



Melbourne

Church of Christ

Where You Are Part of God's Family

August 14, 2011

God is a Trustworthy Father

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him." (Luke 10:22)

"Abba, Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." (Mark 14:36)

"This, then, is how you should pray: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one." (Matthew 6:9-13)

I want to know the Abba Father that Jesus knows, don't you? I understand that all of us have imperfect ideas of "father." Some of us had very bad experiences with our own fathers. So, just like with the goodness of God, we need to allow Jesus to share with us his story about our Abba Father.

In Aramaic, "Abbā" and its feminine equivalent "immā" were originally words used by little children for their fathers and mothers. However, over time, grown children and adult sons and daughters began to use these terms for their parents. Probably the best equivalent in English would be something like "dear father" or "dear mother." This term shows the emotional and trust connection between children and their parents.

When Jesus used the phrase "Abba Father" in his prayer in the garden before his crucifixion, he revealed this same emotional and trust connection between him and the heavenly Father. He was not simply using a childish term for God, but a term of familiarity that showed his relationship to the Father, a relationship of deep trust. The huge tears that Jesus cried while talking to his Abba Father reveal the strong emotions that he felt about his situation and they also reveal the deep trust relationship he had with the heavenly Father. He knew he could tell his "Dear Father" anything and he would hear him with love and compassion.

Similarly, as children of the heavenly father, we need to include in our story the understanding of God as "Dear Father." Whatever your experience was like with your biological or earthly father, you can be sure that God is someone you can trust and who will always look out for your best interest. When you completely trust someone, doing what that person asks of you becomes second nature. When Jesus prayed "not what I will, but what you will," he was not reciting some memorized prayer formula; rather, he shows us that complete trust means the ability to place yourself under another's authority and allow that person to look out for your best interest. Without this "Dear Father" relationship, Jesus never could have endured the cross and he certainly never could have been glorified. Neither can we make it through the pain and suffering of this world and one day be glorified without our "Dear Father."

—Steve Puckett



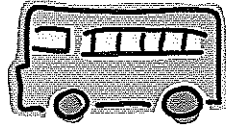
It is our goal to be the family of God. Therefore, we encourage everyone to welcome and greet warmly all who worship in this God's presence.



Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

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

- 8/14 Promotion Sunday - all children will move to new classes
- 8/14 Teens CYF @ Holly Hill C of C (see the announcement sheet for details)
- 8/14 Worship at Consulate, 2 p.m. - Glen Wirsch and Melbourne Family Singers
- 8/16 Ladies Bible Class, 10:30 a.m. in the church office - all ladies welcome
- 8/17 Family Dinner, 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. Classes for children, and video series (week 2) in auditorium for adults at 6:30 p.m..
- 9/2-4 SonQuest (see the announcement sheet for details)
- 9/4 Worship at Indian River, 2 p.m. - Paul Zima and Melbourne Family Singers
- 9/5 Labor Day Holiday - church office closed
- 9/6 Ladies Bible Class/Lunch, 10 a.m. in the church office
- 10/15 Ladies' Day at Florida Ave. C of C



Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

You Ain't Seen Nuthin' Yet

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathaniel asked. "Come and see," said Phillip. When Jesus saw Nathaniel approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false." "How do you know me?" Nathaniel asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Phillip called you." Then Nathaniel declared, "Rabbi you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man." John 1:46-50 (NIV)

One minute Phillip was telling Nathaniel that he had met the Son of God and Nathaniel was excited. Then Nathaniel asked where the man was from and was told "Nazareth." You would think Nazareth was the armpit of the world based on Nathaniel's reply, "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Then Jesus introduces himself and totally amazes Nathaniel. Nathaniel then recognizes Jesus as the Messiah, the Christ, and the Son of God. Jesus said, "You think that's good, you ain't seen nuthin' yet." Well, that's not quite what he said. Nathaniel, Phillip, the rest of the Apostles and the entire world were in for spectacles they had never seen or experienced before.

When I truly accepted Jesus into my life as Savior, Messiah, Christ, Lord and Son of God, my life was turned right side up. I had known of Jesus, but for the

first time was introduced to the man from Nazareth. I was amazed at the love, mercy and grace of Jesus and of our Heavenly Father. I was baptized that very day and began confessing and repenting of my sins. My life was immediately changed. Do you know what I have learned? It is as though a quiet voice is telling me. "You ain't seen nuthin' yet." As Nathaniel believed, I now believe and put my life in Jesus and Jesus in my life. Jesus knows me and all about me.

