



Melbourne  
Church of Christ  
*Where You Are Part of God's Family*  
July 31, 2011

What Are You Seeking?

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever. Therefore I do not run like a man running aimlessly; I do not fight like a man beating the air. No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize. (1 Corinthians 9:24-27)

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. (1 Timothy 4:7-8)

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. (John 14:26 & 16:13a)

And by him (Holy Spirit) we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. (Romans 8:15b-16)

I am confident that in every church building on every Sunday, there are those who are living lives of quiet desperation. They want to change something in their lives, but have tried many times and failed. Are you seeking to change? Do you want a heart filled with love and peace? Are you continually struggling with a person in your life that you need to forgive? Would you like to see your life through God's eyes? Have you begged God to change you, but nothing has happened?

A lot of us want to change, but we just don't know how. The sermons and classes we hear about changing lead to more frustration.

I want to suggest to you a strategy for changing your life that is driven, not by will power, but by the Holy Spirit. Over the next several weeks I want to introduce you to this strategy for transformation that includes four important elements: (1) changing the stories in your mind that have been developed over your lifetime that determine much of your behavior; (2) engaging in some new practices (soul training) that will help you to grow and mature just like a seasoned athlete; (3) reflecting and having conversations with others in our church family who are on the same path as you; and (4) opening your life to the conviction and direction of the Holy Spirit.

(Source for this article: *The Good and Beautiful God: Falling in Love With the God Jesus Knows* by James Bryan Smith)

—Steve Puckett



*"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24, KJV). Welcome, in the name of the One who created this day for our enjoyment and His glorification!*



## Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

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

- 7/31 Worship at Consulate, 2 p.m. with Bill Pinch and Melbourne Family Singers  
7/31 All-church Fellowship and TORCH Mission Trip Presentation, 5:30 p.m. Please bring finger foods - desserts will be provided  
8/2 Ladies Bible Class, 10:30 a.m. in the church office - all ladies welcome  
8/2 Co-ed Wedding shower for Bryant Seamon and Cameron Vollmer, 6:30 p.m. at the church building  
8/2 Men's 1st Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m. in the church office  
8/3 Family Dinner, 5:30 -6:15 pm. Classes for all ages will begin at 6:30. Video series in auditorium for adults.  
8/7 Worship at Indian River, 2 p.m. with Steve Heuser and Melbourne Family Singers  
8/13 MOceanside Devo @ the church building from 6 to 10 pm. Guys bring a drink or dessert, gals bring chips.  
8/14 CYF @ Holly Hill CoC. After church, we'll have lunch at the mall and then proceed to Holly Hill. We should return Sunday evening between 7 and 8 pm. Bring money for lunch. Dinner will be provided.  
8/14 Worship at Consulate, 2 p.m. with Glen Wirsch and Melbourne Family Singers  
9/2-4 Sonquest (see the announcement sheet for details)



## Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

### Jealousy Kills

*When the men were returning home after David had killed the Philistine, the women came out from the towns of Israel to meet King Saul with singing and dancing, with joyful songs and with tambourines and lutes. As they danced they sang: "Saul has slain thousands, and David his tens of thousands." Saul was very angry; this refrain galled him. "They have credited David with tens of thousands," he thought, but me only thousands. What more can he get but the kingdom." And from that time on Saul kept a jealous eye on David. 1 Samuel 18:6-8 (NIV)*

King Saul had treated David as a son up until this point. David and Jonathon had become friends beyond brothers. David had even married one of King Saul's daughters. Saul had loved David and David loved his God-appointed King. When Saul heard this song sung by his people, something snapped. He became enraged, angry and very jealous. Saul put out orders to kill David. Jonathon, Saul's son, warned David and David fled. To King Saul, David became his mortal enemy and war was declared on David. David never stopped loving his king and never wanted harm to come to King Saul. Jealousy on King Saul's part had killed his spirit and friendship and changed his direction in life. Jealousy had become King Saul's motivation and obsession. It cost him his life. In the end, King Saul fell on his own sword so that he would not become a mockery to the Philistines before they killed him.

King Saul lost all perspective after jealousy, anger and hatred became his obsessions. He wanted David dead, because of his jealousy. Saul's life was ruined, because of his jealousy. Coveting David's popularity among the people and living with that sin cost him everything. The appointed king of God had lost all focus. Have you ever been jealous? What has it cost you? I know in the past it has cost me

friends, focus and self-esteem. I have even resorted to spreading rumors about those I was jealous of. I don't say this proudly; it brings me shame. Trying to kill the reputation of another is like ordering the death of another. Have you ever been there?

