



Melbourne  
Church of Christ  
*Where You Are Part of God's Family*  
June 19, 2011

**Wrong Living in Relationships**

*"Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.' And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.' Since they are no longer two but one, let no one split apart what God has joined together." (Matthew 19:4-6)*

*So God abandoned them to do whatever shameful things their hearts desired. As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. They traded the truth about God for a lie. So they worshiped and served the things God created instead of the Creator himself, who is worthy of eternal praise! Amen. That is why God abandoned them to their shameful desires. Even the women turned against the natural way to have sex and instead indulged in sex with each other. And the men, instead of having normal sexual relations with women, burned with lust for each other. Men did shameful things with other men, and as a result of this sin, they suffered within themselves the penalty they deserved. (Romans 1:24-27 NLT)*

*Don't you realize that those who do wrong will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Don't fool yourselves. Those who indulge in sexual sin, or who worship idols, or commit adultery, or are male prostitutes, or practice homosexuality, or are thieves, or greedy people, or drunkards, or are abusive, or cheat people—none of these will inherit the Kingdom of God. Some of you were once like that. But you were cleansed; you were made holy; you were made right with God by calling on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11 NLT-)*

We live in a world that so much wants to accept all people with whatever lifestyles they choose. Even as Christ followers, we know the evils of hate and judgmental attitudes. So where do we draw the line with relationships? Can we love and accept those who live in relationships that we don't believe are right? What about gay lifestyles, especially for those living with only one partner? What about those who live together, not married, but sexually faithful to each other, perhaps intending to get married one day?

I have said and written in previous articles and sermons that our Christ walk is driven by our love for God and our unselfish love for our neighbors. I believe that whatever views I hold on any issue are measured by these core attitudes of love. How I view others and how I treat others is guided by unselfish, God-centered love.

Today I will discuss the three texts above and how I believe that God's pattern for relationships is one man and one woman for life in a "one flesh" relationship. God's design and God's wisdom considers as wrong living or wrong doing when we partner in any other kinds of relationships that substitute for this one-man, one-woman relationship or when we break the one-man, one-woman relationships that have been created before God.

—Steve Puckett



*Happy Father's Day! We affirm the importance of good fathers on earth  
as we worship our perfect Father in heaven as his beloved children.*



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



6/13-26 **TORCH Trip to Honduras**

6/19: **Evening service at the church building has been cancelled for tonight -- 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")

7/4 **Church Office Closed** in observation of Independence Day

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!**



## Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

### Witness

*Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor." Matthew 11:4-5 (NIV)*

Jesus, before being called back to Heaven, told us to make disciples of the world. During Jesus' time on earth, he told us to love God and to love one another. Jesus has told us to spread the good news around the world. Through prayer and meditation I have discovered the best way to do this is to share my witness. I would like to tell you all the miracles Jesus accomplished, but Jesus has done a better job here in the book of Matthew; and in John it says these are but a mere few. A witness testifies to the facts he observes and hears. Jesus calls us to do just that – witness to what we have seen and heard. I like to share the life-changing events Jesus has made throughout my life.

We have all traveled different paths to get to the narrow road that is Jesus. Some have been blessed to start out on the narrow road and have never strayed; that is a beautiful witness. I have traveled a different path. I have been on and off the narrow path so many times it could be diagnosed as insanity. I have been sticking to the narrow path for some time now, living the life of a Christ follower.

I remember back in my late teens, when I was in the

U.S. Navy, crawling back to my ship because I was too drunk to walk on more than one occasion. I remember leaning against walls because I was too drunk to stand. I remember hurting my family and friends. I remember the lies, anger, insecurities, fear, guilt, shame and just plain disgust for who I had become. Even after years of sobriety, I remember slipping off the narrow path into a life of doing whatever made me happy. I was totally lost. How could God accept someone like me back into his family? This is a one-name answer, Jesus. This is the good news; through belief in Jesus I have been forgiven. Through the grace, love and mercy of Jesus' sacrifice, God has forgiven me and Jesus is preparing my eternal home with him. This is a short witness, but nonetheless, my testimony for today. I do not need a witness protection program; my protection comes from the witness itself.

