



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

*The Revelation of the Cross:  
God's Justice, Love, Power, and Wisdom*

*God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. (Romans 3:25-26)*

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)*

*For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. (I Corinthians 1:18)*

*My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on men's wisdom, but on God's power. (1 Corinthians 2:4-5)*

When we look at the cross we see the justice, love, wisdom, and power of God demonstrated. The cross assures us of a reality that is beyond this world. For the purpose of this article, I will discuss three parts of the love sacrifice of God.

First, God gave *his son*. If God had chosen to use a third party, like a prophet or an angel, we would have been grateful. But people and angels are people of his making. In sending his own son, he was not sending a creature of his making, but giving himself. Love in its essence is self-giving (self-sacrificing) so God gave himself for us (John 3:16, and Romans 8:32). It is because of the intimacy of that self-giving love that Paul added his conviction that, along with Christ, God will “graciously give us all things.”

Second, God gave his son *to die*. Jesus didn't just come, live, and serve, he “became obedient to death—even death on a cross.” Usually the one who sins and the one who dies are the same person, but on this occasion they were not, since it was we who sinned, but Jesus who died for our sins. This is love, holy love, inflicting the penalty for sin by bearing it.

Third, God gave his son to die *for us*. Scripture describes us as “sinners” (Romans 3:23), “ungodly” (Romans 5:6), “enemies” (Romans 5:10), and “powerless” (Romans 5:6). God demonstrated his unique love for us in that he died for a sinful, godless, rebellious, and helpless people. In other words, God gave everything for those who deserved nothing from him.

—Steve Puckett



*Welcome to all who've come to praise and enjoy the living God. Let us give glory and thanksgiving to our Creator and show kindness to one another.*



**Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events**

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



- 3/27: **TORCH Mission Trip Fundraiser** - silent auction for theme baskets after services this morning
- 3/27: **All-church Devotional and Potluck Fellowship**, 5:30 p.m.
- 3/29: **Ladies' Bible Class**, 10:30 a.m. in the church office
- 3/29: **ScreamFree Parenting Class**, at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at the church building
- 4/3: **Worship at Indian River**, 2 p.m. with Walter Pierce and Melbourne Family Singers
- 4/5: **Ladies' Bible Class/Luncheon**, 10:30 a.m. in the church office
- 4/5: **Men's 1st Tuesday Prayer Meeting**, 7 p.m. in the church office
- 4/8: **Young At Heart Breakfast**, 9 a.m. at Morning Star Café (3700 N. Wickham Rd.)
- 4/10: **Worship at Consulate**, 2 p.m. with Steve Heuser and Melbourne Family Singers
- 4/10: **TORCH Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast**, 8:30 a.m.
- 4/17: **Young At Heart Lunch**, at Piccadilly in Melbourne Square Mall after morning services



**Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society**

**Are You Rich?**

*He is so rich in kindness and grace that he purchased our freedom with the blood of his son and forgave our sins. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding. Ephesians 1:7-8 (NLT)*

When I was a child, I remember watching Daffy Duck sitting in a pile of dollar bills, throwing them up in the air and yelling, "I'm rich, I'm rich!" Daffy counted his riches in dollars; Paul counts riches in grace and kindness. How rich are you?

Let's count our blessings.

Let's count our friends.

How many times have we been forgiven? How many times did we forgive?

How much of our time did we give up for another?

How much kindness do we share?

Do we share our abundance of love, wisdom and understanding freely with one another?

Are we patient with others?

Do we keep record of wrongs done us or can we forgive?

How rich are you? What do you count?

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 4

This week I'd like to focus on one of our more visible ministries – our preaching and teaching ministry – and include some of the lesser-known parts of that ministry. For the past 27 years, Steve Puckett has used his gift of teaching in our church family. As a part of his teaching ministry, Steve spends a significant portion of his time preparing and delivering his Sunday message, his Sunday morning Bible class, his Wednesday night devotional and Bible class, and his Thursday home group study. He writes the teaching and study guides for our Sunday morning adult Bible classes. As you all know, Steve is a very powerful and effective teacher! He also oversees the technical side of our church life, like the church website and the audio/visual technology for our assemblies.

