



Melbourne
C h u r c h o f C h r i s t
Where You Are Part of God's Family
August 7, 2011

God Is Good

"Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, obey the commandments." (Matthew 19:17)

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

"Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the work of God might be displayed in his life. As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

Having said this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. "Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means Sent). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. (John 9:1-7)

I want to know the God that Jesus knows, don't you? Some of us grew up with the false story about God that if you do well, you will be blessed, but if you sin, you will be punished. Certainly sins have their consequences and living by God's standards does bring some blessings. But this is not a healthy way to view God or your Christ following life. Some very devoted Christ followers have great tragedies in their lives even though they are living pure lives before God. At the same time, some very wicked people are being blessed even though they have no regard for God or who he is. For the moment, God's goodness brings blessings to people who follow him and those who don't (Matthew 5:45).

But it is not a healthy story to follow which says, "I will be blessed or prosper if I do good, and I will be suffer or be punished if I do bad." It's certainly not a long-term motivation for following God.

Psalm 145:17 states, "The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made." As long as we are in our current mortal life situation, we cannot explain the good and evil that occurs to us in such a simplistic formula as "good happens to those who are good and evil happens to those who are evil."

However, the Psalmist does make it clear that eventually those who are evil will be destroyed (Psalm 145:20).

We don't follow God because we think he will punish us if we don't follow him and do what he says, but we follow God because we know that he is good and that he will take care of us whether evil or good comes to us. Jesus encourages us with these words, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33b). Neither will God condemn us or bar us from Heaven because we make mistakes along the way (Romans 8:1).

—Steve Puckett



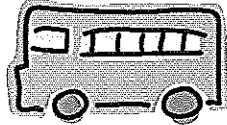
*On this summer day, we welcome you to worship.
Let us join our hearts and voices in praise and thanks to God!*



Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

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

- 8/7 **Worship at Indian River**, 2 p.m. with Steve Heuser and Melbourne Family Singers
- 8/9 **Ladies Bible Class**, 10:30 a.m. in the church office - all ladies welcome
- 8/10 **Family Dinner**, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Classes for children, and video series in auditorium for adults will begin at 6:30.
- 8/13 **MOceanside Devo @ the church building** from 6 to 10 p.m. Guys bring a drink or dessert, gals bring chips.
- 8/14 **Promotion Sunday** - all children will move to new classes
- 8/14 **Teens CYF @ Holly Hill C of C**
- 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

My Prison

The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Acts 12:6-7 (NIV)

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" Acts 16:25-28 (NIV)

I have never been arrested but I have been in prison. I have been in the prison of emotional pain. I have also been in the prison of spiritual torment brought on by sin. The walls of this prison are thick, the bars are like titanium and the guards are ferocious. In this self-imposed prison, I see no way out. It is a dark and dank place. The fear and loneliness of isolation is paralyzing. I cry out but I see no one who can help me.

Have you ever been in such a place? Do you know the walls? Do you know the bars? Do you know the fear? Do you know the isolation? Do you know the darkness? Do you know the desperation? Do you know the paralysis? Do you know someone who

does? Well, the doors are locked and we see no way out. Sin has us crippled and imprisoned; we sit on death row and in the dark. Dark is a scary place.

Well, there is a way out though and Jesus has the key. Jesus turns on the lights. Jesus melts away fear through faith in him. Our loving Father has sent Jesus to set us free from the prison and darkness of sin. God sends Angels who cause earthquakes. God sends Angels to knock down the walls, tear down the bars, scare the guards and removes the shackles that bind us. Don't wait another day; amnesty through Jesus is yours for the asking. Jesus is the key that can set you free. God has and continues to do what it takes to restore your freedom and faith. The door is , the walls are knocked down, come into God's light a free person. Sin has been beaten, the prison of sin has been removed, so come on out – be free.

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

Son, Remember Who You Are

The story is told of a young man leaving home for the first time. There was so much that the boy's parents wanted to say to him in the way of admonition, warning & advice – where not to go and what not to do; who not to associate with, etc. Their hearts overflowed with advice, but somehow the words wouldn't come. The boy started to leave. He walked through the front gate and then looked back. At this point his mother, with tears in her eyes and a lump in her throat managed to say, "Son, remember who you are." This pretty well summed it all up, didn't it? These five words adequately conveyed to that young man all the things his mother wanted to say but couldn't.

By remembering his upbringing (his teaching and training) he would continue to be good, honest and decent. Remembering his family would cause him to be respectable and upright. He would do nothing to tarnish the family name, his character or reputation. Jesus, our example, conducted himself as though the Father had said, "Son, remember who you are."

He always did the things pleasing to his Father (Mark 14:36). His desire was to do the Father's will and accomplish his work (John 4:34). Even though he was tempted, he did no sin (Heb. 4:15). He suffered abuses without retaliation (1 Peter 2:21-23). He had a mission to accomplish and he never forgot it. (Luke 19:10).

As children of God, our Heavenly Father wants us to do some remembering. There are several things we need to remember. My bulletin articles this month will deal with some of these things which we need to remember. Next week we will touch on remembrance through the Lord's Supper, and discuss "God says, 'Son, remember who you are and be faithful.'"

(cont. next week)

Don Hall

*God has led two lives
To take one path
Wendi Suzanne Wagner
and*

*Joel Kleppinger
Together with their families
Invite you to share in the joy
Of their marriage*

*On Sunday, the twenty-eighth of August
Two thousand and eleven
At ten-thirty in the morning
On the summit of Dercum Mountain
Keystone, Colorado*

*Reception Luncheon will follow
Please RSVP at
www.joelwendiwedding.com*

Children's Ministry Announcements

8/7 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 Grace.

* Please pick up your children promptly after services.

8/10 Wed. PM - Family-Friendly Meal 5:30 - 6:15 PM; Classes at 6:30 PM All children go to the Children's Worship Room during class time.

+ Promotion Sunday will be August 14th. All children will move to their new classes.

7/31/2011

CW Contribution

\$51.00

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

Attendance:

Sunday School (Cradle roll-5th grade)	47
Preschool Children's Worship	13
Elementary Children's Worship	25
Nursery	4

Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

Aug. 7, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Stacy Carter/Alex Heuser

Nursery: Vivian Lara/Mary Parker

Aug. 14, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Melissa Webber/Mary Parker/Callie Heuser

Nursery: Aileen Green/Julie Ulmer



Food Pantry Report

This past week, 132 visitors (406 in families) were served with food through our food pantry!

Donations of non-perishable items (*there is always a special need for cereal!*) 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
 (During Aug.)

Dinner 5:30 p.m.
 Classes for all ages 6:30 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 Hounshell, 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 7/31/11

Attendance

6th Grade-Adult Bible Classes: 126
 Children's Bible Classes: 47
Total Bible Classes: 173
 Auditorium Worship 215
 Children's Worship/Nursery: 42
Total Worship Count: 257

Budget Items

Weekly Budget 7/1/11-6/30/12 \$ 9,784
 Contribution to Budget: \$10,282
 Contribution to Special Items: \$ 699
 YTD Over/Short: (\$2,318)

Order of Worship
August 7, 2011

Worship Song Leader	Tyrone Carter
<i>A Wonderful Savior Is Jesus My Lord</i>	508
Welcome & Announcements	Pat Seamon
Shepherd's Prayer	Mike Lovelace
<i>Soldiers of Christ, Arise</i>	647
<i>You Are My All in All</i>	484
<i>I Exalt Thee</i>	62
<i>When I Survey the Wondrous Cross</i>	315
Communion/Offering	Gary Canup
<i>You Have Been Good</i>	Slides
<i>God Is So Good</i>	83
Scripture Reading <i>Matthew 19:17 and John 9:1-7</i>	Tom Tate
Message "God Is Good"	Steve Puckett
<i>Break My Heart</i>	Slides
Closing Prayer	Ken Jones
<i>Just Over in the Glory Land</i>	Slides

- + A/V Tech: Ray Green
- + Service at Life Care of Melbourne, 9:30 a.m.: David Bradley
- + Service at Indian River, 2 p.m.: Steve Heuser & Melbourne Family Singers

Worship Coordinators

Ken Jones/Mel Green/Cletis Diehl

Servers: Jesse Parks (RS)
 (Aug.) Austin Diehl (RM)
 Carl Higginbotham (C)
 Doug Hoffman (LM)
 Ian Hames (LS)

Ushers: Jonathon Finlayson (RS)
 (Aug.) Robby Grassman (RM)
 Bob Eckelberry (C)
 John Hames (LM)
 Norris Bottomlee (LS)

Shepherd's Prayer (Aug.): Mike Lovelace

Serving Next Sunday, Aug. 14

Song Leader: Walter Pierce
 Announcements: Pat Seamon
 Shepherd's Prayer: Mike Lovelace
 Presiding: Paul Zima
 Reading: Austin Diehl
 Message: Steve Puckett
 Prayer: Cletis Diehl

A/V Tech: Rich Mason

- + Service at Life Care of Melb., 9:30 a.m.: Tyrone Carter
- + Service at Consulate, 2 p.m.: Glen Wirsch and Melbourne Family Singers