Since meeting the man from Nazareth, I have had the ride of my life. I have seen and done things I thought I would never see or do. When I look back at some of these moments, I sometimes wonder, where did that come from? As I continue in ministry for God, I am given all the talents, skills and tools that I need to do the will of God. But wait, there is more. There are eternal rewards -- the majestic call home from Jesus, our home in heaven, the face of Jesus and the face of God are still to come. So if you think life is good now, you ain't seen nuthin' yet.

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 - church office, 723.8233 or cell, 501.2014.*

Family News and Notes



Shepherd's Corner

(Remember Who You Are, Cont. from 8/7/11)

Peter pointed out the need for remembering (II Peter 1:12-15). The Lord's Supper was instituted to keep us in remembrance of Christ. We are all prone to forget—we need reminders.

To the brethren at Corinth, Paul wrote: "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: and when he had given thanks, he brake it and said, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.' After the same manner also he took the cup when he had supped, saying, 'This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me'" (1 Cor. 11:23-25)

God says, "Son, remember who you are and be faithful." By God's grace we are what we are -- by his grace we were saved from our past sins -- there was nothing we could do to merit salvation. How indebted we are to God. We can repay some of this indebtedness through Christian faithfulness. There are numerous exhortations to faithfulness: (Gal. 6:9; Rev. 2:10; Matt. 10:22; 1 Cor. 15:58). Obviously, those who are unfaithful -- careless and indifferent -- have forgotten who they are. How can we remember who we are -- children of God -- without being faithful?

God Says, "Son, remember that you are a debtor." We have a responsibility to save others (Mark 16:15; Matt. 28:29-20.). We have been saved to save others. This responsibility has been given to all Christians. Paul recognized his indebtedness to the lost (Rom. 1:14-15). We are all debtors to God for his love, mercy, grace and for sending his son. We are all debtors to Christ for his love, concern and death for us. He took our place -- he died in our place -- we are indebted to those who taught us the saving truth -- we are indebted to our parents for their care and provision for us. (If they are not Christians, what better way is there to repay them than to introduce them to Christ and his saving gospel.)

Yes, we have an obligation to the many lost people about us. We can begin where we are, watch for opportunities. The mission of Christ was to save the lost (Luke 19:10; 1 Tim. 1:15). This should be our mission too! If we remember who we are, we will not forget our obligation to the lost, nor will we neglect it.

Don Hall
(cont. next week)

Children's Ministry Announcements

8/14 Promotion Sunday will be today, Aug. 14th. All children will move to their new classes.

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.

8/17 Wed. PM - Family-Friendly Meal 5:30 - 6:15 PM. All children go to the Children's Worship Room at 6:30 PM. Our theme this month is Jesus of Nazareth.

8/7/2011

CW Contribution

\$45.00

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

Attendance:

Sunday School (Cradle roll-5th grade)	27
Preschool-Elementary Children's Worship	25
Nursery	5

Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

Aug. 14, 2011

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

Nursery: Aileen Green/Julie Ulmer

Aug. 21, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Debbie Lovelace/Jenelle Hansen/Benjamin Heuser

Nursery: Denise Carter/Cindy Puckett



Food Pantry Report

This past week, 126 visitors (389 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 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 8/7/11

Attendance

6th Grade-Adult Bible Classes: 99
Children's Bible Classes: 27
Total Bible Classes: 126
Auditorium Worship 220
Children's Worship/Nursery: 25
Total Worship Count:

Budget Items

Weekly Budget 7/1/11-6/30/12 \$ 9,784
Contribution to Budget: \$11,165
Contribution to Special Items: \$ 447
YTD Over/Short: (\$ 937)

Order of Worship
August 14, 2011

Worship Song Leader	Walter Pierce
<i>Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty</i>	72
Welcome & Announcements	Pat Seamon
Shepherd's Prayer	Mike Lovelace
<i>How Great Thou Art</i>	76
<i>As the Deer</i>	71
<i>Great is Their Faithfulness</i>	57
<i>Years I Spent in Vanity</i>	381
Communion/Offering	Paul Zima
<i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>	202
<i>I Stand in Awe</i>	96
Scripture Reading <i>Matt. 6:9-13; Mark 14:32-36</i>	Austin Diehl
Message "God is a Trustworthy Father"	Steve Puckett
<i>Father, I Adore You</i>	53
Closing Prayer	Cletis Diehl
<i>Awesome God</i>	38

- + A/V Tech: Rich Mason
- + Service at Life Care of Melbourne, 9:30 a.m.: Tyrone Carter
- + Service at Indian River, 2 p.m.: Glen Wirsch & 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. 21

Song Leader: Josh McGough
Announcements: Pat Seamon
Shepherd's Prayer: Mike Lovelace
Presiding: Jorge Lara
Reading: Robert Lindsey
Message: Steve Puckett
Closing Prayer: Donny Canup

A/V Tech: Rich Mason

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