



Melbourne
Church of Christ
Where You Are Part of God's Family
September 4, 2011

God Is Holy

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. And they were calling to one another:

"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." (Isaiah 6:1-5)

Each of the four living creatures had six wings and was covered with eyes all around, even under his wings. Day and night they never stop saying:

"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." (Revelation 4:8)

A. W. Tozer said in his book, *Knowledge of the Holy*, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." God confronts the wicked in Psalms 50:21 and says, "... you thought I was altogether like you." Many of us think of God in terms of what we know through our own experiences. Our definitions of God originate with us. I always shudder when I hear some Bible teacher or theologian say, "God cannot . . ." or "Because of his nature, God must . . ." These expressions put us in God's place and have us wrongly speaking in his place.

I suggest that when you think of God, one word should immediately come to your mind – holy. One reason many of us do not think or speak of God as holy is what it reveals about us or how it makes us feel. Isaiah 6 is an example. When Isaiah stands toe to toe with God, all he can think or feel is how sinful and impure he is. No one measures up or can stand in the presence of a holy God. (This one fact should surely cause us to praise God every day for making us holy through Jesus' sacrifice!)

When you truly see and acknowledge God as holy, you are changed. You cannot remain the same. If you do, you will be destroyed. Isaiah could only utter one response to God's holiness. "I am ruined. I am unclean." On the other hand, when you belong to God, when God, through Jesus, welcomes you into his presence, your only response is, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty."

When holiness is your first thought about God, your awe and respect for God is increased exponentially. God has been greatly diminished in our time. We think of him in every term, but holy. We will do ourselves a great service and bless the generations to come if we restore God to his rightful place as the one and only holy God. May He be praised!

—Steve Puckett



*Welcome to worship on this Labor Day weekend.
We're pleased that you have joined us as fellow workers in God's kingdom.*



Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

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

- 9/2-4 Youth to SonQuest, returning around noon on 9/4
9/4 Worship at Indian River, 2 p.m. - Paul Zima (speaking) & Melbourne Family Singers
9/5 Labor Day - Church office closed
9/6 Ladies Bible Class/Lunch, 10:30 a.m. in the church office - all ladies welcome
9/6 Men's 1st Tuesday Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m. in the church office
9/9 Young At Heart, lunch at Makotos, 11:30 a.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board by 9/7
9/11 Worship at Consulate, 2 p.m. - Don Hall & Melbourne Family Singers
9/18 Blood Drive, 8:15 a.m.-1 p.m., north side of our parking lot
9/18 Teen Parents Meeting with Walter, after morning service; lunch provided, but donations welcome
9/18 Young At Heart, lunch at Piccadilly in the Melbourne Square Mall
9/25 All-church Fellowship, 5:30 p.m.
10/15 Ladies Day at Florida Ave. C of C
11/3-6 16th Annual South FL Lectureship, Palm Beach Lakes C of C, Palm Beach Gardens



Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

Coming Back!

So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. Luke 15:20 (NIV)

Some time ago, I was talking about the prodigal son with a friend who had strayed. This person was quite upset and wondered if God would take them back. If you have ever read anything I have written before, you know I compare myself with the prodigal son often and even am convinced I am the modern-day prodigal son. We also talked about the lost sheep and the lost coin. We discussed how everything else was stopped while the lost sheep and lost coin were looked for. Looking for the lost is essential and a priority for God.

What I love about the story of the prodigal or lost son is where it says; "while the son was far off his father saw him and went running to him." This son had squandered the inheritance his father had given him. This son left his father and wanted no more part of him. This son had pretty much told his father he was dead to him. But when the son returned home in disgrace and with his tail between his legs, his father wasn't ready with a lecture. His father was not sitting with anger and resentment toward his son. This father that Jesus describes is compared to God himself. Jesus tells us this father ran to his son. He didn't wait, he didn't walk, he ran. When he got to the boy, he was probably out of breath, tears in his eyes, and he threw his arms around his son and kissed him. He said my son was dead and now he is alive to me again.

What love this father demonstrated, and this is the love that God has for us who return. In the story of the lost coin and lost sheep, everything stops except looking for that lost sheep and lost coin. Again Jesus compares the lost to us and the one who finds is God. When he finds us and brings us back, it is time for a party; it is a joyful occasion. Jesus also says in Luke 15:10 (NIV): "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Jesus also tells us this very same thing in verse 7 when he says, "there will be more rejoicing in heaven for the return of one lost sinner than ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." Is there something you have been putting off telling God? Do you need to confess and repent? Have you strayed? Has it been awhile? Are you afraid to come to God with some sin, thinking he will never forgive you? Do you feel like you have exhausted all of your chances with God? Start walking toward God and keep your eyes ahead of you. God may just run into you as he runs for you to throw his arms around you and give you a kiss and a hearty welcome home.

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

Labor of Love

Col. 3:23 Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men...

During Labor Day weekend worship, many congregations recognize members of various occupations. From painting to parenting, from truck driving to teaching, from farming to pharmaceutical research, work is honored as holy.

Some might believe that certain jobs – elder, minister, missionary – are holier than others. But in his classic book *The Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence, a 17th-century Carmelite monk, tells of performing even the most common, tedious tasks as holy service to God: "I turn the cake that is frying on the pan for love of [God]," he wrote. "It is enough for me to pick up but a straw from the ground for the love of God."

