



Melbourne  
Church of Christ  
*Where You Are Part of God's Family*  
January 29, 2012

**Jesus Is Lord**

*"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." (Acts 2:36)*

*That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9)*

Lost, identity crisis, struggling to know our cause and our function in the world, what our life in the world is all about—we go back to Jesus to find these things out. Where else are we going to go? Peter said, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Jesus is our founder. He has defining rights. And Jesus is not just some nice guy speaking—He is Lord! But we have made Jesus into a decency cop. In reality, He is Lord. He is Master. He challenges our idols, which are many. The reason we try to marginalize or domesticate Jesus is that it is hard to live with a lord. Lords are masters. They demand absolute loyalty, especially biblical ones.

Behind any attempts to moderate or change Jesus is the desire to qualify the demands of discipleship on our lives. We just keep qualifying him down until his lordship means nothing. We can still worship Jesus, but he has no significant impact on our lives. It's hard to live with a lord.

The more we try to live with Jesus, the more dangerous he becomes to our middle-class sensibilities. So we slowly and carefully remove him from most parts of our lives until he just becomes a religious god. God has no relevance to any aspect of our lives.

Israel struggled under the sovereignty or kingship of God. So does the Church. In the book of Revelation, we have Jesus knocking on the door of the Laodicean Church and asking to come in. This text is not about evangelism, but about Jesus being locked outside of his Church. What is he doing on the outside, when all the people are worshipping him on the inside?

The shocking news is that the Laodicean Church today is the American Church. We have no need of anything. Compared to most of the world, we live in wealth. As with Laodicea, we have lost our first love, our defining love. Jesus, as Lord and Master, calls us to repent or he is going to come and put our lights out.

(Convicting words that I pray we take to heart. This article is a partial transcript from a YouTube video of Alan Hirsch entitled "Jesus Is Lord." I also recommend his book: *The Forgotten Ways Handbook: A Practical Guide for Developing Missional Churches.*)

---- Steve Puckett



*Welcome to worship. It's a privilege to "give thanks to the LORD with [our] whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation" (Psalm 111:1, NRSV).*



## Melbourne Church Family Calendar/Area Events

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

- 1/29 TORCH meeting after service in youth room for teens, parents, and anyone interested in this mission trip
- 1/29 Worship at Consulate, 2 p.m. - Julio Roman and Melbourne Singers
- 2/1 Pizza, salad, dessert served 5:30-6:15 p.m.; classes for all ages 6:30-7:30 p.m.
- 2/3 Family Movie Night "Courageous," 6:30 p.m. (movie is free; refreshments will be available for purchase)
- 2/5 Worship at Indian River, 2 p.m. with Walter Pierce and Melbourne Singers
- 2/7 Ladies' weekly Bible class in the church office, 10:30 a.m.; lunch out afterward on 2/7
- 2/7 Men's 1st Tues. Prayer Meeting, 7 p.m. in the church office
- 2/11 MOceanside devo at the home of Walter & Christa, 6:30 p.m.
- 2/12 TORCH fundraiser pancake breakfast, 8:30 a.m.
- 2/12 Worship at Consulate, 2 p.m. with Jorge Lara and Melbourne Singers
- 2/16 Young At Heart Welcome Winter Visitors' Brunch, 9:30 a.m.
- 2/25 Ladies' Day, Orange Ave. C of Christ "Faces of Faith" 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- 3/30-4/1 Youth Area-Wide Retreat at Camp Ithiel
- 6/10-15 Puckett/Walker Bible Camp at Camp Ithiel
- 6/17-28 TORCH Mission Trip to Honduras
- 6/28-7/1 Spiritual Growth Workshop in Orlando



## Ramblings From the Tilted Halo Society

### Dressed for the Inevitable

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6:10-17 (NKJV)*

Would you wear flip flops and shorts in sub-freezing weather? Would a professional football player participate in a game without his protective gear? Would a boxer fight without his mouth guard? Do you think policemen and women should wear bullet proof vests? Do you think as God's people we too should be dressed for the inevitable? We are in a war out there; it is spiritual warfare. The war we are in is with Satan. He attacks us with many temptations that we sometimes may succumb to. We must be always ready for the sin and temptations of the world, the sin and temptation Satan throws at us.

God has provided us with all we need and we should use the tools daily. Paul describes it as armor because we are going into battle against the sin and temptation which is spiritual warfare with Satan. Paul tells us to gird ourselves

with truth; the truth is God word. To gird means to hold up, to prepare for action and fasten. All we do is fastened with the word of God. We must, of course, know the word of God. He tells us to put on the breastplate of righteousness. Our breastplate protects our hearts which have been purified and made righteous by Jesus. Paul says we should shod our feet with the gospel of peace. We must be quick to travel and share the Good News of Jesus. Sharing the Good News and wearing our armor makes it tough for Satan to get at us with his manipulation, temptation and outright lies.

We must also have our Shield of Faith ready at all times, knowing that the word of God is the truth and can be depended upon. God will protect us. We must always have faith, and that faith will protect us. We must also wear the helmet of salvation, knowing we have been bought and paid for by Jesus' sacrificial death and resurrection. The helmet represents the knowledge and wisdom of God's word. And the sword we wield is God's word through the Spirit.

This is what the well dressed Christian is wearing. Spiritual warfare is inevitable so suit up.

