

**The Encouragement Group meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come serve with us as we reach into our community!**

**Sunday Classes 9:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.**  
**Wed. Services 6:00 p.m.**



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**A Place to Belong**

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## *Family News*

- The new digital sign has been installed! Thank you for all who contributed to this expense!
- Hadleigh Grigg will have kidney surgery on Tuesday. Please keep her, Harper, Jamie, and Dalton in your prayers.
- Sharon Watson is scheduled for knee surgery on March 26. Please keep her in your prayers for a successful surgery and speedy recovery.
- Please bring Kleenex for the Pioneer Nursing Home. See Betty or Ramona for further details.
- Doyle Wyatt, Sue Condrey, Christie Haney, and Wanda Dill have had health struggles this past week. Please keep them in your prayers for restored health.
- Sermons and bulletins available at [Melbournechurchofchrist.com](http://Melbournechurchofchrist.com)

## Melbourne Church of Christ

*"A family of believers seeking to grow spiritually while sharing Jesus and serving others."*

### **What's Growing in Your Garden?**

by Logan Summers

**Change takes time. Peter's life displays a man who developed spiritually over years with ups and downs. Yet time was not the only factor in Peter's development. Left to time without proper care and nourishment, stagnation comes, and life that once was present will die out. Peter grew because his lifetime was spent cultivating his relationship with God.**

**Foundational to that goal is seeking to understand who God has revealed Himself to be through His word. Peter affirms his belief in the importance of knowing God through scripture in places like Matthew 16:16; Acts 2:14-36, 3:13-26, and 10:43. In fact, his final recorded charge is about the connection between knowing Jesus and knowing Scripture. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).**

**Jesus taught the importance of the word of God in the parable of the sower (Luke 8:4-15). The best gardens begin with good soil. But without something to plant, it is just some nice dirt. The seed is where life begins. In Jesus' parable, the soil is the heart of a person (Luke 8:15). The seed—that which gives life—is the word of God (Luke 8:11). Three of the four soil types—pathway, rocky, weedy—all represented different reasons to end up with the same end: no final crop. The seed never produced and the plants eventually died. Yet, the word of God planted in a good heart can yield "a hundredfold." Any farmer would love a soil like that! That is the kind of soil that you KEEP putting seed into. Planting God's word is never a one-and-done concept in our lives.**

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**OPENING PRAYER** Dalton Grigg

**CLOSING PRAYER** Sanders Lee Wyatt



**FEBRUARY**

**SHELBY QUALLS  
CHIP MASTER**

**BRENT QUALLS  
ROBERT LANGSTON**

**MARCH**

**ANTHONY WESTON  
SANDERS LEE WYATT**

**DALTON GRIGG  
BRENT QUALLS**

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**It is God's word, constantly planted within us, that makes proper change possible. The Psalmist's blessing to the one who delights in the law of the Lord is a lasting, fruitful life (Psalm 1).**

**James' command to receive the implanted word has the effect of salvation (James 1:21). We learn to love from a pure heart because we have been born of imperishable seed (1 Peter 1:22-23).**

**Change takes time. But it is only through a constant planting of God's word in our lives that will produce healthy change. Change that is able to "discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable, and perfect" (Romans 12:2).**

**Is the word of God growing in your life and mine? Or are there some other seeds that have been sown that are unnecessarily taking the place of His word? What is growing in your garden?**

**Prayer List**

**Military:** Derek Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson **Nursing Home:** Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Troy Gaston, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman

Ted Kidd	Wilma Cooper	Peggy Hall	Dorothy Teague
Bill Roland	Treva Voyles	Hayden Phillips	Debbie Crow
Cornelia Summers	Christie Haney	Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby
Brooke Partin	Gary Brown	Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper
John Young	Regenia Gillihan	Robby Qualls	Regina Master
Shawna Teegarden	Jeanette Crosby Youngblood		John Ward
Boyde Martin	Gage Barns		

**February Birthdays**

Frank Fowler 1 <sup>st</sup>	Aaron Young 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Phillips 11 <sup>th</sup>
Brighton Beebe 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dewey Brightwell 13 <sup>th</sup>	Davey Wyatt 14 <sup>th</sup>
Harris Wyatt 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kori Minick 18 <sup>th</sup>	David Lawrence 19 <sup>th</sup>
Brandy Treat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kaleb Moser 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jeralene Love 25 <sup>th</sup>
Chipper Lamb 27 <sup>th</sup>		

**February Anniversaries**

Acy & Iris Beebe 13<sup>th</sup>  
Ted & Sheilla Wammack 14<sup>th</sup>

**Dates to Remember**

Ladies meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.  
Men meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.  
Family game night every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from 5-7 p.m.  
Potluck every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

**John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."**