

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

- Our Spring Meeting with Tim Wooldridge is on April 14. The March 29 potluck will be moved to April 14 after services.
- The Ladies Monday Night Bible Class will start back on April 15. We will study, "With the Master in the School of Tested Faith," by Susan Heck.
- Heather Melton is scheduled for a heart ablation on April 2. Jeff Young will have a knee replacement on April 22nd. Please keep Heather, Jeff, and their families in your prayers.
- Jeff, Lolly, and Marshall Engles were baptized last Sunday after services! Please welcome them as part of the family in Christ!
- Ronnie Adkisson passed away. Please keep Sally, Deedra, Derek, and all the Adkisson family in your prayers.
- Memorial contribution for Ronnie Adkisson: Jane Lamb & Bryant Lamb.
- Memorial contribution for Ann Lawrence: Randy & Diane Zook.
- 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."

Life After Death

by Garland Robinson

Job asked, "If a man dies, will he live again" (Job 14:14)? Jesus answers, "But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living" (Matt. 22:29-32). Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were alive when these words were spoken to Moses (Exodus 3:6) and when Jesus repeated them. God did not say "I was" (past tense). He said "I am" (presence tense). "I am" confirms life after death.

There is life beyond the grave. Jesus said, "Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28-29).

The account of the rich man and Lazarus shows there is life after death. "...The beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom" (Luke 16:22-23). These two men were alive and conscious after they died. The rich man was told to remember what he did during his "lifetime" (v.25). They were not on earth. They were in the place of the dead awaiting the final judgment (v.23). The rich man could feel pain. He was in torment (v.24). He desired for one to rise from the dead and warn his brothers of their wickedness because they were heading for the same place of torment he was in.

If there is no life after death, then Jesus is a liar. Why prepare for something if it does not matter, and it does not exist?

Are *you* prepared?

OPENING PRAYER Shelby Qualls
CLOSING PRAYER Brad Sipe



MARCH

ANTHONY WESTON **DALTON GRIGG**
SANDERS LEE WYATT **BRENT QUALLS**

APRIL

KELLY DON WEBB **DANNY RUBIN**
DANNY BRIGHTWELL **DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL**

The Joy of Baptism
by Mark T. Tonkery

"Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them" (Acts 2:41). Those who heard the gospel gladly received and were baptized! No doubting. No denying. No stalling. These sinners realized their sins had crucified the Son of God and they, just like us, were condemned to die.

In Acts 2:37 the crowd heard the gospel and was cut to the heart. Peter told them to, "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Peter started preaching where the people were and took them to Christ. Too often we start at baptism and end at baptism. When done no one is glad or baptized. We are to preach what Peter and the Apostles preached, the gospel is the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ, and then teach them why baptism is essential.

Peter broke hearts preaching the gospel. No one who honestly gets the DB&R of Christ can leave with dry eyes and a hardened heart. We are called to share the same gospel and in doing so we will break hearts. A heart broken with godly sorrow seeks healing. This can only come from knowing God and obeying the gospel of Christ's DB&R (2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 NKJV).

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	Joe Guiltner	

March Birthdays

Tyler Webb 1 st	Jamie Grigg 1 st	Joyce Clark 2 nd
Justin Teague 5 th	Dorothy Teague 9 th	Jay Chaney 13 th
Tommy Taylor 21 st	Joe Guiltner 22 nd	Debbie Lord 23 rd
Mandy Haney Ward 28 th	Bill Roland 28 th	Chip Master 30 th
Andrea Martz 31 st		

March Anniversaries

David & Rita Hoskinds 3rd
Jeff & Sarena Young 5th
Dale & Anna Parish 9th

Dates to Remember

Ladies meet the 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
Men meet the 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.

1 Peter 3:18-21, "Christ died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit; during the construction of the ark, eight people were brought safely through the water. Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you—not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ."