



Melbourne  
Church of Christ  
*Where You Are Part of God's Family*  
February 27, 2011

*My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?*

*My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from the words of my groaning?*

*O my God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, and am not silent. (Psalm 22:1-2)*

*From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46)*

It seems the darkness of the sky was an outward symbol of the spiritual darkness that enveloped Jesus. Darkness in the Bible is symbolism for separation from God. One could say that our sins blotted out the sunshine of the Father's face on Jesus. It is out of this darkness that Jesus cries out: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

I agree with John Stott's assessment that one must take Jesus' words at face value. They are a real cry of abandonment by God. The Father, the Spirit, the angels have been with Jesus up to this point, but now in the darkness, Jesus is absolutely alone and God-forsaken. He is suffering the terrible torments of a condemned and forsaken man. A dreadful separation takes place between the Father and the Son. Both voluntarily accepted the separation.

At least three lessons stand out related to Jesus' cry from the cross. First, our sins must be extremely horrible for Jesus to have to go through this experience. In Romans 1, Paul shares, in great detail, the vile and sinful cravings of the human heart. He says "the wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness." Because of our sins, God's wrath is poured out on Jesus. Understanding my own apathy, selfishness, and complacency brings shame to me as I face Christ's cross. God could not forgive our wickedness without Christ bearing it on the cross. This fact should strip us of our self-righteousness and self-satisfaction and bring us to trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Second, God's love must be wonderful beyond comprehension. God could have left us alone to receive his justice. We did not, nor do we deserve, his love and mercy. But because of his deep love for us, he traveled to a desolate and lonely cross and suffered like a common criminal. Surely, this kind of grace and love, when properly understood, will soften even the hardest of hearts.

Third, Christ's sacrifice has provided us a wonderful gift that no human could ever provide. At the cross Jesus stamped "it is finished" on the payment for our sins. I could not and cannot contribute anything for my salvation. This is the power of God's love and grace. However, be sure that you understand that these three lessons provide a powerful incentive to a holy life. We must honor what Christ did by following him. That means taking up your cross daily and following him.

—Steve Puckett



*The psalmist wrote: "How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1, NRSV).*

*Welcome! Let us extend our hands to our fellow worshipers.*



## Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

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



- 2/27: **All-church fellowship**, 5:30 p.m. (This will be a TORCH Mission trip fundraiser, and donations of any amount would be appreciated. A variety of soups and sandwiches will be provided - if you would like to provide desserts, those would be welcome)
- 3/4-6 **Annual Gospel Meeting**, Sebastian Church of Christ, guest speaker, Gene Burgett
- 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 ASAP 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

### Go Ahead, Step Out

*Lord if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water." "Come," He said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord save me!" Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him, "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt." Matthew 14:28-31 (NIV 2011)*

Can you believe it, Peter, a mere mortal, was walking on water? Well, he wasn't walking too long; he was sinking, sucking in water and calling out to Jesus. Why did Peter stop walking? Well, Matthew says that Peter saw the wind. First sign of wind, and water-walking Peter starts to drown. Jesus didn't allow Peter to drown; He reached out his hand and lifted him up. Why did Jesus do this, because Peter cried out? After Jesus lifted Peter out of the water, he immediately said; "You of little faith."

Peter began to walk on the water because he stepped out on faith. At the first sign of trouble Peter began to drown. Of course, when he got in trouble, he cried out to Jesus to save him. Can you imagine the stroll Peter could have had if he kept his eyes on Jesus, rather than the winds of doubt and his own power? Jesus was straight ahead; what happened? Doubt happened. Peter forgot the supernatural was at work through Jesus.

Next time there is something in your life you feel you can't do, fix your eyes on Jesus. Keep the faith. We don't have to do anything without God. Like a baby, taking its first steps, Jesus is right ahead of you calling your name. Jesus is saying, "Come on, look at me, stay focused, keep the faith, you can do it." Don't worry if you fall down and start to sink, just call out to Him, He will reach out his hand and lift you up.

Trusting, trying, stepping out in faith is the only way we will accomplish anything. Don't be afraid. Go ahead, He is right in front of you, step out.

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. 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!

# Family News and Notes



## The Elders' Corner

### Invincible love

In their book *Falling in Love With Jesus*, Dee Brestin and Kathy Troccoli compare the stages of marriage to a relationship with Jesus. All relationships, they write, go through three stages: first love, wilderness love and invincible love. Mary of Bethany, for example, experienced first love when she couldn't tear herself away from Jesus while her sister Martha toiled. Then, when Mary's brother Lazarus died, she felt wilderness love, "clinging to [Jesus] in the wounds of life." Finally, Mary expressed overflowing invincible love as she poured her perfume and tears on Jesus' feet, wiping them with her hair.

Brestin and Troccoli say most Christians never arrive at the final stage. "They simply have an occasional rendezvous with the One who used to be the Love of their life." But nothing can compare to a "tender, mature, invincible love with Jesus."

### Hang on!

When a couple received a rose bush as a gift, they planted and cared for it, eagerly waiting for it to bloom. A few months later, a bud finally appeared. Day by day, it began to fill out. The couple's anticipation grew when they could see that the rose would be bright red.

One day, they were surprised to notice that the green around the bud had been pulled away and the flower petals were torn apart. They asked their young daughter if she knew what had happened. "I just couldn't wait any longer," she said, "so I blossomed it myself."

The psalmist tells us to "Wait for the LORD ..." (Psalm 27:14, NRSV). Instead of trying to help God along, let him bring things to fulfillment in his perfect time.

### God's beautiful definition of love.....

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

## Children's Ministry Announcements

2/27 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 worship with their families in the auditorium today (4th Sunday)

\* Please pick up your children promptly after services.

3/2 7 PM Wed. All children go to the Children's Worship Room. We are learning about Jonah this month.

2/20/2011

CW Contribution \$72.00  
(All CW contributions go to Called & Compelled Honduras Missions)

### Attendance:

Sunday School	33
Preschool Children's Worship	10
Elementary Children's Worship	28
Nursery	5

### Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

Feb. 27, 2011

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

**Nursery:** Wanda Curington/Bonita Potts/Mary Parker

Mar. 6, 2011

**Pre-Sch. Worship:** Mary Tomlinson/Rita Hewett/Alex Heuser

**Nursery:** Melissa Webber/Angle Brown/Bonnie Seamon



### Food Pantry Report

*This past week, 102 families/319 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 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:**

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

**Family Record 2/20/11**

**Attendance**

Adult/6-12th Grade Bible Classes: 121  
 Children's Bible Classes: 33  
**Total Bible Class 154**  
 Auditorium Worship: 204  
 Spanish Worship: na  
 Children's Worship/Nursery 43  
**Total Worship Count: 247**

**Budget Items**

**Weekly Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11 \$ 9,799**  
 Contribution to Budget: \$ 6,429  
 Contribution to Special Items: \$ 1,028  
 YTD Budget \$(38,303)

**February 27 Praise Service**  
*Appreciation and Praise for Jesus' Sacrifice*

Worship Leaders	Tyrone Carter/Josh McGough/Walter Pierce
<i>Shout to the North</i>	<i>Slides</i>
Romans 5:1-11	Rob Ellison
"Jesus' Sacrifice" Introduction	Steve Puckett
<i>Lord, Reign in Me</i>	<i>Slides</i>
Prayer	Dave Stover
<i>Majesty</i>	266
<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	290
Ephesians 1:3-10	Keith Davidson
Prayer	Tom Hames
<i>There Is a Redeemer</i>	287
Lord's Supper	Paul Zima
Offering Prayer	Paul Zima
<i>I Stand in Awe</i>	96
<i>On Zion's Glorious Summit</i>	227
2 Corinthians 4:1-6	Ian Hames
"Jesus' Sacrifice"	Steve Puckett
<i>Salvation Belongs to Our God</i>	<i>Slides</i>
Announcements/Closing Prayer	Pat Seamon

- + A/V Tech: Steve Lindsey
- + AM Nursing Home Service: Calvin Potts

**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, March 6**

Song Leader: Walter Pierce  
 Opening Prayer: Cletis Diehl  
 Announcements: Pat Seamon  
 Presiding: Bob Eckelberry  
 Reading: Jonathon Finlayson  
 Message: Steve Puckett

A/V Tech: TBA

Shepherd's Prayer: Calvin Potts

- + Nursing Home Service 9:30 a.m.: Tyrone Carter
- + Worship at Indian River, 2 p.m. with Julio Roman and Melbourne Singers

# Faith Feeds Church Food Drive

Please Help  
Fill the Local  
Food Pantries!

Please bring your non-perishable food items and  
drop them in the church lobby food drive box!  
(or specified location)

## FEB 27 – MAR 20, 2011

Join Us In Our Fight Against Hunger  
Right Here in Brevard County

All proceeds go to help our friends and  
neighbors in need in our community

**Brevard  
County  
Churches**

are being asked  
to hold food drives  
in support of our  
local food pantries

*'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of  
the least of these brothers & sisters of mine,  
you did for me.'* -Matthew 25:40

**Did you know?**

- 1 in 4 children  
in Florida are  
living in poverty!

**We can make  
a difference!**

**No One  
should go  
Hungry!**



The Faith Feeds program provides food to numerous,  
local food pantries in Brevard County

For program questions please call (321) 727-8581 ext. 208.

# Melbourne Church of Christ

Do you need help creating a resume?  
**Attend the Resume Builders Workshop.**

Do you have a resume that needs updating?  
**Attend the Resume Update Workshop.**

Space is limited to the first 15 respondents for each workshop. Please contact the Church office to sign up for a workshop and to pick up a resume worksheet by Sunday February 27, 2011.

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## Free Resume Workshop

**Saturday  
March 5, 2011**

**Resume Builders 8:00 am – 10:00 am  
Resume Update 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

Church Building  
810 Hollywood Blvd  
Melbourne, FL 32904  
321-723-8233

For More Information Contact Juliette Mondesir Adams, Stacey Myers and Christa Pierce