



Melbourne
C h u r c h o f C h r i s t
Where You Are Part of God's Family
June 12, 2011

The Reason for God
Wednesday Nights at 6:30 PM
June 22 – July 20

Aside from those who don't believe in God or the Bible for various reasons, even the most confident Christian has some questions about topics that relate to God's existence or Christian beliefs. This summer we hope to address some of those questions in a series of lessons entitled, "The Reason for God."

On Wednesday, June 22nd at 6:30 PM, we will begin the discussion of these questions by showing a DVD clip of Dr. Timothy Keller talking with a group of new friends sharing their beliefs and their thoughts about their objections to the Bible and Christian faith. The group met over a six-week period and discussed each of the objections that we will discuss.

Here is a brief overview of each of the class sessions. On June 22nd, we will discuss these questions: "Isn't the Bible a myth? Hasn't science disproved Christianity?" Some people say that there are many good things in the Bible, but you should not take it literally. You must not insist that it is entirely trustworthy and completely authoritative because some parts of the Bible are wrong, historically unreliable, and culturally regressive.

On June 29th, we will discuss these questions: "How can you say there is only one way to God? What about other religions?" Some people say that Christianity is only one among many valid options. The other religions of the world have millions of adherents, producing much wisdom, character, and happiness. Christians should not claim to have the only true faith.

On July 6th, we will discuss these questions: "Why does God allow suffering? Why is there so much evil in the world?" Some people say the existence of evil and suffering in the world is the main reason they don't believe in God. If God exists, he would not create a world filled with pointless evil.

On July 13, we will discuss these questions: "Why is the church responsible for so much injustice? Why are Christians such hypocrites?" Some people feel that they cannot identify with an institution such as the church or with Christian individuals when they see such an appalling record of injustice and hypocrisy.

On July 20, we will discuss these questions: "How can God be full of love and wrath at the same time? How can God send good people to hell?" Some people can accept the idea of a loving and forgiving God, but cannot accept a God who would knowingly send people to hell. Hell seems incompatible with the idea of a loving God.

Please join us for these stimulating and informative discussions. Feel free to come from 5 to 6 PM for food and fellowship before the class begins. See Steve Puckett or Don Nickens if you have questions about this series.



We have come to glorify God and to be guided in the direction our lives need to take. We rejoice in your presence and welcome you sincerely.



Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events
(See the bulletin board, bulletin insert, or call the church office for more information)



- 6/12: **Worship Service at Consulate**, 2 p.m. with Tyrone Carter and Melbourne Family Singers
6/12-17: **Puckett-Walker Bible Camp at Camp Ithiel**
6/13-26 **TORCH Trip to Honduras**
6/13: **Young at Heart**, lunch at Shell's near the Melbourne Mall, 11:25 a.m.
6/14: **Ladies Bible Class**, 10:30 a.m. in the church office
6/14: **Men's Tuesday Prayer Meeting** (normally on the 1st Tues.), has been rescheduled for June 14, 7 p.m. in the church office
6/19: **Happy Father's Day!**
6/19: **Young At Heart**, lunch at Piccadilly in the Melbourne Mall after morning service
6/22: **Wild Wednesdays PandaMania VBS - Not Just for Kids** - begins 6/22 and runs through 7/27 on Wed. nights. Dinner provided from 5-6 p.m. for a small donation; kids' VBS from 6-8 p.m.; adult VBS 6:30-7:45 p.m. ("Reason for God") Kids' registration forms are available outside the children's worship room, or register online: <https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/Mcockids>



Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

You'll Never Eat at the Ritz

*For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. **Romans 5:19**; God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. **2 Corinthians 5: 21***

When I was a young child, I was a messy eater. My mother told me there was food everywhere. She said I wore more than I ate. She also told me that my grandmother used to tell me that I would never eat at the Ritz. When I was young, we went to Woolworth's for a hotdog, and I asked my grandmother if this was the Ritz.

Well, I guess sloppy eaters can't get into the Ritz. I have still never been to the Ritz and don't even know if there is one. I have heard there are restaurants where you have to wear a tie; I haven't been there either. One time, I went to hit a bucket of golf balls with my friend, Bernie, and they wouldn't let us in because we were wearing jeans. I guess I just don't fit the mold for some places.

Sin is worse than a pair of jeans at the golf course. All our sin is unacceptable in God's eyes. God does not like sin. As a matter of fact, he hates sin.

With my past behavior, how do I expect to get to heaven? How do I expect God to even pay attention or take me seriously? Why would God even consider me for heaven? Because of my righteousness. Not righteousness on my own merits, good deeds, or works, but because Jesus, who was sinless, took on my sin and made me righteous and acceptable to our Father. Jesus

is like a shepherd who knows his sheep. He will bring them home safely. We follow him, obey him, love him, love others, and serve his children everywhere.

A famous Bible verse, John 3:16, says that everyone who believes in God can have eternal life. When I know this, I can then look to Acts 2:38. "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins." My sins will be forgiven if I believe in Jesus Christ as my Savior. I will have eternal life in heaven with God.

By Jesus' death on the cross and my belief in him, I have been made righteous to stand before the Father with Jesus at my side, letting God know that I am one of his, that I am one of his sheep.

God's amazing grace is why I am righteous. I may never eat at the Ritz or play at a fancy golf course in jeans, but because of God's grace and Jesus' sacrifice on the cross I have been found righteous to be in heaven with God for eternity. Thank you, Jesus, for your selfless sacrifice and your willingness to take on my sin so that I could be found righteous in front of our Father.

