



Melbourne

Church of Christ

Where You Are Part of God's Family

March 20, 2011

Salvation of Sinners

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. (John 3:16-18)

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:1-2)

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. (1 John 3:16a)

This is not a trick question. Who is the most loving, gracious, accepting, merciful, and just person that you know. I hope your answer is "God." I am so thankful that God does not choose to judge me by a jury of my peers. "Fair and impartial" is simply impossible in human terms. If you don't believe this statement, take some time to read the comment section of most any blog, article, or news item on the web and you will see what I mean. I am not saying that there are no fair and impartial people on the planet, but just that God's dealings with us far exceed the capabilities of humans when it comes to being fair and just.

I know this because of my personal experience with God's forgiveness and how that forgiveness is sometimes extended to me through those who are believers in God's justice and forgiveness.

Sin is a great burden on the world and the human heart. Sin greatly highlights the need for forgiveness. Sin reminds us of our fallen condition and our deep need for salvation. With every twinge of guilt and every pang of shame, we feel the hopelessness of our sinful burden.

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 15:57). Once you discover the love God has for you and what he did for you, that faith hurdles you past the guilt and shame of your past into a "light of truth" directed future. Praise God!

—Steve Puckett



Proverbs 18:24 (NRSV) says that "a true friend sticks closer than one's nearest kin." We appreciate your presence today and encourage you to welcome one another now.



Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

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



- 3/20: **Young At Heart Lunch**, at Piccadilly in the Melbourne Square Mall after morning services
- 3/22: **Ladies' Bible Class**, 10:30 a.m. in the church office
- 3/22: **ScreamFree Parenting Class** continues at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at the church building
- 3/25: **Free Family Movie Night** ("The Ultimate Gift"), at the church building at 6 p.m. Mission fundraiser concessions will be sold.
- 3/27: **TORCH Mission Trip Fundraiser** - silent auction for theme baskets (*see bulletin insert for details*)
- 3/27: **All-church Devotional and Potluck Fellowship**, 5:30 p.m.



Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

Ahhh, Sunday

Matthew 26:26-28: *26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." 27 Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

Back in the Jones' household when I was about 6 years old, getting ready for church was no minor task. My mother had to get 3 children ready to go. My father loved to sleep and she had to wake him up too. At that time I was 6, my sister was 4 and my brother was an infant. We attended the Catholic Church; my father didn't go to church but he just took us. My mother would be harried and have to take us to the crying room. This was a room where babies and little children went that cried. My brother was a noisy one. So we were banished to the crying room, where they piped in the service. I could hear the priest talking about God and about His Son, Jesus, and those babies would howl. I remember thinking maybe these babies are possessed and they should send a priest in for some exorcisms.

Even as a young child I loved to go to church. Somewhere along the line I stopped for awhile, started going again and stopped again. Now, of course, I am going again. I love my church services at the church of Christ. Even when I was a young child, I was enthralled by the communion services, or Lord's Supper. They said Jesus took the bread and then He took the cup. He said when you do this, do this in memory of me. This is a special time during the service we are partaking in Jesus' last supper and memorializing this meal and His sacrifice for us. As a child, when the Priest took the bread he held it up in the air and the al-

tar boy rang the bells; the same with the cup. I remember this because even as a child I was in awe of the sacrifice Jesus made for us.

Today is Sunday. We get to share in this again. The church I attend now has no bells and we don't lift anything up in the air, but we do remember Jesus and that is what is important -- a short memorial and devotional to Jesus' awesome sacrifice and memory of His last supper. It conjures up thoughts of Jesus washing feet, pointing out His betrayer, and those who would turn on Him. Jesus loved those men, washed their feet and served them a meal anyway. Jesus then gave Himself up to die so we could live. Then He prayed for us; He told us He would send us the Holy Spirit, He told us He was going ahead to prepare us a place. After all of this what did He ask us to do? A simple request, when you do this, do this in memory of Me.

Churches all over the world will have this Memorial for Jesus today. Let's memorialize Jesus every day and what-ever we do, let us do it in memory of Him. As we leave the church parking lots, let's remember we are entering the Mission Field where the Good News of Jesus can be shared daily.

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



Shepherd's Corner

Ministries and Budgets – Part 3

This week, I'd like to highlight the youth ministry. This ministry is focused on serving kids from the 7th through 12th grades.

The purpose of our youth ministry is to help our teenagers grow into followers of Jesus, just as the Great Commission of Jesus says (Matthew 28:18-20). This gets accomplished through a variety of methods including classes, devotionals, one-on-one meetings with both teens and parents, youth rallies, retreats, service projects, Bible/work camps, and even overseas trips. All of these methods involve time. Some of them involve money. All of these events, and the others not mentioned, are geared toward helping our teenagers grow into disciples of Jesus.

Approximately 20-30 kids attend our teen Sunday classes and about 7-10 attend on Wednesdays. On average, 10-20 attended various youth rallies, retreats, devotionals, and service projects during weekends and over the summer. Volunteers have dedicated over 1000 hours in the past year to our ministry in preparation, teaching, and chaperoning for various classes, out of town events, and service projects. Our paid staff have dedicated at least twice that amount of time in both supporting the above events and in visiting homes, cheering on students in extracurricular activities, providing spiritual guidance, and communicating with parents. For our youth ministry, we budget approximately \$72,000 per year.

It's hard to measure the impact of this ministry on each child because they are so different. For some, having the opportunity to help a family in Honduras or here in Melbourne helps them to see that God's love and hands are needed all over the world and that leads them to want to follow Jesus. For others, it is the impact of the word of God preached at a rally or experienced in a devotional that leads them to a conviction to follow Jesus and to dedicate their lives to him. For still others, it is a hug or affirmation after feeling rejected or neglected at school that leads them to follow Christ. The beauty is that God's Spirit "blows wherever it wants" (John 3:8) and as a congregation, we want to ensure we don't deprive our children of being in the right place at the right time to receive the Spirit of God wherever it manifests itself.

Don Nickens

Children's Ministry Announcements

3/20 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) go to the CW room right after class. Our virtue this month is Courage.

* Please pick up your children promptly after services.

3/23 Wed. 7 PM - All children go to the Children's Worship Room. We are learning about Jonah this month.

Upcoming Events:

VBS Meeting - Sat, April 2 at 9 a.m. in Children's Worship room

Children's Easter Party (age 2-10) - Sat., April 23 10 a.m.

3/13/2011

CW Contribution \$72
(All CW contributions go to Called & Compelled Honduras Missions)

Attendance:

Sunday School	24
Preschool Children's Worship	3
Elementary Children's Worship	22
Nursery	7

Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

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Pre-Sch. Worship: Pam Mason/Katy Stapor/Callie Heuser

Nursery: Denise Carter/Bonita Potts

Mar. 27 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Mary Tomlinson/Keirsten Hoffman/Laurel C.

Nursery: Bonnie Seamon/Angle Brown/Pam Mason



Food Pantry Report

This past week, 102 families/300 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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Order of Worship

Song Leader Josh McGough

Song Selection

Welcome and Announcements Pat Seamon

Song Selection

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Opening Prayer Jesse Parks

Song Selection

Communion/Offering Stephen Fennell

Song Selection

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Scripture Reading *Rom. 3:25a, Eph. 1:7, Rom. 5:9, 2 Cor. 5:17-18* Robby Grassman

Sermon Message Steve Puckett

Song Selection

Shepherd's Prayer Calvin Potts

Song Selection

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 Hounschell, Financial Secretary
Ken Jones, Involve. Min./Counseling
Debby Nickens, Children's Minister
Walter Pierce, Youth Minister
Steve Puckett, Senior Minister
Cheri Tate, Secretary

Family Record 3/13/11

Attendance

6th grade-Adult Bible Classes:	113
Children's Bible Classes:	24
Total Bible Class	137
Auditorium Worship:	234
Spanish Worship:	na
Children's Worship/Nursery	32
Total Worship Count:	266

Budget Items

Weekly Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11	\$ 9,799
Contribution to Budget:	\$26,457
<i>(Make-Up Sunday Collection)</i>	
Contribution to Special Items:	\$ 430
YTD Budget	(\$21,277)

- + A/V Tech: Steve Lindsey
- + AM Nursing Home Service, 9:30 a.m.: Ken Jones

Worship Coordinators
Ken Jones/Mel Green/Cletis Dielh

Servers: Desmond Hewett (RS)
(Mar.) John Gibson (RM)
Ron Whelpley (C)
Hedison Mui (LM)
Jessie Hewett (LS)

Ushers: Manny Thomas (RS)
(Mar.) Dave Stover (RM)
Paul Zima (C)
Rob Ellison (LM)
Taylor Neidfinger (LS)

Shepherd's Prayer (Mar.): Calvin Potts

Serving Next Sunday, March 27

Song Leader: Praise Service
Opening Prayer: Glen Wirsch
Announcements: Pat Seamon
Presiding: Jorge Lara
Reading: Ian Hames
Message: Steve Puckett

A/V Tech: Lindsey Tate

Shepherd's Prayer: Calvin Potts

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