

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

- Graduation will be held at Melbourne High School Gymnasium at 2 p.m.
- This Wednesday is Sr. night at 6 p.m.! We will meet in the fellowship hall for a congregational devo followed by a time to acknowledge our Sr.'s. Please bring finger foods and we will share a meal together.
- Jeff Young's knee replacement went well. He is home recovering and doing pretty good.
- Gage Barn's is scheduled for chemo treatments over the next three months. Please keep Gage and his family in your prayers.
- Debbie Crow is in the Woodlawn Care Facility for rehab. She is recovering from stroke like paralysis on her right side and speech difficulties.
- Memorial Contribution for Ronnie Adkisson: Melody Davis
- Sermons and bulletins available at Melbournechurchofchrist.com

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

Renewing Your Mind

by Mark Lindley

"And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let your bodies be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind the Lord will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. ² Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:1-2).

In this text, the apostle Paul calls on Christians to be "transformed." The Greek term translated "transformed" means "to change from one form into another." It is the same word from which we get metamorphosis, a term that refers to the changing of a caterpillar into a butterfly. So, in effect, this verse says, "Be changed from one form into another."

After instructing us to "be changed," Paul then reveals how this transformation occurs. Notice again: *"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think."* In order for us to change our lives, we first have to change the way we think.

The renewing of the mind begins when one first obeys the Gospel, yet it is the ongoing work of sanctification that will not end until one leaves this world. We must constantly give attention to this because there are so many things of the world which may confuse and distract our minds from things which are spiritual. Sinful pleasures, money and materialism, relationship problems, or just the daily cares of life can become the main emphasis of our lives. We can spend so much time thinking about these matters that "being transformed" and changing our actions is impossible. If there are things we want to change about our personal conduct and character, we must renew the mind.

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OPENING PRAYER Shelby Qualls

CLOSING PRAYER Danny Brightwell



MAY

RUSTY TREAT
ALAN LOVE

BRITAN TREAT
DAVIS LOVE

JUNE

CHIP MASTER
ALAN LOVE

ROBERT LANGSTON
DAVIS LOVE

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Changing bad habits, breaking addictions, changing our personal conduct and character are not easy because renewing the mind is so challenging. It may take time for a renewed mind to be obtained so that behavior can be changed.

Paul wrote, "Throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. ²³ Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes. ²⁴ Put on your new nature, created to be like God—truly righteous and holy." (Ephesians 4:22-24). Keep putting on the new man or the new woman is the point.

Begin today "seeking those things above" (Colossians 3:1-2). Set your mind on things which are spiritual. Meditate upon God's Word. Seek God and develop a desire to please Him. Think on things which are high and holy (Philippians 4:8).

Whatever your struggles are, you can "be changed by the renewing of your mind." Don't give up or give in to fleshly habits, rather, lean into the spiritual habit of allowing the transforming power of God to shape you into the image of Jesus Christ.

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	Hayden Phillips	Debbie Crow	Cornelia Summers
Christie Haney	Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin
Gary Brown	Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young
Regenia Gillihan	Regina Master	Shawna Teegarden	John Ward
Boyde Martin	Gage Barns	Joe Guiltner	Toby Weatherford
Ruby Patillo			

May Birthdays

Carolyn Younger 3 rd	Peyton Love 5 th	Lydia Sipe 10 th
Levi Taylor 12 th	Kollin Hoskinds 12 th	Tristan Elms 15 th
Whitney Morehead 19 th	Ellie Fowler 22 nd	Doyle Wyatt 22 nd
Marty Webb 28 th	Will Ingram 28 th	Linda Taylor 31 st

May Anniversaries

David & Tamra Brightwell 10 th	Joe & Holly Cooper 17 th
Shelby & Ramona Qualls 25 th	Charles & Jeanette Everette 27 th
Billy & Peggy Beebe 30 th	

Dates to Remember

Ladies Bible Class 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
Men meet 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
Family game night every 4th Sunday from 5-7 p.m.
Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

Psalm 111:9-10, "The Lord has paid a full ransom for his people. He has guaranteed his covenant with them forever. What a holy, awe-inspiring name he has! Fear of the Lord is the foundation of true wisdom. All who obey his commandments will grow in wisdom. Praise him forever!" (NLT)