also real with each other. For both truth and honesty are needed if we are to enter into loving relationships. It is Jesus Christ who opens the path to self-knowledge. Through his Cross he teaches us to see the truth about ourselves. He lowers himself so that those who are proud can receive the gift of humility, and he raises the humble so that those who lack a sense of worth can see their true dignity as children of God.

Ministers Day Off MONDAY Urgent calls only please. FOR A HOME VISIT PLEASE CONTACT: Rev. J. Hartsmith Foy, Minister Tel. 952532825 or email jaqfoy@gmail.com



VERSE OF THE WEEK TODAY IS FROM A HYMN :
Brother let me be your Servant: "I Will hold the Christ Light for you, in the night time of your fear. I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear. I will weep when you are weeping. When you laugh, I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through. Brother let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too." Surely this should be the prayer of God's family toward each other in this Sharing Service today.

COMMUNION SERVICES ARE HELD ON THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH . WE SHARE COMMUNION WITH ALL WHO LOVE JESUS CHRIST AND

THE TABLE IS OPEN TO ALL WHO CONFESS HIM LORD.

The next Communion Service will be ON SUNDAY APRIL 4th 2010

WHICH IS ALSO EASTER SUNDAY!!

TORROX PARK COMMUNITY CHURCH Every Thursday at 11.00 at El Tapricho. **This week we are running a Liturgy**

Workshop at El Tapricho to familiarise everyone who wishes to take part in our services on a Sunday with the guidelines for prayer, praise, Scripture readings, and public speaking. It is important for those who already take part in leading on Sundays, and those who would like to join in, to understand what we are trying to achieve as a church. Liturgy simply means "form of service". Please do come along this Thursday if you are part of the leadership

team, if you occasionally read, or if you give a prayer, or if you would like to do so. We will all get so much more out of our worship services if we understand where we fit into God's plan for his people and how best to serve and praise Him.

DIGGING DEEPER—WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY MEETING EACH TUESDAY AT 11.00 IN THE CHURCH FLAT. We are studying the book of LUKE. Leading this week, Jane.

WE WERE DELIGHTED WITH THE RESPONSE TO

OUR HEALING SERVICE LAST WEEK WITH REVEREND SUE WATTERSON FROM THE CHURCH OF

IRELAND, KILLARNY. WE HOPE TO HAVE ANOTHER IN SEPTEMBER. THANKS TO ALL OF YOU WHO MADE IT SO SPECIAL. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOS WHO ARE

SICK..... We pray again this morning for healing for Ron and Barbara who are now so dear to us, Barbara is now quite unwell. Pray too for Joan Sargeant. Joan

was taken into hospital on Thursday last week, with Angina pains and she has had several days of tests. She now awaits the results. Joan is a real blessing to us and is a founder member of our church. Last year Joan celebrated her 80th birthday, and far from slowing down she is as active as ever in a ministry that would put many of us to shame. Praise God for Sue Murray's recovery and remember Jill and Fiona, Malcolm, Eddie, Barbara, Frank..... in your prayers...Praise God for all our loved ones who bless us, may He bless them this day. Amen.



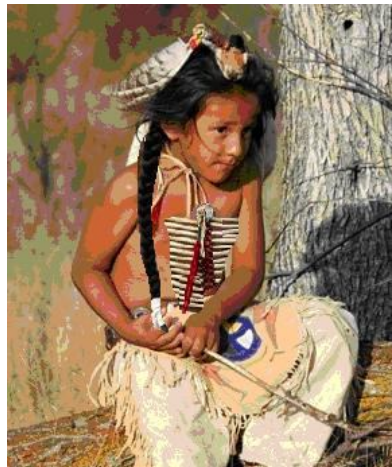
Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth's rite of Passage?

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone.

Once he survives the night, he is a MAN.

He cannot tell the other boys of this experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm. The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man! Finally, after a horrific night the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold.



It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. The Father had been at watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don't know it, God is watching over us, Sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

Just because you can't see God, doesn't mean He is not there. Don't take your blindfold off before the night is over. "For we walk by faith, not by sight."

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Hymns for Today's Sharing Service

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| 92 | FATHER GOD I WONDER |
| 897 | LORD I LIFT YOUR NAME ON HIGH |
| 13 | ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL |
| 426 | O LORD OUR GOD HOW MAJESTIC |
| 54 | BROTHER LET ME BE YOUR SERVANT |
| 89 | FAITHFUL ONE |
| 935 | MY JESUS MY SAVIOUR |
| 43 | BIND US TOGETHER |
| 640 | YOU SHALL GO OUT WITH JOY |



Scriptures: Psalm 8

Rev. 12:10-12; Gal. 6:6-10

Leading: Rev. J. Hartsmith Foy

Address: Doug Clark

Music: Mair Martínez / Jane Silber

