



Where You Are Part of God's Family
July 3, 2011

Adult Bible Class Plan for July and August

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. (Psalm 119:105)

"Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it." (Luke 11:28)

And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is at work in you who believe. (1 Thessalonians 2:13)

On July 10, we will complete our study of the Sayings from the Cross. For the remainder of July, we will do a three-Sunday study of Relationships. The topics will be: Building a Foundation for Relationships, Relationship Destroyers, and Relationship Struggles. In this series, we will discuss God's plan for healthy, whole relationships. We will also address the various views that are commonly held in the world concerning relationships. For instance, what does God think about gay relationships and people living in sexual relationships before they get married? Our classes will provide an environment for discussion of this relevant topic.

On Sunday, August 7, we begin a study of *The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love with the God Jesus Knew*. This study is based on the book by James Bryan Smith. The focus of this series will be spiritual transformation. Each week we will practice one soul-training exercise to cultivate spiritual growth in your life. Each of us has a brain imprint that has developed through habits that often stunt our spiritual growth. For instance, the mundane things of life often push out the more important things. So instead of spending time in preparation for class on Sunday or spending time in devotion to grow my spiritual life, I may spend hours entertaining myself by watching TV or browsing Facebook. Most of us know the value of physical therapy or physical exercise to heal or grow our physical bodies. Soul training has the same effect on our spiritual person. I will ask you to do these things (knowing they will hurt a bit) so you can be spiritually healed where needed and grow in your spiritual life.

Additionally, in this study I want us to develop a community atmosphere to our classes and also outside of our classes. Each week in your class in groups of three or four, I will encourage your teacher to give you ten or fifteen minutes to discuss what you have learned from the soul-training exercise for that week. I believe that as you experience the power of small group interaction, you will feel more comfortable outside of class spending time together in small groups. I am confident that as we open our lives to the word of God and as we open our lives to each other, the Holy Spirit produces his best fruit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

—Steve Puckett



On Independence Day weekend, we thank God for the freedom to worship and hear Scripture proclaimed openly. We also pray for persecuted Christians around the world. We welcome each of you to worship. God loves you! We pray you'll experience God's love here today.



Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

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



- 7/3 **Worship at Indian River**, 2 p.m. w/Walter Pierce and Melbourne Family Singers
- 7/4 **Church Office Closed** in observation of Independence Day - have a safe & fun celebration!
- 7/6 **Wild Wednesdays PandaMania VBS - Not Just for Kids** - through 7/27 on Wed. nights. Dinner served from 5:30-6 p.m. (*note beginning time change*); kids' VBS from 6-8 p.m. ("PandaMania"); adult VBS 6:30-7:45 p.m. ("Reason for God" DVD series)
- 7/7 **Young At Heart** -- Breakfast at Bob Evans on Palm Bay Road at 9 a.m.
- 7/10 **Blood Drive** in our parking lot, 8:45 a.m. - approx. 1 p.m.
- 7/10 **Worship at Consulate**, 2 p.m. Speaker tba & Melbourne Family Singers
- 7/17 **Young At Heart**, lunch at Piccadilly in the Melbourne Square Mall after morning worship
- 7/17 **Bridal shower** for Wendi Wagner, 2 p.m. at the church building. She is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond
- 7/31 **Worship at Consulate**, 2 p.m. with Bill Pinch and Melbourne Family Singers



Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

Don't Touch That

No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will provide a way out so you can stand up under it. 1Corinthians 10:13 (NIV)

On reaching the place, he said to them, "Pray that you will not fall into temptation." Luke 22:40 (NIV)

As a child, temptation was what rebels were made of. How many times did your mom or dad tell you not to touch something? Okay, now, how many times did you touch it? Why did you touch it? Well, you and I had to find out why we shouldn't touch it. It seems like a simple enough thing. I can touch it, no one will know. I will know and that is called disobedience. This is early-stage disobedience -- having to touch what I was told not to touch, go where I was told not to go and do the things I was told not to do. If something wasn't tempting before, it sure was now that I couldn't touch it. What about the shiny things, the things that were bright and looked nice to touch, temptations one and all, but I was told not to touch.

When I was a teenager, my mother told me to be careful with alcohol because alcoholism ran in the family. She was actually telling me I shouldn't touch. I was tempted; everyone else was doing it and it looked like fun. Well, it was fun for awhile until it was no fun. I

stopped drinking in 1978 and for the first few months I remember there were times it was tempting to drink, but I did trust God and had faith, and he saw to it I didn't give in to the temptation.

What are the things that tempt you? What are the sins that are dressed up all shiny and touchable? What are the things you shouldn't go near and especially shouldn't touch? What are the things Satan is telling you are okay -- no one will know, no one will get hurt? Have you already given in? Is there still time? Are temptations still on the horizon? Through Jesus, we can be forgiven for the sins committed. Paul tells us we will not be tempted beyond what we can bear and God is with us. Jesus tells us to pray before we can be tempted. Either way, God is with us. It is kind of like God is on the offense and defense. Giving into temptation of a sin is sin. There is so much in the world calling out to us, tempting us and urging our attention. My mother's best advise, "Don't touch that."

God Bless
Ken Jones

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

On the Lighter Side....

Donald: "Marry me, darling. I know I haven't buckets of money like my friend, Dan, or a promising career like Dan, or Dan's good looks but I'm loyal and true and I love you."

Daisy: "I love you too, honey, but tell me a little more about Dan."

An elderly lady was escorting two little girls around a zoo. While they were looking at the storks, she told them the legend of how the birds were instrumental in bringing the newborn girls to their mothers. The children looked at each other in astonishment and one whispered to the other, "Don't you think maybe we better tell the old woman the truth?"

A police officer stopped a motorist for speeding, walked up to the window and said: "It's been a long day and my tour is almost over, so if you can give me a good excuse for your behavior, I'll let you go." The guy thinks for a few seconds and then says, "My wife ran away with a cop about a week ago. I thought you might be that officer trying to give her back." Laughing, the officer waved him on.

Psalm 126:2-3

² Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."
³ The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."

Bridal Shower!

*In Honor of Wendi Wagner
 Sunday, July 17, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
 Melbourne Church of Christ*

Wendi is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

*Wendi and Joel Kleppinger
 are planning an August 28
 wedding in Colorado*

Children's Ministry Announcements

7/3 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 Children's Worship following class.
 * Please pick up your children promptly after services.

7/6 Wed. PM - Family Friendly Meal 5:30-6:00 PM

Wild Wednesdays VBS (6:00-8:00 PM) Week 3
 Each Wed. evening will be like a day of VBS. 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.

6/26/2011

CW Contribution

\$75.00

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

Attendance:

Sunday School (cradle roll-5th gr.)	31
Preschool Children's Worship	9
Elementary Children's Worship	In aud./4th Sun.
Nursery	5

Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

July 3, 2011

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

Nursery: Aileen Green/Sophye Wimpee

July 10, 2011

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

Nursery: Angie Brown/Julie Ulmer



Food Pantry Report

This past week, 125 visitors (386 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:

Tom Fennell, Pastoral Care
Linda Hounscheil, 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 6/26/11

Attendance

6th Grade-Adult Bible Classes: 111
Children's Bible Classes: 31
Total Bible Classes: 142
Auditorium Worship: nc
Spanish Worship: na
Children's Worship/Nursery: 14
(4th Sun. - elementary age children were in auditorium)
Total Worship Count:

Budget Items

Weekly Budget 7/1/10-6/30/11 \$ 9,798
Contribution to Budget: \$ 9,463
Contribution to Special Items: \$ 212
YTD Budget (\$35,888)

Order of Worship
July 3, 2011

Worship Song Leader	Tyrone Carter
<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	57
Welcome & Announcements	Pat Seamon
<i>I Keep Falling in Love with Him</i>	148
<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	290
<i>Great Are You Lord</i>	<i>Overhead Slides</i>
Prayer	Mel Green
<i>Nailed to the Cross</i>	361
Communion/Offering	Jeff Crowe
<i>How Firm a Foundation</i>	457
<i>Footsteps of Jesus</i>	416
Scripture Reading <i>Matthew 11:25-30</i>	David Bradley
"Simple Faith"	Walter Pierce
<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>	679
Shepherd's Prayer	Don Hall
<i>Lord, Hold My Hand</i>	<i>Overhead Slides</i>

- + A/V Tech: Christa Pierce
- + Service at Life Care of Melbourne, 9:30 a.m.: David Bradley
- + Service at Indian River, 2:00 p.m.: Walter Pierce & Melbourne Singers

Worship Coordinators

Ken Jones/Mel Green/Cletis Diehl

Servers: Nick Kurtz (RS)
(July) John Gibson (RM)
Glen Wirsch (C)
Ron Whelpley (LM)
Jessie Hewett (LS)

Ushers: Desmond Hewett (RS)
(July) Dale Knowles (RM)
Harry Gayle (C)
Gary Davis (LM)
Taylor Neidlinger (LS)

Shepherd's Prayer (July): Don Hall

Serving Next Sunday, July 10

Song Leader: Tyrone Carter
Opening Prayer: Bill Pinch
Announcements: Pat Seamon
Presiding: Robert Bettis
Reading: Stephen Fennell
Message: Ken Jones

A/V Tech: Steve Lindsey

Shepherd's Prayer: Don Hall

- + Service at Life Care of Melb., 9:30 a.m.: Tyrone Carter
- + Service at Indian River, 2 p.m.: TBA & Melbourne Singers