

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Scams and Excuses

by Bart Warren

A friend shared this tongue-in-cheek warning: "Do not let them take your temperature as you are going into the store! It's a scam! They're erasing your memory! I went for bread, eggs, and vegetables...but I came home with soda, ice cream and candy!"

I smiled as I read it because we can all identify. Sure, we are living in strange days where we are being asked to submit to temperature checks more often than we ever have been before, but so many other aspects of our lives remain unchanged.

For example, we are still prone to making excuses and looking to blame others for our sinful and/or unwise choices. In the Garden of Eden, Adam said, "Eve made me sin!" (Gen. 3:12).

Today, even though we are living in less than ideal circumstances, we can't blame others for our actions. Our sins, shortcomings, and inadequacies are not the fault of leadership, whether that is national governments or local elderships! Our sins, shortcoming, and inadequacies are not the fault of friends, church members, spouses, or colleagues!

We must each give an account of our own actions. Romans 14:12, "So then each one of us will give an account of himself to God."

2 Corinthians 5:10, "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad."

What will your conversation with God look like when you talk to Him about EVERYTHING YOU have done, whether good or bad?

Dates to Remember

★ Ladies meet the 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food
Men meet the 4th Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.

Sermons and bulletins available @
Melbournechurchofchrist.com

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



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A Place to Belong

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* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

OPENING PRAYER Clay Goad

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CHIP MASTER

The Impartiality of God

Romans 2:1-8, "You have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ² And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. ³ But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same *yourself*, that you will escape the judgment of God? ⁴ Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? ⁵ But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God, ⁶ who will render to each person according to his deeds: ⁷ to those who by perseverance in doing good seek for glory and honor and immortality, eternal life; ⁸ but to those who are selfishly ambitious and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, wrath and indignation. ⁹ *There will be* tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek, ¹⁰ but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹¹ For there is no partiality with God."

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Emma Jean Cooper

Health: Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenon
Mary Kosmitis	Dorothy Teague	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master		Deborah Halcom
Ted & Sanyia Austin	J.B. & Wanda Dill		Nevin Hart
Justin Cooper	Dwain Welch		

February Birthdays

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

February Anniversaries

Acy & Iris Beebe 13th
Ted & Sheilla Wammack 14th

Psalm 32:1-5, "How blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered! How blessed is the man to whom the Lord does not impute iniquity, and in whose spirit there is *no deceit!* When I kept silent *about my sin*, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my vitality was drained away *as* with the fever heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord"; and You forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found."