



Melbourne

Church of Christ

Where You Are Part of God's Family

February 20, 2011

The Agony of Gethsemane

They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. "Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Could you not keep watch for one hour? Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

Once more he went away and prayed the same thing. (Mark 14:32-39)

Jesus went out as usual to the Mount of Olives, and his disciples followed him. On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." He withdrew about a stone's throw beyond them, knelt down and prayed, "Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done." An angel from heaven appeared to him and strengthened him. And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground. (Luke 22:39-43)

There is no doubt from the words of the gospel writers that during his prayers in Gethsemane, Jesus experienced acute emotional pain that caused him to sweat profusely. He was apprehensive and troubled about his future ordeal. The question is: Why? Was Jesus afraid to die? The witness of Scripture says "no." Jesus states clearly in John 10:18 that he laid down his life voluntarily. The early Christian martyrs had a certain peace about giving their lives because they became like Jesus. The apostles left the Sanhedrin with their backs bleeding from a merciless flogging "rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name" (Acts 5:41). In Philippians 3:10, Paul said that he wanted to become like Jesus in his death.

I believe we find out the real reason for Jesus' distress in the "cup" that he asked the Father to let pass from him. This "cup" that Jesus shrank from was something different than a painful death. This "cup" was the spiritual agony that Jesus would suffer as he bore the sins of the world. He would endure the divine judgment that those sins deserved. The anticipation of bearing the sins of the world and God's wrath was terrible. We can only imagine how terrible.

—Steve Puckett



*We pray that your needs may be met as you worship God with us today.
Let us greet one another joyfully.*



Family News and Notes



The Elders' Corner

I wish you enough.....

At an airport, I overheard a father and his daughter in their last moments together. They had announced her plane's departure and standing near the door she said, "Daddy, our life together has been more than enough. Your love is all I ever needed too, Daddy." They kissed good-bye and she left.

He walked over towards the window where I was seated. Standing there, I could see he wanted and needed to cry. I tried not to intrude on his privacy, but he welcomed me in by asking, "Did you ever say good-bye to someone knowing it would be forever?" "Yes, I have," I replied. Saying that brought back memories I had of expressing my love and appreciation for all my Dad had done for me. Recognizing that his days were limited, I took the time to tell him face to face how much he meant to me. So I knew what this man was experiencing.

"Forgive me for asking, but why is this a forever good-bye?" I asked. "I am old and she lives much too far away. I have challenges ahead and the reality is, her next trip back will be for my funeral," he said. "When you were saying good-bye I heard you say, 'I wish you enough.' May I ask what that means?" He began to smile. "That's a wish that has been handed down from other generations. My parents used to say it to everyone."

He paused for a moment and looking up as if trying to remember it in detail, he smiled even more. "When we said, 'I wish you enough,' we were wanting the other person to have a life filled with enough good things to sustain them." He continued and then, turning toward me, he shared the following as if he were reciting it from memory:

"I wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright. I wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun more. I wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive. I wish you enough pain so that the smallest joys in life appear much bigger. I wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting. I wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess. I wish you enough "hellos" to get you through the final "good-bye." He then began to sob and walked away.

My friends and loved ones, I wish you enough. They say, "It takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but an entire lifetime to forget them." I wish you enough.....

God is in control whatever may beset you.....1 Kings 17:7-16.

Mike Lovelace

Children's Ministry Announcements

2/20 Sun. AM - Nursery is provided during adult worship for infants and toddlers up to age 3. Pre-school Children's Worship is available for pre-school children age 3-5. Elementary children (K-5th) will go directly to the CW room after Bible class. Our virtue this month is Kindness.

* Please pick up your children promptly after services.

2/23 7 PM Wed. All children go to the Children's Worship Room. We are learning about Jonah this month.

2/13/2011

CW Contribution

\$44

(All CW contributions go to Called & Compelled Honduras Missions)

Attendance:

Sunday School	33
Preschool Children's Worship	8
Elementary Children's Worship	22
Nursery	7

Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

Feb. 20, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Debbie Lovelace/Jenelle Hansen/Benjamin Heuser

Nursery: Mary Parker/Sophye Wimpee/Cindy Puckett

Feb. 27, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Pam Mason/Irene Mann/Laurel Carothers

Nursery: Wanda Curington/Bonita Potts/Mary Parker



Food Pantry Report

This past week, 112 families/343 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.

Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

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



- 2/17-20: Youth to Winterfest in Gatlinburg, TN
2/20: Young At Heart Lunch - at Piccadilly after morning services today
2/26: Orange Avenue C of C Ladies' Day "Tempted, Tried, & Delivered" 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
2/27: All-church fellowship, 5:30 p.m. (This will be a TORCH Mission trip fundraiser. A variety of soups and sandwiches will be provided - if you would like to provide desserts or drinks, those would be welcome)
3/5: Free Resume workshop at the church building 8 a.m.-noon. See Juliette Adams/Christa Pierce/Stacey Myers for more information. Seating is limited - please call the church office by 2/27 to register.
3/6: Blood Drive in our parking lot, beginning at 8:30 a.m.
3/6: Worship at Indian River, 2 p.m. with Julio Roman and Melbourne Family Singers
3/13: Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser, beginning 8:30 a.m.
3/13: Worship at Consulate, 2 p.m. with David Bradley and Melbourne Family Singers



Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

Beaten but Not Beat

Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: "I have seen the Lord!" And she told them that he had said these things to her. John 20:18 (NIV)

After Jesus had been beaten severely, the mob yelled, "Crucify Him!" Jesus was mocked, spat upon, and struck by the angry mob. Later that day Jesus suffered one of the cruelest of deaths, crucifixion on a cross -- his hands and feet nailed to the cross, a crown of thorns pushed firmly into his head and his side was pierced. Jesus gave his body up and died. This man suffered at the hands of the Jewish people, the Roman soldiers, and you and me.

Let's not forget who else Jesus was. Jesus is not only a man, he is also God. Jesus was placed in a tomb where he was to be laid to rest. When his apostles and followers came to the tomb, they found it empty. Where had he gone? One of his followers, Mary, spoke with a man at the tomb although she didn't know who he was. The man said, "Mary" and she immediately knew who she was talking to. Mary was talking with the resurrected Jesus. She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" John 20:16 (NIV). Imagine the excitement in her eyes, heart and

speech. Jesus was not dead even after all he had been through; he was very much alive. He had been beaten but was not beat. Jesus was declaring victory over both sin and death. Jesus was the first to declare the Good News -- now it is our turn.

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.



THE BIG RED BUS IS COMING!

...Our next blood drive will be on Sun., March 6 in our parking lot from 8:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. It is reported that transfusions were up 7% in February, while donations were down 5% -- your donation can save the lives of three people! (teens as young as 16 are eligible to donate with parent's written consent)

Great Incentives for donors include:

- + Free cup of coffee from Dunkin Donuts
- + Free 3-scoop sundae from Friendly's
- + Free hotdog from Mustard's Last Stand
- + And more!

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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 Sun., 8:30 a.m.
All-church fellowships on 4th Sun., 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:

Linda Hounschell, Financial Secretary
Tom Fennell, Pastoral Care
Ken Jones, Involve. Minister
Debby Nickens, Children's Minister
Walter Pierce, Youth Minister
Steve Puckett, Senior Minister
Cheri Tate, Secretary

Family Record 2/13/11

Attendance

Adult/6-12th Grade Bible Classes: 125
 Children's Bible Classes: 33
Total Bible Class 158
 Auditorium Worship: 252
 Spanish Worship: nc
 Children's Worship/Nursery 37
Total Worship Count: 289

Budget Items

Weekly Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11 \$ 9,799
 Contribution to Budget: \$ 7,900
 Contribution to Special Items: \$ 712
 YTD Budget \$(34,934)

Order of Worship
February 20, 2011

Song Leader	Tyrone Carter
<i>We Have Come into His House</i>	296
Welcome/Announcements	Pat Seamon
<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	57
<i>Salvation Belongs to Our God</i>	<i>Words on Screen</i>
<i>I Exalt Thee</i>	62
Prayer	John Hounschell
<i>When My Love to Christ Grows Weak</i>	350
Lord's Supper/Offering	Pat Seamon
<i>Before the Throne of God Above</i>	<i>Words on Screen</i>
<i>He Bore It All</i>	351
Scripture Reading <i>Luke 22:39-43</i>	Doug Hoffman
Sermon "The Agony of Gethsemane"	Steve Puckett
<i>O Listen to the Wondrous Story</i>	496
Shepherd's Prayer	Mike Lovelace
<i>Just Over in the Glory Land</i>	<i>Words on Screen</i>

+ A/V Tech: Steve Lindsey
 + AM Nursing Home Service: Ken Jones

Worship Coordinators
Ken Jones/Mel Green

Servers: Dale Knowles (RS)
 (Feb.) Tom Tate (RM)
 Chip Carothers (C)
 Gary Davis (LM)
 Ernie Punzalan (LS)

Ushers: Benjamin Heuser (RS)
 (Feb.) Harry Gayle (RM)
 Jorge Lara (C)
 Larry Frazier (LM)
 Alex Zima (LS)

Shepherd's Prayer (Feb.): Mike Lovelace

Serving Next Sunday, Feb. 27

Song Leader: Praise Service
 Opening Prayer: Dave Stover
 Announcements: Pat Seamon
 Presiding: Paul Zima
 Reading: Rob Ellison
 Message: Steve Puckett

A/V Tech: Steve Lindsey

Shepherd's Prayer: Mike Lovelace

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