Will you testify?

God Bless  
Ken Jones  
THS  
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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

### Elders Corner

*"And foreigners who bind themselves to the Lord to serve him, to love the name of the Lord, and to worship him, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."*

Isaiah 56:6-7 (NIV)

*On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple area and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: "'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching.*

Mark 11:15 – 18 (NIV)

The buying and selling of sacrifices was a common practice in Jesus' time. This practice had spilled over into the Gentile court in the temple. Gentiles were not allowed into the other areas and apparently the vendors were making it difficult for Gentiles to worship. Jesus cleared the Gentile court of vendors calling them "robbers." Robbers of what? Certainly not money, since this was the way the Jews bought their sacrifices. Jesus may have been referring to the fact that they were robbing Gentiles of a place to worship.

The temple in Jerusalem represented God's presence on earth to the Jews. In 1 Corinthians 3:16 – 17; 6:19, we read that God's presence dwells in the church today. What can we learn from Jesus' expression of anger toward those who didn't care about hurting, sinful, broken people and "unclean" Gentiles?

Gary Canup

## Children's Ministry Announcements

6/19 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.

6/22 Family Friendly Meal 5:00-6:00 PM

### Wild Wednesdays VBS (6:00-8:00 PM)

Each Wed. evening will be like a day of VBS. Pre-registration is suggested! Children entering Kindergarten through 6th grade are welcome to VBS. There will be nursery and Child Care for younger children whose parents are helping or attending the adult class.

6/12/2011

CW Contribution

\$54.00

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

### Attendance:

Sunday School (cradle roll-5th gr.)	36
Preschool Children's Worship	12
Elementary Children's Worship	30
Nursery	7

### Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

June 19, 2011

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

**Nursery:** Denise Carter/Bonita Potts

June 26, 2011

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

**Nursery:** Aileen Green/Pam Mason



## Food Pantry Report

*This past week, 108 visitors (316 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 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 6/12/11**

**Attendance**

6th Grade-Adult Bible Classes: 109  
 Children's Bible Classes: 36  
**Total Bible Classes: 145**  
 Auditorium Worship 227  
 Spanish Worship: na  
 Children's Worship/Nursery: 49  
**Total Worship Count: 276**

**Budget Items**

**Weekly Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11 \$ 9,798**  
 Contribution to Budget: \$ 6,724  
 Contribution to Special Items: \$ 915  
 YTD Budget (\$32,156)

**Order of Worship**

**June 19, 2011**

Worship Leader	Tyrone Carter
<i>Faith of Our Fathers</i>	# 754
Welcome and announcements	Pat Seamon
<i>Worthy Is the Lamb</i>	Slides
<i>Salvation Belongs to Our God</i>	Slides
Opening Prayer	Nathan Myers
<i>It's What the Lord Has Done in Me</i>	Slides
Communion/Offering	Mel Green
<i>Love One Another</i>	# 719
<i>How Sweet, How Heavenly</i>	# 709
Scripture Reading 1 Cor. 6:9-11	Dave Stover
Message "Relationships" cont.	Steve Puckett
<i>Nearer, Still Nearer</i>	# 478
Shepherd's Prayer	Tom Fennell
<i>The Greatest Commands</i>	# 448

+ A/V Tech: Ray Green  
 + Service at Life Care of Melbourne, 9:30 a.m.: Ken Jones

**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 26**

Song Leader: All/Praise Service  
 Opening Prayer: Robby Grassman  
 Announcements: Pat Seamon  
 Presiding: Don Hall  
 Reading: Steve Lindsey  
 Message: Steve Puckett

A/V Tech: Lindsey Tate

Shepherd's Prayer: Tom Fennell

+ Service at Life Care of Melb., 9:30 a.m.: Calvin Potts