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 -*

Family News and Notes



Shepherd's Corner

The Gates of Hades

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you," he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." Matthew 16:13-18 (NIV)

Hades – The ancient Greek view of Hades, and the Roman view of *Orcus*, or *inferna*, is that of a place for all the dead in the depth of the earth; dark, dreary, cheerless, shut up, inaccessible to prayers and sacrifices, ruled over by Pluto. This presiding god was the enemy of all life, heartless, inexorable, and hated accordingly by gods and men. *Unger's Bible Dictionary*

Jesus overcame Hades by being "...killed and on the third day...raised to life." (Matthew 16:21 NIV)

Are Christians to be a fortress that evil cannot penetrate or are we the offense against evil? Jesus told us to "...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19, 20 NIV)

Paul confronts evil at Ephesus by finding some disciples, teaching them, and leading them in the Way. He then speaks for 3 months in the synagogue, but some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. This went on for 2 years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord. (Acts 19 NIV)

God did extraordinary miracles through Paul as he continued to confront evil. What God did through Paul became known to the Jews and Greeks, living in Ephesus, they were seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power. (Acts 19 NIV)

What represents evil in our world? What are some of the ways Christians can boldly stand against those evils in the name and power of Jesus – in our neighborhoods, workplaces, or schools? Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV) says, "For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

Gary Canup

Children's Ministry Announcements

6/12 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 directly to CW after Bible classes. Our virtue this month is Faith
* Please pick up your children promptly after services.

6/15 Wed. 7 PM - All children go to the Children's Worship Room. Our rotation this month is Teach Me to Pray.

Upcoming Events:

Wild Wednesdays VBS, June 22-July 27, 6-8 p.m. Each Wednesday evening will be like a day of VBS. Pre-registration is suggested! Forms are available outside the children's worship room, or register online:

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6/5/2011

CW Contribution

\$54.00

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

Attendance:

Sunday School (Cradle roll-5th gr.)	28
Preschool Children's Worship	3
Elementary Children's Worship	20
Nursery	5

Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

June 12, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Bonita Potts/Juliette Adams/Alex Heuser

Nursery: Cheri Tate/Sophye Wimpee

June 19, 2011

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

Nursery: Denise Carter/Bonita Potts



Food Pantry Report

This past week, 116 visitors (348 in families) were served with food through our food pantry!

Donations of non-perishable items or money to purchase them are always welcome and appreciated! Thank you to Ernie Punzalan, Bob Eckelberry, Lorraine Prieto, and our dedicated staff of volunteers, and to all who continue to support our pantry in any way! Backup help is frequently needed -- if you would like to serve our community through the pantry, contact one of the folks above.

The Melbourne Church of Christ Food Pantry is open to the community on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and 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 10:30 a.m.
PM Worship 6:00 p.m.
(Alternative Care Group meetings various times - contact Ken Jones)
Pancake breakfasts and 4th Sun. fellowships will take a break for the summer

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 classes all ages 7 p.m.
VBS, all ages June 22-July 27
(dinner 5 p.m., kids VBS 6-8 p.m., Adult VBS 6:30-7:45 p.m.)

Serving as Elders:

Gary Canup, Tom Fennell, Don Hall, Mike Lovelace, Don Nickens, Calvin Potts, and Pat Seamon.

Serving On Staff:

Linda Hounsshell, 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 6/5/11

Attendance

6th Grade-Adult Bible Classes: 113
 Children's Bible Classes: 28
Total Bible Classes: 141
 Auditorium Worship 234
 Spanish Worship: na
 Children's Worship/Nursery: 28
Total Worship Count: 262

Budget Items

Weekly Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11 \$ 9,798
 Contribution to Budget: \$10,064
 Contribution to Special Items: \$ 4,356
 YTD Budget (\$29,082)

Order of Worship

June 12, 2011

Worship Leader	Tyrone Carter
<i>Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah</i>	# 3
Welcome and announcements	Pat Seamon
<i>Holy Ground</i>	# 100
<i>Holy Ground</i>	# 101
<i>I Exalt Thee</i>	# 62
Opening Prayer	Jorge Lara
<i>In Gethsemane Alone</i>	
Communion/Offering	Ken Jones
<i>Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine</i>	# 427
<i>The Great Redeemer</i>	# 250
Scripture Reading <i>Luke 12:8; Rom. 10:9-10</i>	Ron Whelpley
Message "Confessing Christ Publicly"	Tom Fennell
<i>Nothing But the Blood</i>	# 902
Shepherd's Prayer	Tom Fennell
<i>Soon and Very Soon</i>	# 989

- + A/V Tech: Lindsey Tate
- + Service at Life Care of Melbourne, 9:30 a.m.: Tyrone Carter
- + Worship at Consulate, 2 p.m.: Tyrone Carter & Melbourne Family Singers

Worship Coordinators

Ken Jones/Mel Green/Cletis Diehl

Servers: Mike Wagner (RS)
 (June) Larry Frazier (RM)
 Chip Carothers (C)
 Paul Zima (LM)
 Alex Zima (LS)

Ushers: Ernie Punzalan (RS)
 (June) Ben Heuser (RM)
 Cletis Diehl (C)
 Ray Green (LM)
 Keefe Roman (LS)

Shepherd's Prayer (June): Tom Fennell

Serving Next Sunday, June 19

Song Leader: Tyrone Carter
 Opening Prayer: Nathan Myers
 Announcements: Pat Seamon
 Presiding: Mel Green
 Reading: Dave Stover
 Message: Steve Puckett

A/V Tech: Ray Green

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Fennell

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