



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

October 9, 2011

The Good and Beautiful Life

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash. (Matthew 7:24-27)

On August 24, 1992, Hurricane Andrew struck the coast of Florida. Andrew was only the third category 5 hurricane to hit the United States and created billions of dollars in repairs. I spent about a week and a half in South Miami in the days following the hurricane. I remember being overwhelmed at the damage of such a storm. Everything in its path was leveled, except for steel reinforced concrete. Many of the houses that were damaged had been built to inferior codes. After Andrew, the state of Florida changed both the strictness of building codes and the enforcement of those codes. Hurricanes teach you that storm preparation is serious business.

In Matthew 7, Jesus has some wise words for storm preparation. When the storm comes, it is too late to prepare. According to Jesus, a good and beautiful life begins with hearing his words and putting them into practice. In Matthew 5-7, Jesus offers powerful words for shaping and growing a good and beautiful life. Over the next three months, we will examine those words and seek to strengthen our souls for good and beautiful living.

One of the central lessons we will learn is that the key to living a vibrant life is abiding in Jesus. Peace and joy, qualities that are more inward than outward, only come from a life that is totally dependent on God and sustained through Jesus and the Spirit.

Take a few moments today or this week to pray and reflect on this Scripture prayer from John 15:5-8 (NRSV).

“Lord, I know that you are the vine, and that your people are the branches. Help me abide in you so that I can bear much fruit. I know that apart from you I can do nothing. Keep me in you, Lord. Don’t let me become a withered branch. Keep me from self-destruction. I want to live in you, Lord, and I want your words to abide in me, so that you will take care of me and answer my prayers. May I bear much fruit and grow as your disciple so that my Father may be glorified by my life. Lord, I am thankful that you love me as the Father loves you. I seek to abide in your love. May I walk in your commandments so that I can abide in your love, just as you have kept the Father’s commandments and abide in his love. May your joy be in me and may that joy be complete. Through your name, I pray, amen.”

—Steve Puckett



*Welcome to our worship! May your soul be restored; may your cup overflow;
may you experience God's goodness and mercy (Psalm 23).*



Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

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

- 10/9 **Worship at Consulate**, 2 p.m. with Stephen Fennell (speaking) and Melbourne Family Singers
- 10/11 **Ladies Bible Class** (ladies of all ages welcome!), 10:30 a.m. in the church office
- 10/12 **Wed. Night Schedule** - Pizza, salad, & dessert, 5:30 p.m. "Walking with God in the Desert" DVD for adults, and classes for kids and teens, 6:30 p.m. Nursery is also available.
- 10/16 **Youth Lunch and separate Parent's Lunch** - See announcement sheet for details.
- 10/22 **Youth Service Project and Pool Party** - See announcement sheet for details.
- 10/23 **All-Church Fellowship (soup & sandwiches)**, 5:30 p.m.
- 10/30 **Worship at Consulate**, 2 p.m. with Don Hall (speaking) and Melbourne Family Singers
- 11/3-6 **16th Annual South FL Lectureship**, Palm Beach Lakes C of C, Palm Beach Gardens
- 11/13 **Blood Drive** in our parking lot (north side) beginning at 8:15 a.m.
- 11/13 **TORCH Mission Trip Fundraiser Pancake Breakfast**, 8:30 a.m.



Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

Bring it into the Light

All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.

John 3:20 (NLT)

For many years I lived in the dark. I did not want my sins to see the light of day or the light of Christ. Isn't it odd that I chose the darkness since I am not crazy about being in the dark? Scary things hide and happen in the dark including sin. I thought simply by omitting these sins from prayer they would be out of sight and out of mind. Imagine trying to hide things from God? Adam and Eve tried it and David continued to ask God where he could hide from him.

The Lord says: "if you change your heart and return to me, I will take you back." Jeremiah 15:19 (NCV) God has made an opening for us to come out of the darkness. "There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him." Him being Jesus and this was also said by Jesus himself in John 3:18 (NLT). Jesus is the light when we believe in him, confess our sins, repent, and are baptized we come into the light. "Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Acts 2:38 (NIV) We are then in Christ and will have eternal salvation. Confessing our sins to God brings those sins out of darkness and into the

light, who is Jesus, frees us of those sins. We can then live in the light.

"But those who do what is right come to the light so others can see that they are doing what God wants." John 3:21 (NLT) I am beyond grateful that God has allowed me to bring my sin out of darkness, place it on the cross, and find my way into the light and actually be reborn into Christ through baptism. If you haven't done it yet bring your sins out of the darkness and into the light, confess them to God and live in the light with the assurance of God's love as we become children of the light so that others can see what God wants. Not only will others see what God wants, our consciences will be clear and we can be free of guilt and shame.

