

Melbourne

Church of Christ

Where You Are Part of God's Family

November 13, 2011

Learning to Live Without Lying

Everyone lies to his neighbor; their flattering lips speak with deception. (Psalm 12:2)

Truthful lips endure forever, but a lying tongue lasts only a moment. The LORD detests lying lips, but he delights in men who are truthful. (Proverbs 12:19, 22)

These are the things that you shall do: Speak the truth to one another, render in your gates judgments that are true and make for peace. (Zechariah 8:16)

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." (John 18:37)

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. (Ephesians 4:25)

Just like anger and lust, lying is a fleshly resource. We use lying because we believe it is okay to lie "in certain circumstances" to avoid something we don't want or to get something we do want. So when you tell your daughter to tell someone that is on the phone that you are not home, you are hoping to avoid something you don't want by lying. Your daughter tells the person you are not home so you don't have to talk to someone you would like to avoid.

Similarly, in a conversation with someone you might want to impress, you might drop names of individuals to impress the other person that you know these individuals even though you may not even be acquainted with them. You are hoping to gain credibility through your knowledge of these respected individuals.

The Bible as a whole and Jesus, more specifically, expose lying for what it is—a human resource that reflects lack of true character. Jesus shows that lying is not about the correctness of what a person says, but about the intent of the heart. As the verses above show, telling the truth with a simple "yes" or "no" is how Jesus expects us to live in the kingdom of God.

Remember that you are one in whom Christ dwells. Lying is a form of behavior for hypocrites and pagans, not Christ followers. Remembering your identity helps you to make the choice to tell the truth without thinking first of what you want to avoid or what you might gain from telling something other than the truth.

I encourage you this week to prayerfully consider this exhortation from Paul about the importance of what you say to others: "Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear" (Ephesians 4:29 NRSV).

—Steve Puckett



*Welcome, one and all, to this time of worship.
We are blessed to have you with us today.*



Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

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

- 11/13 **Blood Drive** in our parking lot (north side) 8:15 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
11/13 **Worship at Consulate**, 2 p.m. with Walter Pierce (speaking) and Melbourne Family Singers
11/16 **Next Door Savior Study with Max Lucado**, 6:30 p.m. Pizza served 5:30-6:15 p.m.
11/16 **Young At Heart Launch Pad/Lighthouse Tour**. Bus will leave the building at 7:45 a.m. sharp. *Please sign up on the bulletin board no later than today, Nov. 13.*
11/24 **Happy Thanksgiving!** Church office will be closed Nov. 24-25.



Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

Gifts That Keep Giving

A Spiritual Gift is given to each of us so that we can help each other. 1 Corinthians 12:7 (NLT)

I have received gifts in my life from others for all sorts of reasons, birthdays, Christmas, anniversaries and many other reasons. These gifts were tangible. I could see them, I could touch them, and I could show them off. I have also been led to intangible gifts that one can't see or touch except in my behavior and actions. My friend, Henry, led me to the gift of sobriety. My friend, Pat, led me to the gift of salvation and God's word in the Bible. Because of the gifts Henry and Pat led me to, I am now also able to help others in their quest for sobriety, salvation and God's word. These gifts originated through the mighty power, grace and love of God. God is truly the giver of these gifts. Grace is a gift, not something I earn, and God is the gift giver.

In the passage I have shared with you today, we see God gives each of us spiritual gifts. These gifts are not for selfish purposes or to keep locked away for safekeeping; these gifts are to be used to help others. These gifts are to share; these gifts are to show the mighty power, grace, and love of our Father, God. These gifts are to bring God glory, through gifts that can only be given by Him. Here are a few of the gifts we are given through the Holy Spirit: ability to give wise advise, special knowledge, healing, perform miracles, prophesy, discernment of God's word, and the ability to speak in unknown languages. It is up to the Holy Spirit as to which gift each person receives.

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort others. When they

are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us. 2 Cor. 3-4 (NLT)

Because of the adversity in life and need for comfort, the spiritual gift I have been given is encouragement to others. I offer this encouragement through counseling, writing, and sharing my testimony with others in order to bring glory to God. My gratitude for our loving Father is immeasurable. The gift I have been given is not to be hidden or locked away. It is not to gloat or show off. The gift is to be shared with humility and humbly because it is a gift given only through the Holy Spirit to share with one another. It is to be used freely in my church family, throughout the body of Christ and throughout the world. The encouragement I share is found only through the word of God and the Holy Spirit.

I offer these questions, not to judge or cause guilt, only to encourage. Have you identified the gift given you? Do you use it freely and often in the church family, the body of Christ, and throughout the world? Is this gift bringing glory to God?