What you may not fully appreciate is the extent of Steve's ministry, as he helps and guides those within our church family during times of illness, death, marriage, need for spiritual guidance, and the birth of babies. He works closely with our shepherds on the goals and vision for the church. Each year this group prays about that year's work and what goals we should set for the spiritual growth of our church family and for outreach to our community.

Steve also plans and co-directs a week of Bible camp at Camp Ithiel. On average about 70 kids and 20 adults attend this week of spiritual enrichment and physical development. He is also actively involved in encouraging others in ministry, serving as a mentor to other ministers within the Central Florida area. He plans and guides a monthly ministers group of 15 other ministers who meet to share resources and pray for each other. He also serves on the planning committee for the Spiritual Growth Workshop and is often a speaker at this event. He's a busy guy!

The total cost of this ministry, including salaries and other expenses (such as Spiritual Growth Workshop, seminars, work funds, DVDs, and other misc), is about \$96,000.

Don Nickens

## Children's Ministry Announcements

- 3/27 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 worship with their families today (4th Sun.). Our Virtue this month is Courage.  
\* Please pick up your children promptly after services.
- 3/30 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.

### 3/20/2011

CW Contribution \$137  
(All CW contributions go to Called & Compelled Honduras Missions)

### Attendance:

Sunday School (Cradle roll-5th gr.)	39
Preschool Children's Worship	3
Elementary Children's Worship	30
Nursery	6

### Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

#### Mar. 27, 2011

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

Nursery: Bonnie Seamon/Angie Brown/Pam Mason

#### April 3, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Holly Carothers/Holli Zander/Benjamin Heuser

Nursery: Vivian Lara/Wanda Curington



## Food Pantry Report

*This past week, 118 families/345 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 Hounscheff, 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 3/20/11**

**Attendance**

6th grade-Adult Bible Classes:	131
Children's Bible Classes:	39
<b>Total Bible Class</b>	<b>170</b>
Auditorium Worship:	245
Spanish Worship:	na
Children's Worship/Nursery	39
<b>Total Worship Count:</b>	<b>284</b>

**Budget Items**

<b>Weekly Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11</b>	<b>\$ 9,799</b>
Contribution to Budget:	\$14,451
Contribution to Special Items:	\$ 240
<b>YTD Budget</b>	<b>(\$16,624)</b>

**March 27 Praise Service**  
**The Cross of Christ: God's Love Demonstrated**

Worship Leaders	Tyrone Carter/Josh McGough/Walter Pierce
<i>The Steadfast Love of the Lord</i>	123
Lamentations 3:22-26	Bill Pinch
"God's Love Demonstrated" Introduction	Steve Puckett
<i>Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing</i>	121
Prayer	Glen Wirsch
<i>Lord I Lift Your Name on High</i>	Slides
<i>Wonderful Grace of Jesus</i>	112
Ephesians 1:3-10	Donny Canup
Prayer	Fred Williams
<i>Come, Share the Lord</i>	364
Lord's Supper	Jorge Lara
Offering Prayers	Jorge Lara
<i>In Moments Like These</i>	239
<i>Shout to the Lord</i>	Slides
1 Corinthians 1:17-2:5	Ian Hames
God's Love Demonstrated	Steve Puckett
<i>Shout to the North</i>	Slides
Announcements/Closing Prayer	Pat Seamon

+ A/V Tech: Lindsey Tate  
 + AM Nursing Home Service, 9:30 a.m.: Calvin Potts

**Worship Coordinators**

**Ken Jones/Mel Green/Cletis Diehl**

**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 Neidlinger (LS)

Shepherd's Prayer (Mar.): Calvin Potts

**Serving Next Sunday, April 3**

Song Leader: Walter Pierce  
 Opening Prayer: Jeff Crowe  
 Announcements: Pat Seamon  
 Presiding: Rob Ellison  
 Reading: Norris Bottomlee  
 Message: Elders

A/V Tech: Christa Pierce

Shepherd's Prayer: Pat Seamon (Apr.)

+ Service at Life Care of Melb., 9:30 a.m.:  
 David Bradley  
 + Service at Indian River, 2 p.m.: Walter  
 Pierce & Melbourne Singers