No matter your field of work, remember that any task done in God's name and to his glory is holy.

The Wind and the Sun

Aesop told the story about the Wind and the Sun, who were disputing which of them was stronger. After a while they saw a traveler hiking down the road.

"I see a way to decide who's strongest," said the Sun. "Whoever can make that traveler take off his coat the quickest will be the winner. You can even go first."

The Sun ducked behind a cloud, while the Wind began to blow mighty blasts of air at the traveler. But the harder the Wind blew, the closer the traveler pulled his cloak around himself. Finally, the Wind gave up in despair.

The Sun came out from behind the clouds and smiled down on the traveler. Feeling the gentle rays, the man soon found it too hot to walk with his cloak on. He felt so warm that he took off one garment after another, and then bathed in a nearby stream.

The Sun knew that warmth, friendliness and a gentle touch are always stronger than fury and force.

Clean Slate

One of the best things about heading back to school is the chance for a fresh start. A new year, new teachers, perhaps even a new school, offer students the opportunity to try a little harder and do a little better than the year before.

Praise God that He allows us to always start over. Jeremiah writes that the Lord's mercies "are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:23a). With God's help we can begin each day with a clean slate and a new attitude, determined to make some changes for the better.

Children's Ministry Announcements

9/4 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 grade) will worship with their families in the auditorium today (4th Sunday) Our virtue this month is Knowledge
* Please pick up your children promptly after services.

9/7 Wed. PM - Family-Friendly Meal 5:30 - 6:15 PM; Classes at 6:30 PM All children age 3 years-5th grade go to the Children's Worship Room (nursery is provided for younger children). Our theme is Jesus of Nazareth.

8/28/2011

CW Contribution \$10.00

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

Attendance:

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| Sunday School (Cradle roll-5th grade) | 33 |
| Preschool Children's Worship | 10 |
| Elementary Children's Worship (4th Sun.) | na |
| Nursery | 4 |

Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

Sept. 4, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Mary Tomlinson/Rita Hewett/Alex Heuser

Nursery: Vivian Lara/Wanda Curington

Sept. 11, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Bonita Potts/Juliette Adams/Callie Heuser

Nursery: Stacy Green/Melissa Webber



Food Pantry Report

This past week, 141 families (467 individuals) 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, Stephen Fennell 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 - see list below or contact Ken Jones)
 4th Sun. all-church fellowship, 5:30 p.m.
 2nd Sun. TORCH fundraiser pancake breakfasts will resume in Oct.

Tuesday

Ladies' Bible Class 10:30 a.m.
 In the church office
 Men's Prayer Meeting 1st Tues. 7 p.m.
 In the church office

Wednesday

Classes for all ages 6:30 p.m.
**** Care Groups:**
 Don Nickens (795-4223); Calvin Potts (725-4679); Gary Canup (952-0558); Bob Eckelberry (984-3927); Walter Pierce (327-3684); Steve Puckett (432-9932);

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 8/28/11

Attendance

6th Grade-Adult Bible Classes: 117
 (incomplete count)
 Children's Bible Classes: 33
Total Bible Classes: 150
 Auditorium Worship: 245
 Children's Worship/Nursery: 14
 (4th Sun.)
Total Worship Count: 259

Budget Items

Weekly Budget 7/1/11-6/30/12 \$ 9,784
 Contribution to Budget: \$ 7,477
 Contribution to Special Items: \$ 1,467
 YTD Over/Short: (\$ 4,228)

**Order of Worship
 September 4, 2011**

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| Worship Leader | Tyrone Carter |
| <i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> | 47 |
| Welcome/Announcements | Pat Seamon |
| <i>There Is a Redeemer/We Cry Holy, Holy, Holy</i> | Overhead Slides |
| <i>Prince of Peace</i> | Overhead Slides |
| Shepherd's Prayer | Calvin Potts |
| <i>Oh, The Depth and the Riches</i> | 375 |
| Lord's Supper/Offering | Pat Seamon |
| <i>Give Thanks</i> | 68 |
| <i>I Stand in Awe</i> | 96 |
| Scripture Reading <i>Isaiah 6:1-7</i> | Benjamin Heuser |
| Sermon Message "God Is Holy" | Steve Puckett |
| <i>Sinner Jesus Will Receive</i> | 935 |
| Closing Prayer | Rob Ellison |
| <i>We Will Glorify</i> | 578 |

+ A/V Tech: Rich Mason
 + Service at Life Care of Melbourne, 9:30 a.m.: Tyrone Carter

Worship Coordinators

Ken Jones/Mel Green/Cletis Diehl

Servers: Taylor Neidlinger (RS)
 (Sept.) Eulice Curington (RM)
 Chip Carothers (C)
 Jorge Lara (LM)
 Alex Heuser (LS)

Ushers: Keefe Roman (RS)
 (Sept.) Dave Stover (RM)
 John Hounschell (C)
 Hedison Mui (LM)
 Andrew Zima (LS)

Shepherd's Prayer (Sept.): Calvin Potts

Serving Next Sunday, Sept. 11

Song Leader: Walter Pierce
 Announcements: Pat Seamon
 Shepherd's Prayer: Calvin Potts
 Presiding: Don Hall
 Reading: Dave Carpenter
 Message: Steve Puckett
 Closing Prayer: Bob Eckelberry

A/V Tech: Ray Green

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