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

Two sides of gratitude

Today, the Hebrew word for "giving thanks," also means "admitting, confessing, acknowledging." That might seem odd, but when we thank someone, we're acknowledging we needed what they gave us. Rabbi Daniel Lapin explains we're even confessing we were incomplete, or experiencing a shortcoming, beforehand.

Gratitude is so important for the Jewish life that the Hebrew root words for "giving thanks/confessing" and for "Jew" are closely related. A Jewish person, then, is "one who both confesses and gives thanks" – actions crucial to the well-being of the receiver, even more than for the giver.

Christians, too, treat confession and thanksgiving as significant aspects of faith, prayer and worship. While we confess that we wholly depend on God for our life and salvation, we offer daily gratitude to God for his countless blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving

"I have never understood why anyone would roast the turkey and shuck the clams and crisp the croutons and shell the peas and candy the sweet potatoes and compote the cranberries and bake the pies and clear the table and wash the dishes and fall into bed exhausted when they could just as easily sit back and enjoy a hamburger or a pork sandwich."

—The Turkey

May your stuffing be tasty
May your turkey be plump,
May your potatoes and gravy
Have nary a lump.

May your yams be delicious
And your pies take the prize,
And may your Thanksgiving dinner
Stay off your thighs!

..... Anonymous

Children's Ministry Announcements

11/13 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 Gratitude.

* Please pick up your children promptly after services.

11/16 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.

11/6/2011

CW Contribution \$55
(All CW contributions go to Called & Compelled Honduras Missions)

Attendance:

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| Sunday School (Cradle roll-5th grade) | 39 |
| Preschool Children's Worship | 7 |
| Elementary Children's Worship | 25 |
| Nursery | 5 |

Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

Nov. 13 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Melissa Webber/Mary Parker/Callie Heuser
Nursery: Cheri Tate/Julie Ulmer

Nov. 20 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Debbie Lovelace/Jenelle Hansen/Benjamin Heuser
Nursery: Cindy Puckett/Sandra Neidlinger

Food Pantry



This past week, 168 visitors (528 total in families) were provided 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 11/13 8:30 a.m.

Tuesday

Ladies' Bible Class 10:30 a.m. in the church office; lunch out on 1st Tues.
 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 Hounscheil, 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 11/6/11

Attendance

6th Grade-Adult Bible Classes: 103
 (incomplete count)
 Children's Bible Classes: 39
Total Bible Classes: 142
 Auditorium Worship 211
 Children's Worship/Nursery: 37
Total Worship Count: 248

Budget Items

Weekly Budget 7/1/11-6/30/12 \$ 9,784
 Contribution to Budget: \$11,304
 Contribution to Special Items: \$ 814
 YTD Over/Short: (\$ 9,514)

**Order of Worship
 November 13, 2011**

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| Worship Leader | Josh McGough |
| <i>We Have Come into His House</i> | 296 |
| Announcements | Pat Seamon |
| <i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i> | 290 |
| Shepherd's Prayer | Gary Canup |
| <i>To God Be the Glory</i> | 4 |
| <i>Faithful Love</i> | 18 |
| Lord's Supper | Mike Lovelace |
| Offering | Mike Lovelace |
| <i>Thank You, Lord!</i> | 781 |
| Scripture Reading <i>Matt. 5:33-37, Eph. 4:25-32</i> | Ken Jones |
| Sermon "Learning to Live Without Lying" | Steve Puckett |
| <i>Light the Fire</i> | Slides |
| Prayer | Ray Green |
| <i>When We All Get to Heaven</i> | 853 |

- + A/V Tech: Steve Lindsey
- + Service at Life Care of Melbourne, 2 p.m. (please note time change from 9:30 a.m.): Ken Jones
- + Service at Consulate, 2 p.m.: Walter Pierce & Melbourne Family Singers

Worship Coordinators

Ken Jones/Mel Green/Cletis Diehl

Servers: Stephen Fennell (RS)
 (Nov.) Donny Canup (RM)
 Jeff Crowe (C)
 Paul Zima (LM)
 Jonathon Finlayson (LS)

Ushers: Ian Hames (RS)
 (Nov.) Doug Hoffman (RM)
 Harry Gayle (C)
 Austin Diehl (LM)
 Manny Thomas (LS)

Shepherd's Prayer (Nov.): Gary Canup

Serving Next Sunday, Nov. 20

Song Leader: Tyrone Carter
 Announcements: Pat Seamon
 Presiding: Jesse Parks
 Reading: Keefe Roman
 Message: Steve Puckett
 Closing Prayer: Ken Jones
 A/V Tech: Ray Green

Shepherd's Prayer: Gary Canup

Service at Life Care of Melb., 2 p.m.: Tyrone Carter