

SERMON NOTES ♦ JUNE 7, 2009
“Belonging to Another”

SERMON TEXT: Romans 7:1-6 (NRSV)

¹Do you not know, brothers and sisters—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only during that person’s lifetime? ²Thus a married woman is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives; but if her husband dies, she is discharged from the law concerning the husband. ³Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man, she is not an adulteress.

⁴In the same way, my friends, you have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵While we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶But now we are discharged from the law, dead to that which held us captive, so that we are slaves not under the old written code but in the new life of the Spirit.

NOTES

1. **An illustration about the law...**
2. **Defining some terms: legalism, license, and liberty...**
3. **The Christian life in one sentence:**
 - a. **Dead to the law through Christ...**
 - b. **Belonging to another...**
 - c. **Bearing fruit for God...**
4. **Before and after...**

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Loving God, Loving People, and Making Disciples

June 7, 2009 ♦ 11:00 A.M. ♦ Graduate Recognition Sunday

WELCOME

Clay Brown

Please complete the Friendship Pad and pass it down your pew for all to sign.
An asterisk (*) marks when those who are able will please stand.
Please turn off your cell phones or place them on “vibrate.”

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION: Jeremiah 29:11-13

Leader: For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm,

People: To give you a future with hope.

Leader: Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

People: When you search for me, you will find me, if you seek me with all your heart.

Leader: Let us worship God! Let us pray...

PRELUDE

Christy Floyd

CHORAL INTROIT: “Sovereign Majesty”

arr. Fettke

Chancel Choir

***HYMN #728: “God of the Ages”**

NATIONAL HYMN

***PROCESSION OF GRADUATES**

PRESENTATION TO GRADUATES

Tyler Domske

SOLO: “Friends”

Jordan Sledge

Michael W. Smith

CHILDREN’S SERMON

CALL TO CONFESSION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation. Sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. We pray through Christ our Redeemer; Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI #734** GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

***HYMN #359:** "Give Thanks" H. Smith

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Jack Ahearn

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 6:1-8 Pew Bible, p. 51
 Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON LESSON: Romans 7:1-6 Sermon Notes
 Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON: "Belonging to Another" Clay Brown

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY: "When In Our Music God is Glorified" arr. Ziegenhals
 Chancel Choir and Orchestra

***DOXOLOGY #34** OLD 100TH
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN #590:** "Rise Up, O Saints of God" (vv. 1-4) FESTAL SONG

***OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE AND INVITATION**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE #590:** "Rise Up, O Saints of God" (v. 5) FESTAL SONG

***POSTLUDE**

If you are our guest today, welcome! We're so glad you're here. For more information on FPC, please indicate your interest on the Friendship Pad and/or take home a "Welcome Home" folder from the Parlor. **You can become a FPC member TODAY** by your profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of faith. Please speak with the pastor in the chancel area following the service.

Large print bulletins are available from the ushers. **Assisted listening devices** are available from the sound console at the back of the sanctuary.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and honor of Willie Allison by Circle No. 1. Willie has resigned as secretary/treasurer after nearly 30 years of faithful service to Presbyterian Women.

Thank You: Words cannot begin to express my profound gratitude to all the officers, members and many friends of First Presbyterian Church for the more than generous monetary gift and the fabulous "Fred Fry" last Sunday evening. I thank God every day that in His gracious providence He led me here to Mooresville to serve with you for these past 30 years. I have been blessed beyond my deserving. May God continue to bless you all as you have been such a blessing to me and my family. *Fred Coates*

Vacation Bible School: Registration for this summer's VBS is being held now – information and registration forms may be found in the church parlor. This year's theme is "Kingdom of the Son: The Lord's Prayer Safari VBS." Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 22-26 from 9:30 a.m. – noon, with classes for 3 year olds through rising sixth grade. Adult and teen volunteer help is needed. Please contact VBS director Susan Kendall to volunteer. **VBS registration deadline is Sunday, June 14.**

Today is Graduate Recognition Sunday. Letters with information forms have been mailed out to high school graduates and they will participate in a Graduation processional during the opening hymn this morning. Please return these forms to the church office as soon as possible. Also, please inform our Youth Pastor, Tyler Domske, or call the church office with any information for those graduating from college or graduate school. Thank you.

