



Melbourne

Church of Christ

Where You Are Part of God's Family

January 16, 2011

Basic Principles of Planning and Carrying Out Your Giving

And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. ⁵ And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will. ⁶ So we urged Titus, since he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. (2 Corinthians 8:1-7)

Generosity requires determination, planning, and follow-through. Consider what God has given you and make a specific plan (writing it down helps) for how you can practice generosity. Here are some thoughts to help you with your plan. First read carefully 2 Corinthians 8-9. This text will help you with principles for giving and show how Paul encouraged the church family at Corinth to follow through with their giving plan.

Give generously. Generous giving begins with your attitude, not the amount. There is no correlation in God's economy between how much you have and generosity. God has lavishly poured out his grace on you so an attitude of gratitude should motivate all givers.

Give regularly. Giving that is honoring to God has a thoughtful faith goal that is translated into a plan. What can you believe God for this year? Plan your giving in the same way that you would an addition to your house.

Give your first fruits. This basic principle was the foundation for Israel's giving and is a worthy foundation of our giving. God owns everything. We are his resource managers. We think of him and give to him first.

Give when it's tight. Growing up on a small farm, I saw some hard times, although I didn't realize how hard until I became an adult. One of my grandfather's comments about giving in hard times was, "I can't afford not to give." He knew that when he stepped out in faith, God would provide.

Give sacrificially. Even in our economy we spend far more on comforts, luxuries, and amusements than we give. C. S. Lewis said, "If our charities (our giving) do not pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small."

Giving a tithe is a beginning point. There is no exact guideline for Christ followers on how much to give. However, the Bible-wide principles are that we give thoughtfully, freely, cheerfully, and generously. To help me, I ask myself the question: "Would God consider what I'm giving to be thoughtful, voluntary, cheerful and generous?"

—Steve Puckett



A joyous welcome to all, as we open our hearts to God and each other. We're pleased you chose to join us in this Christian fellowship.



Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

(See the bulletin board, bulletin insert, or call the church office for more information)



- 1/21-23: Florida Ave. C of C Celebration and Reunion "Celebrating Our Past, Honoring Our Present & Praying for Our Future"
- 1/23 All-Church Devotional and Potluck Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.
- 1/29: Youth - Decorate the Youth Room, 10 a.m. - ??
- 1/29: Ladies Day Program "God's Orchard" at Sebring Parkway C of C, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- 1/30: Worship at Consulate, 2 p.m. with Walter/Youth Group & Melbourne Family Singers
- 2/17-20: Youth to Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN.
- Feb. 26: Orange Avenue C of C Ladies' Day "Tempted, Tried, & Delivered" 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

Family Album

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Romans 8:16 (NIV)

Don't you just love pulling down the old family album? Isn't it fun to reminisce over the good old days looking at some old pictures of mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, sisters and brothers, cousins, and aunts and uncles. In my album you would find a picture of my uncle's bathroom because if my father left his camera out, my uncle would take a picture of his bathroom. Although there are many other photos in our family albums of family gatherings, picnics, vacations and all kinds of candid and posed shots of the family, you may also find pictures of the relatives and immediate family at work or doing what they do best.

Since becoming a part of God's family, I also love looking through the family album. There are no photos but there are word pictures that paint beautiful portraits of people and events. I love looking through that album which our family refers to as the Bible. I love looking at the shots of brother Moses parting the sea, brother David slaying the giant, sister Rahab hiding spies, sister Mary holding her baby brother Jesus and later Jesus' shots of him speaking in front of and feeding thousands. My favorite shot in the whole album is our other sister Mary standing in front of the empty tomb where they placed the corpse of our brother Jesus. But the next shot is even better. Mary has finally recognized the man who has been talking to her as

our resurrected brother Jesus; the expression on her face is priceless.

The word pictures are amazing in our family album, the Bible, and there are far too many to talk about in this short writing. So pour yourself a cup of coffee, gather the family, and pull down our family album. Reminisce together about our wonderful heritage, our ancestors, and just enjoy the word pictures we can conjure up in our minds as we look through our Bible family album.

God Bless
Ken Jones
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Counseling is available, free of charge, for any of our members, your families, and any referrals you may want to make. Call Ken Jones to schedule an appointment - church office, 723.8233 or cell, 501.2014.

Family News and Notes



The Elders' Corner

Simple Living

Matthew 6:24-34

Life is so complicated! There are so many things that take our attention away from the Lord.

The way to make life simpler for us is to heed the Lord's teaching in this passage.

1. A Principle – Serve One Master – vs. 24

“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” (NKJ)

2. A Precaution – “Take No Thought” (Don't Be Anxious) – vss. 25, 27-28, 31-32

Matt. 6:25 “Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing?”

6:27-28 “Which of you by worrying can add one cubit to his stature? “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin.”

6:31-32 “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ “For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.”

3. A Provision – God Will Take Care of Your Needs – vss. 26, 28-30, 32b

Matt. 6:26 “Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?”

Matt. 6:28-30 “So why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; “and yet I say to you that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. “Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?”

Matt 6:32 “For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.”

