

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Picking Up the Pieces

by Allen Jones

When Asa was about five years old, we bought him a bicycle for his birthday. Given that his birthday is in December, the weather did not permit him to ride it outside for a while.

One morning, he decided to ride down the hallway. He did not know how to use the breaks and ran into a curio cabinet smashing the glass in the bottom door. We heard the crash and the crying! Once we got to him, shards of glass lay in the floor. Asa was scared, upset, and devastated for the moment.

This real life event parallels life. When we least expect it, something comes our way and shatters our hopes, dreams, and comfort.

Because of Jesus, as difficult as it may be, we can pick up the pieces and refocus on Him as He rebuilds and puts us back together. 1 Timothy 1:1 says, "the Lord Jesus Christ, is our hope."

Titus 3:7 says "that having been justified by God's grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

When our world shatters, we can rely on our hope that is found in Jesus Christ. If we are obedient to what God commands (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14), when we are "picking up the pieces," we can do so with confidence that life on earth will have a healing element to it. And through faith, obedience, and love for Christ we can endure, persevere, and even grow emotionally and spiritually because of a godly response to the brokenness we experience in this worldly life.

As we travel through the hills and valleys of life, may we be healed, strengthened, and put back together by our bond with Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God.

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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Family News

- Jeff Young will have a knee replacement tomorrow. Please keep Jeff and his family in your prayers.
- Ruby Patillo, Jessica Friend's mother, has colon cancer. She will be in treatment for the next 3-6 months.
- Joy Frizzel has been diagnosed with cancer.
- We have 4 seniors graduating from M.H.S. on May 5: Daylee Brightwell, Robert Langston, Ava Bolfa, & Hilton Wyatt. There is a table set up in the foyer for cards & gifts to honor them. We wish them well!
- Al Gillihan's phone number in the nursing home is 870-855-0035. He would love to hear from you, please give him a call!
- Memorial Donation for Ronnie Adkisson: Melba Fulbright
- Sermons and bulletins available at Melbournechurchofchrist.com

OPENING PRAYER Dalton Grigg
CLOSING PRAYER Anthony Weston



APRIL

KELLY DON WEBB **DANNY RUNION**
DANNY BRIGHTWELL **DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL**

MAY

RUSTY TREAT **BRITAN TREAT**
ALAN LOVE **DAVIS LOVE**

The God of the Impossible
by Larry Fitzgerald

Amy Brockman worked as a ski instructor for a prestigious ski resort and also trained there for the U.S. Olympic Ski Team. One day a skier accidentally skied into Amy, knocked her into a lift chair, then she fell off the platform and broke her neck. The doctors said, "You'll never walk or ski again." But while she was in the hospital, one scripture kept going through Amy's mind: "Nothing is impossible with God" (Luke 1:37). She prayed: "Lord, I need your help and strength to get through this."

Amy left the hospital confined to a wheelchair, but she worked hard in therapy. She would take one step and fall on the next. Her therapist tried to help but she said, "leave me alone for a while, God wants me on my knees." There in the therapy room floor, she prayed for God's help and strength.

She then managed to get to her feet and take another step, then one more, and fell on the third. Once again, while on her knees in the floor, she prayed for strength. This repeated for 7 months and she finally walked the distance of two city blocks without falling. Then, once again, she lowered herself to her knees and thanked God for his help and His strength. Today, Amy is skiing and teaching skiing at another resort. Every day, she tells people that God is the God of the impossible. Our Lord is able to rebuild broken lives though open receptive hearts, that don't give up.

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	Sanyaia Austin	Charlotte Cooper
John Young	Regenia Gillihan	Robby Qualls	Regina Master
Shawna Teegarden	John Ward	Boyde Martin	Gage Barns
Joe Guiltner	Toby Weatherford	Ruby Patillo	

April Birthdays

Betty Brightwell 2 nd	Bill Younger 3 rd	Tyler Kelly 4 th
Donna Hill 7 th	Derek Love 8 th	Imodean Webb 9 th
Lacey Weston 9 th	Carly Webb 11 th	Cleve Weaver 12 th
Melissa Morrison 14 th	Nancy Richardson 15 th	Jack Hendrix 15 th
Rhett Morrison 17 th	Torrey Bishop 18 th	Francis Gillihan 22 nd
Doug Sipe 25 th	Michelle Smith 26 th	Kenya Wyatt 29 th
Dana Ingram 30 th		

April Anniversaries

Joe & Dana Ingram 17th

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 46:10-11, "Cease *striving* and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold. *Selah.*"