



Melbourne

Church of Christ

Where You Are Part of God's Family

November 6, 2011

Learning to Live Without Lust

"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell." (Matthew 5:27-30)

God's will is for you to be holy, so stay away from all sexual sin. Then each of you will control his own body and live in holiness and honor—not in lustful passion like the pagans who do not know God and his ways. Never harm or cheat a Christian brother in this matter by violating his wife, for the Lord avenges all such sins, as we have solemnly warned you before. God has called us to live holy lives, not impure lives. Therefore, anyone who refuses to live by these rules is not disobeying human teaching but is rejecting God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you. (1 Thessalonians 4:3-8 NLT)

According to the world's standards, lust is not an evil force. It's a healthy part of our sexual nature. But lust is all about desire and satisfying that desire. When you are "in lust," you have only one goal—satisfy the lust. The world would say that lust is healthy because it increases our sexual desires and makes us a better lover. But lust has no interest in real love, only satisfaction. When lust is the driving force it runs over any other relationship principles, like "she may not be my wife, but I can have her because my lust for her is uncontrollable and must be satisfied."

In *The Good and Beautiful Life*, Jim Smith shares some important defining qualities of lust. Lust is intentionally objectifying (using) another person for your own satisfaction. Lust does not value the person, but merely the body parts. Lust intentionally cultivates sexual desire for the sake of feeling itself. Understanding the qualities of lust helps you see why pornography and sexual sin are such powerful forces in our world.

Although I believe that love as God defines love (wanting what is good and right for another person) should be the guiding principle for all relationships, love is not the opposite of lust. Look closely at 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8. Paul says the opposite of lust and sexual sin is holiness and honor. I control my lust for my neighbor's wife because I know such behavior harms my neighbor and brings God's judgment upon me. When my lust pulls hard at my heart, I immediately ask these questions, "What is the holy and honorable thing to do in this situation? Will my behavior harm or cheat another person? Will my behavior bring the Holy Spirit who lives within me into contact with what is sinful (1 Corinthians 6:15-20)?"

—Steve Puckett



"O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!" (Psalm 34:3, NRSV). Welcome to worship, as we join fellow believers to praise God.



Family News and Notes



Shepherd's Corner

Parenting Tips

- + Motherhood - If it was going to be easy, it never would start with something called labor!
- + Parents - People who bear infants, bore teenagers, and board newlyweds.
- + Shouting to make your children obey is like using the horn to steer your car, and you get about the same results. (Proverbs 15:1)
- + To be in your children's memories tomorrow, you have to be in their lives today. (Genesis 44:30)
- + Good advice on child rearing: Enjoy them while they are still on your side.
- + Raising a teenager is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.
- + The joy of motherhood: The time when all the children are finally in bed.
- + Life's golden age is when the kids are too old to need babysitters and too young to borrow the family car.
- + Grandparents are similar to a piece of string - handy to have around and easily wrapped around the fingers of grandchildren. (Proverbs 17:6)

"Through wisdom a house is built, and by understanding it is established." (Proverbs 24:3)

Happy parenting,
Tom Fennell

GRATITUDE

Be grateful for the kindly friends
that walk along your way;
Be grateful for the skies of blue
that smile from day to day;
Be grateful for the health you own,
the work you find to do,
For round about you there are souls
less fortunate than you.

—Edgar A. Guest

Children's Ministry Announcements

- 11/6 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.
- 11/9 Wed. PM - Supper 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.

10/30/2011

CW Contribution \$51
(All CW contributions go to Called & Compelled Honduras Missions)

Attendance:

Sunday School (Cradle roll-5th grade)	35
Preschool Children's Worship	6
Elementary Children's Worship	32
Nursery	6

Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

Nov. 6, 2011

Pre-Sch. Worship: Stacy Carter/Alex Heuser

Nursery: Vivian Lara/Mary Parker

Nov. 13, 2011

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

Nursery: Shirley Bradley/Julie Ulmer



Food Pantry

This past week, 131 families (368 individuals) were provided with food through our food pantry!

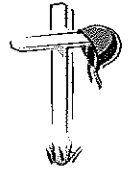
With the holiday season approaching, extra donations of non-perishable items, *especially CANNED MEATS or VEGETABLES, are needed at this time. Money donations are also welcome and appreciated.* (there is a basket and a collection box near the pillar on south side of foyer for your donations) Thank you 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.

Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

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

- 11/6 Worship at Indian River, 2 p.m. with Steve Heuser (speaking) and Melbourne Family Singers
- 11/8 Ladies Bible Class, 10:30 a.m. in the church office
- 11/9 Next Door Savior Study with Max Lucado, 6:30 p.m. Pizza served 5:30-6:15 p.m.
- 11/11 Veterans Recognition Celebration, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. City of West Melbourne Veterans Memorial Complex
- 11/11-13 Central C of C, Altamonte Springs, Fall Lectureship "The Family - Heaven's Tools to Improve Your Home"
- 11/12 Youth Service Project and Pool Party
- 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.
- 11/13 Worship at Consulate, 2 p.m. with Walter Pierce (speaking) and Melbourne Family Singers
- 11/16 Young At Heart Launch Pad/Lighthouse Tour. *(please note change of date from 11/9)* Bus will leave the building at 7:45 a.m. sharp. *Please sign up on the bulletin board no later than Sun., Nov. 13.*



**THANK YOU TO OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE SERVED/ARE SERVING
OUR COUNTRY AND SACRIFICED FOR ITS FREEDOM!**

Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society



Charge Me

So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me.

Philemon 1: 17-18 (NIV)

Philemon, is a beautiful letter with a request from an old friend. Paul writes this letter to his dear friend Philemon about a runaway slave named Onesimus. Onesimus had long run away from Philemon and upon return, would be severely punished and possibly even put to death. Onesimus had been working on the Christian movement with Paul for some time. Paul requested that Philemon take Onesimus back. Not to be put to death, but to be treated as a Christian Brother and not only that, Paul requested that he be treated as if Onesimus was Paul himself. Philemon had every right to deny this request as Onesimus had broken the law and run away.

Paul told Philemon upon Onesimus' return he was to be treated as a leader in the Christian movement and a fellow brother in Christ. Paul told Philemon that no matter what was owed him by Onesimus, Paul would be willing to pay the debt himself. Paul said "Charge me." In my mind this means money, a severe beating and even death. Paul was willing to put his name

and life on the line for a fellow brother no matter his past.

Isn't that what Jesus did? He didn't suggest it, he took a severe beating, then got on a cross and paid the debt owed. Jesus said, "Charge me." The debt was owed by us to God for our sin. The penalty for sin is death, Paul tells us in his letter to the Romans, our debt had to be paid to God. Onesimus could be forgiven by Philemon. Jesus stepped up and said, "I am willing to pay the price, charge me." That is love -- that Jesus lay down his life for you and me, to pay our debt. As Christians, just as Jesus did and Paul offered to do, are we willing to put a brother or sister before us and say, "Charge me."?

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.*

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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 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 10/30/11

Attendance

6th Grade-Adult Bible Classes:	75
(incomplete count)	
Children's Bible Classes:	35
Total Bible Classes:	110
Auditorium Worship	187
Children's Worship/Nursery:	44
Total Worship Count:	231

Budget Items

Weekly Budget 7/1/11-6/30/12	\$ 9,784
Contribution to Budget:	\$ 8,612
Contribution to Special Items:	\$ 1,945
YTD Over/Short:	(\$11,034)

Order of Worship
November 6, 2011

Worship Leader	Walter Pierce
<i>Great is the Lord Almighty!</i>	102
Welcome and Announcements	Pat Seamon
<i>Listen to Our Hearts</i>	810
Shepherd's Prayer	Gary Canup
<i>Jesus Is Lord</i>	180
<i>There Is a Fountain</i>	374
Communion/Offering	Josh McGough
<i>I Love My Savior, Too</i>	610
<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine</i>	290
Scripture Reading	Norris Bottomlee
Sermon Message	Don Hall
<i>Nothing But the Blood</i>	902
Closing Prayer	Gary Canup
<i>The Battle Belongs to the Lord</i>	749

+ A/V Tech: Christa Pierce
 + 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: 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. 13

Song Leader: Josh McGough
 Announcements: Pat Seamon
 Presiding: Mike Lovelace
 Reading: Ken Jones
 Message: Steve Puckett
 Closing Prayer: Ray Green
 A/V Tech: Steve Lindsey

Shepherd's Prayer: Gary Canup

+ Service at Life Care of Melb., 9:30 a.m.: Tyrone Carter
 + Service at Consulate, 2 p.m.: Walter Pierce & Melbourne Family Singers