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

Pray for Me

On a recent Sunday in a Midwest city a young child was acting up during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

You Gotta Look At It

A man was seated on a park bench when a little chap of about five sat down beside him and started winding what appeared to be a most prized possession - a watch.

"My, what a pretty watch," remarked the man. "Does it tell you the time?"

"No sir," replied the boy, "You gotta look at it."

God's truth is everywhere, but you must look for it and at it to see it.

As People Grow Wiser, They Talk Less and Say More

Recently, 50 of America's leading citizens selected the Bible as the number one piece of literature.

America is great today because our forbearers believed in this book and established the foundation of our country upon its precepts. Most American Presidents have been ardent students of the Bible.

The survival of our nation today, in this hour of world crisis, will be due to the faith of our citizenry in the Bible and in the God of the Bible.

Tom Fennell

Children's Ministry Announcements

10/9 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 go directly to the CW room after Bible classes. Our virtue this month is Creativity.

* Please pick up your children promptly after services.

10/12 Wed. PM - Pizza served 5:30-6:15 p.m. 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 this semester is Jesus of Nazareth.

9/25/2011

CW Contribution

\$44

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

Attendance:

Sunday School (Cradle roll-5th grade)	30
Preschool Children's Worship	9
Elementary Children's Worship	28
Nursery	3

Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

Oct. 9, 2011

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

Nursery: Angie Brown/Julie Ulmer

Oct. 16, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Monica Baloga/Shirley Bradley/Callie Heuser

Nursery: Denise Carter/Bonita Potts



Food Pantry

This past week, 108 families (334 individuals) were served with food through our food pantry!

With the holiday season approaching, extra donations of non-perishable items, *especially CANNED MEATS or VEGETABLES, are needed at this time. Money donations are also welcome and appreciated.* (there is a basket and a collection box near the pillar on south side of foyer for your donations) Thank you to our dedicated staff of volunteers, and to all who continue to support our pantry in any way!

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)
 2nd Sun. TORCH Fundraiser
 Pancake Breakfast 10/9
 4th Sun. Fellowship 10/23

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

Pizza served 5:30-6:15 p.m.
 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 10/2/11

Attendance

6th Grade-Adult Bible Classes: 109
 Children's Bible Classes: 30
Total Bible Classes: 139
 Auditorium Worship 187
 Children's Worship/Nursery: 31
Total Worship Count: 218

Budget Items

Weekly Budget 7/1/11-6/30/12 \$ 9,784
 Contribution to Budget: \$ 10,777
 Contribution to Special Items: \$ 1,660
 YTD Over/Short: (\$ 6,452)

**Order of Worship
 October 9, 2011**

Worship Leader	Josh McGough
<i>We Have Come Into His House</i>	296
Welcome and Announcements	Pat Seamon
<i>Mighty to Save</i>	<i>Overhead Slides</i>
<i>Jesus is Lord</i>	180
Shepherd's Prayer	Pat Seamon
<i>Worthy the Lamb That Was Slain</i>	150
Lord's Supper / Offering	Mike Lovelace
<i>Jesus, Name Above All Names</i>	221
<i>Step By Step</i>	15
Scripture Reading <i>Matthew 7:24-27</i>	Donny Canup
<i>"The Good and Beautiful Life"</i>	Steve Puckett
<i>In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified</i>	309
Closing Prayer	Jessie Hewett
<i>Abide With Me</i>	808

- + A/V Tech: Steve Lindsey
- + Service at Life Care of Melbourne, 9:30 a.m.: Tyrone Carter
- + Worship at Consulate, 2 p.m.: Stephen Fennell & Melbourne Family Singers

Worship Coordinators

Ken Jones/Mel Green/Cletis Diehl

Servers: Julio Roman (RS)
 (Oct.) Robert Bettis (RM)
 Gary Davis (C)
 Tom Tate (LM)
 Benjamin Heuser (LS)

Ushers: Tyler Neidlinger (RS)
 (Oct..) Rob Ellison (RM)
 Cletis Diehl (C)
 Chris Nickens (LM)
 Bill Pinch (LS)

Shepherd's Prayer (Oct.): Pat Seamon

Serving Next Sunday, Oct. 16

Song Leader: Walter Pierce
 Announcements: Pat Seamon
 Shepherd's Prayer: Pat Seamon
 Presiding: David Bradley
 Reading: Paul Zima
 Message: Steve Puckett
 Closing Prayer: Jorge Lara

A/V Tech: Rich Mason

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