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

### Interpretation

A church-going family took a girl who was visiting with them to church one Sunday. This girl had never gone to church in her life but seemed to enjoy the experience. When they returned home, they asked the girl what she thought about the experience. She said she liked it, but she was confused about one thing. She asked why the whole west coast was not included. No one in the family knew what she was talking about. She explained, "The man in the front kept talking about the Father, Son, and whole east coast."

### Knowledge

A certain intellectual fellow loved to read. He read everything he could find about philosophy, and he became a philosopher. He read everything he could read about mathematics and he became a mathematician. He read everything he could find about swimming, and he drowned. There are some subjects you just have to do more than read about.

Relate this to reading the Bible. It is not enough to just read it. You have to apply what you've read.

### Listening

When my brother was about five years old, he wanted to answer the telephone, so he watched and listened very carefully. One day he got to the phone first. He picked up the receiver and knew just what to say: "Hello, nope, good-bye!" and immediately hung up the phone.

I think we sometimes make up our minds how to answer God without really listening to his message.

Tom Fennell

### Young At Heart Brunch!

Welcome, Winter Visitors!

When: Thurs., Feb. 16, 9:30 a.m.

Where: Melbourne Church of Christ Building

What: Food, Singing, Fellowship

Please bring brunch items as suggested on sign-up sheet on the bulletin board.

## Children's Ministry Announcements

1/29 9:30 AM - Bible Classes for babies-5th grade  
10:30 AM - Nursery available for babies & toddlers 0-2 y/o  
Preschool Children's Worship (3 y/o-pre K)  
Children Worship (K-5th Grade)

2/1 Wed., 6:30 PM  
All children (3 y/o-5th grade) meet in the CW room  
Children 0-2 y/o go to the nursery

### Scream Free Parenting Class - Week 2

1/22/2012

CW Contribution (1/15 & 1/22) \$110  
(All CW contributions go to Called & Compelled Honduras Missions)

### Attendance:

Sunday School (Cradle roll-5th grade)	39
Preschool Children's Worship	10
Elementary Children's Worship (In auditorium, 4th Sun.)	
Nursery	8

### Pre-School Worship & Nursery Assignments

Jan. 29, 2012

**Pre-Sch. Worship:** Ray Green/Penny Sweredoski/Benjamin Heuser

**Nursery:** Melissa Webber/Bonita Potts

Feb. 5, 2012

**Pre-Sch. Worship:** Stacy Carter/Alex Heuser

**Nursery:** Vivian Lara/Mary Parker



## Food Pantry

*This past week, 111 visitors (312 total in families) were provided with food through our food pantry!*

Thank you for your continued donations of non-perishable items to be shared through our food pantry! *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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**Order of Worship**  
**January 29, 2012**

**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; next breakfast on 2/12*

**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 5:30 p.m.; classes 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);*

Song Leader	Tyrone Carter
<i>Faithful Love</i>	18
Welcome and Announcements	Pat Seamon
<i>Praise the Lord</i>	74
<i>Majesty</i>	266
<i>You Are My All in All</i>	484
Shepherd's Prayer	Tom Fennell
<i>What a Savior</i>	329
Communion/Offering	Pablo Ambat
<i>You Have Been Good</i>	
<i>Jesus Is Lord</i>	180
Scripture <i>Acts 2:36</i>	Manny Thomas
Message "Jesus Is Lord"	Steve Puckett
<i>O Listen to the Wondrous Story</i>	496
Closing Prayer	Julio Roman
<i>Lord, Hold My Hand</i>	

**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 Hounsshell, Financial Secretary**  
**Ken Jones, Involve. Min./Counseling**  
**Debby Nickens, Children's Minister**  
**Walter Pierce, Youth Minister**  
**Steve Puckett, Senior Minister**  
**Cheri Tate, Secretary**

- + A/V Tech: Lindsey Tate
- + Service at Consulate 2 p.m.: Julio Roman and Melbourne Singers
- + Service at Life Care of Melbourne 2 p.m.: Ray Green

**Family Record 1/22/12**

**Attendance**

6th Grade-Adult Bible Classes:	123
Children's Bible Classes:	39
<b>Total Bible Classes:</b>	<b>162</b>
Auditorium Worship	266
Children's Worship/Nursery:	18
(no elem. cw on 1/22)	
<b>Total Worship Count:</b>	<b>284</b>

**Budget Items**

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 9,784
Contribution to Budget:	\$ 9,449
Contribution to Special Items:	\$ 320

**Worship Coordinators**

**Ken Jones/Mel Green/Cletis Diehl**

**Servers:** Desmond Hewett (RS)  
 (Jan.) Jesse Parks (RM)  
 Gary Davis (C)  
 Rob Ellison (LM)  
 Stephen Fennell (LS)

**Ushers:** Tyler Neidlinger (RS)  
 (Jan.) John Hames (RM)  
 Jessie Hewett (C)  
 Keefe Roman (LM)  
 Taylor Neidlinger (LS)

Shepherd's Prayer (Jan.): Tom Fennell

**Serving Next Sunday, Feb. 5**

Song Leader: Walter Pierce  
 Announcements: Pat Seamon  
 Presiding: Bill Pinch  
 Reading: Jessie Hewett  
 Message: Steve Puckett  
 Closing Prayer: Jesse Parks  
 A/V Tech: Steve Lindsey

Shepherd's Prayer: Mike Lovelace

- + Service at Indian River 2 p.m.: Walter Pierce & Melbourne Singers
- + Service at Life Care of Melbourne 2 p.m.: David Bradley