



Melbourne
C h u r c h o f C h r i s t
Where You Are Part of God's Family
April 10, 2011

The Community of the Cross

“Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:36-47)

This week I have been reading and rereading Acts 1-2. These chapters bring to a crescendo the life, work, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Peter and the disciples declare for all to hear that Jesus is Lord and Christ (Messiah to the Jewish hearer). The invitation is extended for all to receive the message of good news. Several thousand do receive that message.

These three thousand, along with the one hundred twenty disciples of Acts 1, devote themselves to a community of the cross. Devotion, fellowship, generosity, worship, sincerity, joy, and communion characterized this community. The Lord continued to draw others to the community.

For reflection this week, read Mark 12:28-34, Romans 13:9-10, Galatians 5:13-15, and James 2:8-13. How can the principles and/or commands of these verses help us to live in community like these early believers of Acts 2:42-47? What do you think the community of the cross should look like?

—Steve Puckett



*Welcome to worship, as we glorify our Creator
and thank him for his perfect goodness.*





- 4/10: **Worship at Consulate**, 2 p.m. with Steve Heuser and Melbourne Family Singers
- 4/12: **ScreamFree Parenting Class**, at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at the church building
- 4/12: **Men's 1st Tuesday Prayer Meeting**, 7 p.m. in the church office (rescheduled from 4/5)
- 4/17: **Young At Heart Lunch**, at Piccadilly in Melbourne Square Mall after morning services
- 4/23: **Children's Easter Party** (ages 2-10) - 10 a.m. at the church building
- 4/23: **Young At Heart Easter Egg Hunt** - 10 a.m. at the home of Neal & Ada Story.



Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

But Is It Tough to Love Yourself?

Matt 22:37-40 (NIV) ³⁷ *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."* ³⁸ *This is the first and greatest commandment.* ³⁹ *And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."* ⁴⁰ *All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

1 John 2:7 (NIV) ⁷ *Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard.*

Leviticus 19:18 (NIV) ¹⁸ *"Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against one of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD.*

Love your neighbor as yourself - that can be a tough one. There are times some can be pretty hard on themselves and not really even loving themselves very much. There were, and at times still are, times when I am not happy with my own thoughts or behaviors. I am pretty judgmental and it is not at my brothers, sisters or even enemies - it is at me. Have you ever had those times? There are times when I wish I didn't even have to hang around with me because no one judges me as harshly as I can. Loving others as myself at times would be doing no one any favors.

Not only do we have to love God and love others, we or I have to learn to really love myself. Now this isn't an eve-

ryday thing. Don't get me wrong - most of the time I can be my own best friend and really enjoy my own company. I know others that are down right miserable. They feel guilt for things they have done, they feel sadness and pain because of things others have done to them and they even take guilt on for that. There are others who really believe they are not worthy to come before God and ask forgiveness and ask for His love. We need to learn to love ourselves and others as God loves us. Wow, that's a tough one.

God gave His only Son up to death and torture so that we could spend eternity with Him and His risen Son, Jesus. God has sealed us as we believe, repent and become baptized with His own Holy Spirit. Our sins have been forgiven by God Himself when we ask and bring them before Him in His Son Jesus' name. Sometimes people wonder how God can love us after all they or we have done against Him. God really loves us and we need to love Him, each other and ourselves.

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

Two Wolves

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a debate that goes on inside people. He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

Think about this story.

If you go to Galatians 5:16-25, you will find the Scriptural message this story is based on.

To share just a part of it: Gal. 5:16: "But I say, walk by the Spirit (good wolf) and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh" (evil wolf). (NASV).

Also, Gal. 5:24-25: "Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit." (NASV)

Let us feed ourselves on spiritual food (good), not the desires of the flesh (evil).

· Tom Fennell

Sweep over me, Lord
And brush out my sin!
Replace it with faith,
And live here within.
Amen.

— Peggy Ferrell, from *Prayers and Poems*

Children's Ministry Announcements

4/10 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 to the CW room right after Bible classes. Our virtue this month is Humility. * Please pick up your children promptly after services.

4/13 Wed. 7 PM - All children go to the Children's Worship Room. Our rotation this month is Resurrection Revealed.

Upcoming Events:

Children's Easter Party (ages 2-10) - Sat., April 23, 10 a.m. Donations of individually-wrapped candles would be appreciated! There is a collection box outside the children's library.

4/3/2011

CW Contribution \$47
(All CW contributions go to Called & Compelled Honduras Missions)

Attendance:

Sunday School (Cradle roll-5th gr.)	34
Preschool Children's Worship	8
Elementary Children's Worship	26
Nursery	8

Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

April 10, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Ray Green/Lorraine Prieto/Alex Heuser

Nursery: Angie Brown/Stacy Green

April 17, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Monica Baloga/Shirley Bradley/Callie Heuser

Nursery: Julie Ulmer/Bonita Potts



Food Pantry Report

This past week, 108 families/364 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 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 4/3/11

Attendance

6th grade-Adult Bible Classes: 112
Children's Bible Classes: 34
Total Bible Class 146
Auditorium Worship: 230
Spanish Worship: na
Children's Worship/Nursery 42
Total Worship Count: 272

Budget Items

Weekly Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11 \$ 9,799
Contribution to Budget: \$11,179
Contribution to Special Items: \$ 621
YTD Budget (\$19,208)

April 10
Order of Worship

Worship Song Leader	Tyrone Carter
<i>We Fall Down (With Holy, Holy, Holy)</i>	<i>Overhead Slides</i>
Welcome and Announcements	Pat Seamon
<i>Holy Ground</i>	100
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<i>I Exalt Thee</i>	62
Opening Prayer	John Gibson
<i>Before the Throne of God Above</i>	<i>Overhead Slides</i>
Lord's Supper/Offering	Steve Lindsey
<i>Song for the Nations</i>	740
<i>How Sweet, How Heavenly</i>	709
Scripture Reading <i>Acts 2:42-47</i>	Austin Diehl
Sermon Message	Steve Puckett
<i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	922
Shepherd's Prayer	Pat Seamon
<i>Lord, Hold My Hand</i>	<i>Overhead Slides</i>

- + A/V Tech: Ray Green
- + Service at Life Care of Melbourne, 9:30 a.m.: Tyrone Carter
- + Service at Consulate, 2 p.m.: Steve Heuser & Melbourne Singers

Worship Coordinators

Ken Jones/Mel Green/Cletis Diehl

Servers: Ian Hames (RS)
(Apr.) John Hames (RM)
Glen Wirsch (C)
Bill Pinch (LM)
Robert Lindsey (LS)

Ushers: Doug Hoffman (RS)
(Apr.) John Hounschell (RM)
Cletis Diehl (C)
Adam Wimpee (LM)
Robby Grassman (LS)

Shepherd's Prayer (Apr.): Pat Seamon

Serving Next Sunday, April 17

Song Leader: Walter Pierce
Opening Prayer: Ray Green
Announcements: Pat Seamon
Presiding: Mike Lovelace
Reading: Donny Canup
Message: Steve Puckett

A/V Tech: Steve Lindsey

Shepherd's Prayer: Pat Seamon

- + Service at Life Care of Melb., 9:30 a.m.: Ken Jones