4. A Procedure – Put God's Kingdom First – vss. 33-34

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. “Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Don Hall

Card Ministries Update....During November, our ladies Bible class that meets at the church building sent a total of 78 cards, and during December, 97 were sent. During 2010, over 1,225 cards were sent! Additionally, during December 29+ cards were sent in the name of our church family by our Card Ministry volunteers. These ministries touch a lot of lives in a positive way -- thank you to the volunteers and those who support them!



Children's Ministry Announcements

1/16 Sun. AM - Nursery is provided during adult worship for infants and toddlers up to age 3. **Preschool Children's Worship** is available for preschool children age 3-5. **Elementary children (K-5th)** will go directly to the CW room after Bible class. Our virtue this month is **Determination**.
* Please pick up your children promptly after services.

1/19 Wed. PM All children go to the Children's Worship Room. We are learning about Elijah this month.

1/9/2011

CW Contribution \$43.00
(All CW contributions go to Called + Compelled Honduras Missions)

Attendance:

Sunday School	37
Preschool Children's Worship	6
Elementary Children's Worship	28
Nursery	4

Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

Jan. 16, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Monica Baloga/Frances Riffle/Callie Heuser

Nursery: Julie Ulmer/Katy Stapor/Bonita Potts

Jan. 23, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Mary Tomlinson/Ramona Parks/Laurel Carothers

Nursery: Cheri Tate/Pam Mason



Food Pantry Report

This past week, 124 families/370 individuals were served with food through our food pantry!

Donations of non-perishable items or money to purchase them are always welcome and appreciated! Cereal continues to be a staple need. Thank you to Harold McGee and our dedicated staff of volunteers, and to all who continue to support our pantry in any way!

The Melbourne Church of Christ Food Pantry is a non-discriminatory facility of The Emergency Food Assistance Program.

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes All Ages 9:30 a.m.
 AM Worship (Eng/Sp.) 10:30 a.m.
 PM Worship 6:00 p.m.
 (Alternative Care Group Meetings various times - contact Ken Jones)
 Pancake Breakfast 2nd Sunday, 8:30 a.m.
 All-church fellowships on Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies' Bible Class Tues. 10:30 a.m.
 (lunch on 1st Tues. of month)
 Men's Prayer Meeting 1st Tues. 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study All Ages 7:00 p.m.

Serving as Elders:

Gary Canup, Tom Fennell, Don Hall, Mike Lovelace, Don Nickens, Calvin Potts, and Pat Seamon.

Serving On Staff:

Sandy Davis, Financial Secretary
Tom Fennell, Pastoral Care
Ken Jones, Counselor/Involve. Minister
Debby Nickens, Children's Minister
Walter Pierce, Youth Minister
Steve Puckett, Pulpit Minister
Cheri Tate, Secretary

Family Record 1/9/11

Attendance

Adult/6-12th Grade Bible Classes: 129
 Children's Bible Classes: 37
Total Bible Class 166
 Auditorium Worship: 236
 Spanish Worship: 7
 Children's Worship/Nursery 38
Total Worship Count: 281

Budget Items

Weekly Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11 \$ 9,798
 Contribution to Budget: \$ 7,470
 Contribution to Special Items: \$ 1,092
 Budget YTD: \$(30,423)
 Audio/Video: \$ -0-
 Audio/Video Goal: \$48,000
 Audio/Video to Date: \$48,000!

Order of Worship
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Call to Worship in Song	Josh McGough
<i>Here I Am to Worship</i>	<i>Words on Screen</i>
Welcome/Announcements	Pat Seamon
<i>We Praise Thee, O God</i>	# 2
<i>Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah</i>	# 3
Opening Prayer	Hedison Mui
<i>Nothing But the Blood</i>	# 902
Lords' Supper/Offering	Ken Jones
<i>More Precious than Silver</i>	# 273
<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	# 290
Scripture Reading 2 Corinthians 8:1-7	Tom Tate
Sermon Message "God and Money, Part 2"	Steve Puckett
<i>How Great Is Our God</i>	<i>Words on Screen</i>
Shepherd's Prayer	Don Hall
<i>Great Are You Lord</i>	<i>Words on Screen</i>

+ A/V Tech: Lindsey Tate
 + AM Nursing Home Service: Donny Canup

Worship Coordinators
Ken Jones/Mel Green

Servers: Taylor Neidlinger (RS)
 (Jan.) Austin Diehl (RM)
 Glen Wirsch (C)
 Jesse Parks (LM)
 Donny Canup (LS)

Ushers: Jonathon Finlayson (RS)
 (Jan.) Keefe Roman (RM)
 Eulice Curington (C)
 Cletis Diehl (LM)
 Daniel Houle (LS)

Shepherd's Prayer (Jan.): Don Hall

Serving Next Sunday, Jan. 23

Song Leader: Tyrone Carter
 Opening Prayer: Bill Pinch
 Announcements: Pat Seamon
 Presiding: Mel Green
 Reading: Tyler Neidlinger
 Message: Steve Puckett

A/V Tech: Lindsey Tate

Shepherd's Prayer (Jan.): Don Hall

+ Nursing Home Service, 9:30 a.m.:
 Calvin Potts