

**The Encouragement Group**  
meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m.  
in the fellowship hall.

**Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.**



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## *Family News*

- We are updating our sign digitally. If you would like to contribute to this expense, please contact Shelby or Danny.
- Please bring the Nursing Home Christmas gifts to the building this afternoon. Ryan will be available to open the building till 5pm.
- Hadleigh Grigg will have kidney surgery on February 27. Please keep her, Harper, Jamie, and Dalton in your prayers.
- Gage Barns has stomach cancer and still losing blood. The doctors continue to run tests. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- Harlan Branscum had tubes put in his ear on Wednesday. He is recovering well. Please keep him, Ashley, and Marshall in your prayers.
- Tamra Brightwell's heart surgery was on Friday. She is recovering well at home. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Jeanette Gillihan had a heart attack and is scheduled for by-pass surgery on January 19. Please keep her in your prayers.
- 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."*

**With Jesus**  
by Ryan Lloyd

**Read John 11:1-16.**

**When Jesus heard that Lazarus was sick, He stayed where He was, rather than taking immediate action to prevent his death. How is it love to let your friend die when you have the power to stop death?**

**How is THAT love?**

**Verse 4, "It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it." The hard truth is that the Lord loved them, yet He didn't act when THEY wanted Him to. People were allowed to suffer, yet no one in that moment could see how God could possibly be glorified, BY THIS!**

**People wanted to know, "Where are you, Lord? Why don't you do something? I thought you loved us!" And He did, Jesus loved them so much, that he allowed God's glory to be seen for an eternal impact, rather than a temporary impact. For Jesus, the glory of God is the ultimate goal, not the comfort of His followers. This was hard, but it's about to get worse.**

**Now that Lazarus had been dead for two days, Jesus says it's time to go back to Judea, where Jews are making plans to kill Jesus! The disciples don't think this is a good idea, and Jesus just wants to know what they're worried about?**

**As long as they're with Jesus, they have no worries. But if they're away from Jesus, there's plenty to be worried about.**

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**OPENING PRAYER** Anthony Weston

**CLOSING PRAYER** Dalton Grigg



**DECEMBER**

**ALAN LOVE  
DAVIS LOVE**

**ROGER HUMPHREY  
JOE COOPER**

**JANUARY**

**BRAD SIPE  
DANNY BRIGHTWELL**

**CHIPPER LAMB  
SHAWN WORTHAM**

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**John chapter 11 is a faith builder for the soul. Thomas is often known as, "doubting Thomas" because of one isolated experience. Yet I see more faith modeled in Thomas' life, than doubt.**

**Listen to his active courageous faith in verse 16, "Let us also go, so that we may die with Jesus." Thomas was ready to continue following Jesus and use what life he had left, to help others follow Jesus with the rest of their lives.**

**Thomas knew that sticking closely to Jesus, probably meant that when His killers found him, whoever was with Jesus would also be killed. I'm sure Thomas didn't like that, but he embraced it. And in the end, Thomas willingly died for his belief in Jesus because his death problem was covered, it was taken care of, and he wasn't worried about dying.**

**Sure, there were times that Thomas struggled with faith, just like any of us, but he still based his decisions, on the unchangeable identity of Jesus Christ. Not only is Jesus TRUTH, He is also ETERNAL LIFE and we can walk with Him to the very end, with no worries of life or death, as long as we're with Him.**

**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, Ann Lawrence

Ted Kidd	Wilma Cooper	Jim Fowler	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	John Ward	Jeanette Crosby	Youngblood

**December Birthdays**

Danny Brightwell 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Acy Beebe 4 <sup>th</sup>	Danny Runion 6 <sup>th</sup>
Callen Cooper 6 <sup>th</sup>	Peggy Beebe 8 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Humphrey 10 <sup>th</sup>
Earlene Martz 11 <sup>th</sup>	Brad Teague 11 <sup>th</sup>	Katelyn Moser 12 <sup>th</sup>
Shelby Qualls 14 <sup>th</sup>	Paulette Jubela 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Claxton 14 <sup>th</sup>
Kaden Williams 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tamra Brightwell 20 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Guiltner 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Wanda Dill 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rose Irvin 24 <sup>th</sup>	Darla Weaver 24 <sup>th</sup>
Deedra Watts 28 <sup>th</sup>	Abby Everett 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lavonia Roland 28 <sup>th</sup>
Brandy Kelly 29 <sup>th</sup>		

**December Anniversaries**

Bill & Lavonia Roland 2<sup>nd</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.  
Potluck every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

**Acts 4:13, "Now as they observed the confidence of Peter and John and understood that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed, and began to recognize them as having been with Jesus."**

**When you've been with Jesus you don't have to tell anyone, it just kind of oozes out of you.**