Today, I am grateful for what God has given me. If someone has more than I do or is better at something than I am, God bless them. Jealousy is something I attempt to recoil from like a hot flame. There is no reason to be jealous; God has blessed me abundantly with all I need to do his will. If God wanted me to have more of anything, I would have it. If I need more of anything to do his will, God will provide it. Coveting others' looks, finances, stuff and fame is like saying, "God has not given me enough." It would be as if I'd known better than God. And we all know that is not true. Today I want to stay as far away as possible from jealousy. King Saul has taught me a very valuable lesson here. Today, I want to be grateful for all God has given me and all he has done for me and I want to sing praises to him and worship him.

God Bless  
Ken Jones  
THS<><

*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

### How's Your Wife

Randy and Dan hadn't seen each other for over a year. They bumped into each other after a football game.

Randy: "And, how is your wife?"

Dan: "My wife has gone to heaven."

Randy: "Oh, I'm so sorry." Then realizing that wasn't the appropriate response, he countered by saying, "I guess I mean, I'm glad." That didn't sound quite right either, so he said, "I mean, I'm so surprised!"

Sounds like Randy had the same problem as the Apostle Peter. Peter often spoke before thinking things through. I know I've done that, too.

### The Way They used to

Another thing they don't make like they used to is people who can fix'em like they used to!

### Experts

Overheard from a physician to a patient following surgery: "I had to remove one of your livers, but you'll be up and around in no time or I don't know my medicine."

### Weather Logic

Tourist: "What's that you have there?"

Old-Timer: "That there's a weather gauge."

Tourist: "How can you possibly tell the weather with a piece of rope?"

Old-Timer: "It's simple. When it swings back and forth, it's windy and when it gets wet, it's raining!"

Sounds like Mary and me. She watches the Weather Channel and I Look out the window.

Tom Fennell



## Co-Ed Wedding Shower

In Honor of  
Bryant Seamon and Cameron Vallmer  
Tuesday, August 2 at 6:30 p.m.  
Melbourne Church of Christ

Bryant and Cameron are registered at  
Bed, Bath & Beyond

## Children's Ministry Announcements

7/31 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. Our virtue this month is Perseverance.

\* Please pick up your children promptly after services.

8/3 Wed. PM - Family Friendly Meal 5:30 - 6:15 PM  
All children go to the Children's Worship Room during class time

7/24/2011

CW Contribution

\$20.00

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

### Attendance:

Sunday School (Cradle roll-5th grade)

Preschool Children's Worship

Elementary Children's Worship

### Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

July 31, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Pam Mason/Irene Mann/Benjamin Heuser

Nursery: Stacy Green/Melissa Webber

Aug. 7, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Stacy Carter/Alex Heuser

Nursery: Vivian Lara/Mary Parker



## Food Pantry Report

*This past week, 103 visitors (290 in families) were served with food through our food pantry!*

Donations of non-perishable items (*special need for cereal at this time!*) or money to purchase them are always welcome and appreciated! Thank you to Bob Eckelberry, Lorraine Prieto, and our dedicated staff of volunteers, and to all who continue to support our pantry in any way! Back-up 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.*

**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 7/24/11**

**Attendance**

6th Grade-Adult Bible Classes:  
Children's Bible Classes:  
**Total Bible Classes:**  
Auditorium Worship 262  
Children's Worship/Nursery:  
(No elem. CW - 4th Sun.)  
**Total Worship Count:**

**Budget Items**

**Weekly Budget 7/1/11-6/30/12 \$ 9,784**  
**Contribution to Budget: \$ 6,723**  
**Contribution to Special Items: \$ 90**  
**YTD Over/Short: (\$2,816)**

**Order of Worship**  
**July 31, 2011**

Worship Song Leader	Walter Pierce
<i>Shine Jesus Shine</i>	290
Welcome & Announcements	Pat Seamon
<i>The Steadfast Love of the Lord</i>	123
<i>O Lord You're Beautiful</i>	275
<i>Just a Little Talk With Jesus</i>	959
Prayer	Jesse Parks
<i>He Bore It All</i>	351
Communion/Offering	Mike Lovelace
<i>O Love that Will Not Let Me Go</i>	48
<i>Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)</i>	Slides
Scripture Reading <i>1 Corinthians 9:24-27</i>	Matt Provonsil
What Are You Seeking?	Steve Puckett
<i>God is So Good</i>	83
Shepherd's Prayer	Don Hall
<i>Mighty to Save</i>	Slides

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

**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, Aug. 7**

Song Leader: Tyrone Carter  
Announcements: Pat Seamon  
Opening Prayer: Steve Lindsey  
Presiding: Ray Green  
Reading: Jorge Lara  
Message: Steve Puckett

Shepherd's Prayer: Mike Lovelace

A/V Tech: Ray Green

- + Service at Life Care of Melb., 9:30 a.m.: David Bradley
- + Service at Indian River, 2 p.m.: Steve Heuser and Melbourne Family Singers