2009 High School Graduates

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| Matt Abele | Brandon Corolla | C. Marshall Horsman, III |
| Abby Ahearn | Hunter Crawford | Caroline Ladd |
| Logan Bates | Donovan Fair | Graham Sledge |
| Cody Brown | Trey Gandy | Neil Trimble |

VBS Staff Training: All Vacation Bible School volunteers (adults and teens) are encouraged to attend a training meeting on Monday, June 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A light supper will be served, and child care will be provided (reservations requested).

Lake Norman Fellowship, one of our sister Presbyterian churches, is hosting an Hawaiian Luau on June 20 at their property at 248 Blume Road, Mooresville, NC. The meal will consist of roast pig, roast turkey and various complimentary side dishes. The entertainment is an authentic Polynesian Review with hula and fire dancers. The cost is: 16 years and up - \$20.00; 8-15 years - \$10.00; under 8 – free. Doors open at 4 p.m. with the opening of the pit with two pigs at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are available from Dave Byers (704-907-8718), Tim Correa (704-663-6636), Aisle Pawn Shop on Main Street or State Farm Insurance next to the new bowling alley.

Calendar for June 7-14, 2009

Sunday: VBS Registration in the Parlor
 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
 10:00 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship with Graduate Procession
 12:15 p.m. - Graduation Reception in the FH
 4:00 p.m. - PYF Alpha
 5:00 p.m. - PYF Omega

Monday: 11:30 a.m. - Van leaves for Circle 1 luncheon
 12:00 p.m. - Circle 1 luncheon @ the home of Eleanor Templeton
 6:00 p.m. - Circle 3 @ the home of Kim Streb
 6:30 p.m. - VBS Staff training in the FH
 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts

Tuesday: 12:00 p.m. - Circle 5 @ the home of Bea Lieu

Wednesday: 11:00 a.m. - Bible Study at the home of Fronnie Gardner
 5:00 p.m. - PYF "Just Desserts" @ Cold Stone
 7:30 p.m. - Chancel Choir

Thursday: 9:30 a.m. - Bible Study at the Rogers' home
 6:00 p.m. - Fun & Fellowship at Golden Corral
 6:00 p.m. - Personnel Committee

Sunday 6/14: VBS Registration in the Parlor
 8:00 a.m. - Presbyterian Men's Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - Early Worship
 10:00 a.m. - Church School
 11:00 a.m. - Worship with Eagle Scout presentation
 5:00 p.m. - All PYF *Rockstravaganza!*
 5:00 p.m. - Diaconate
 7:00 p.m. - Missions Committee

Recent Prayer Requests: Terry Stevens; Anita Teeter; Suzy Brawley; Patricia Cote, neighbor of Brandon Corolla; Bill Raffety's father, Mick Raffety; Bob Davidson; Rebecca Auten; Mary Voils Aven; Tip McGee; Cathy Brown's parents, especially her dad; EO2SW Laban Thompson; Scott Knutsen; 1st Lt. Ben Peacock, USAF; all those who have recently lost loved ones; those who have lost their jobs recently.

We welcome to our services this morning, our own high school brass and percussion ensemble. They are: Rebecca Auten, Marshall Horsman and Graham Sledge, french horn; Logan Bates and John Patrick Justice, trombone; Cody Brown, tuba; and Matt Abele and Jordan Sledge, percussion.

Logos/MSM need volunteers in all areas for the 2009-2010 school year. Please contact Gretchen Little (gretchenwittle@yahoo.com or 704-528-9796) or Lisa Davidson (lisasdavidson@hotmail.com or 704-662-9393) if you feel called to serve in this ministry.

From the Budget & Finance Committee:

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| YTD (April 30) Budget | \$255,813.00 |
| YTD (April 30) Receipts | \$254,496.00 |
| - Deficit | -\$1,317.00 |