

**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.**

**Visitors, please take a card from the back of the pew, fill it out, and put it in the offering tray. We are glad you're here and want you to know that you're welcome in the family of Christ that meets here!**

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## Family News

- Potluck after services. There will be plenty of food, so everybody is welcome!
- Marvin Hoskinds is recovering well from home.
- Phyllis Gilbreath's mother, Lucille Morgan, passed away. Please keep Phyllis and the Gilbreath family in prayer.
- Amanda McPherson passed away. Please keep the McPherson family in prayer.
- Memorial Contributions for Jim Fulbright:  
 Bonnie Wyatt, Bill & Carolyn Younger

**March 30, 2025**

## Melbourne Church of Christ

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

### **Drifting Away**

by Ryan Lloyd

**There is a prevalent idea in religious circles today that once a person inherits salvation they can never lose it. But is this a true concept found in the Bible? Let's examine the evidence in Scripture and see what writers led by God's Holy Spirit had to say.**

**In Galatians 5:4, the Apostle Paul writes, "You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace." This was written to those who had placed their faith in Christ and been baptized into Him. Paul reminds those who were mixing in parts of the old law with Christianity that they had fallen from God's grace. May we be aware of God's truth and not seek a relationship with God by blending the old law with Christ.**

**In Hebrews 2:1, we read, "We must pay closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it." This was written to people who had faith in Christ and had been baptized. The warning is to pay attention, so they don't drift away from salvation.**

**In James 5:19-20, James teaches that those who have placed their faith in Christ and been baptized can wander from the truth, and become spiritually dead, "My brethren, if any among you strays from the truth and one turns him back, let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins." James wrote to those who had placed their faith into Christ and were baptized into Him.**

**In 2 Peter 2:20-22, Peter gives a strong warning to born again believers, "When people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before.**

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**Opening Prayer**.....Chipper Lamb  
**Communion Reading**.....Alan Love  
**Closing Prayer**.....Daylee Brightwell



### MARCH

**DANNY BRIGHTWELL**  
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**It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life. They prove the truth of this proverb: "A dog returns to its vomit." And another says, "A washed pig returns to the mud."**

**Where did the concept that we can lose salvation come from? From Christ Himself. In John 15:5-6, Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. They are gathered into a pile to be burned."**

**The solution to habitual sin is confession, repentance, and praying for forgiveness. God cleanses us and puts us back into a blessed friendship with Him. (1 John 1:9). Once we're in heaven we'll always be there (1 Thess. 4:17), but while on this earth, we can forfeit our inheritance, our salvation. This is not a scare tactic, it's a challenge to remain faithful as we continually love God with all our hearts, minds, souls, and strength. May we live with hearts on fire with love for God, as we focus on remaining connected to the Vine, no matter which way the winds blow.**

### Prayer List

**Military:** Derek & Allison Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

**Nursing Home:** Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman, Shirley Hill, Imogene James, Bill Roland

Boyde Martin	Wilma Cooper	Phyllis Gilbreath	Dorothy Teague
Ruby Patillo	Joe Guiltner	Cornelia Summers	Marvin Hoskinds
Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin	Joe Anne Hendrix
Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young	Regenia Gillihan
Regina Master	Shawna Teegarden	Gage Barns	

### March Birthdays

Tyler Webb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Jamie Grigg 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joyce Clark 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Charlotte Fowler 4 <sup>th</sup>	Justin Teague 5 <sup>th</sup>	Dorothy Teague 9 <sup>th</sup>
Beverly Barnes 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Taylor 21 <sup>st</sup>	Joe Guiltner 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Debbie Lord 23 <sup>rd</sup>	James Parnell 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jodie Sandoval 26 <sup>th</sup>
Mandy Haney Thomas 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Roland 28 <sup>th</sup>	Chip Master 30 <sup>th</sup>
Andrea Martz 31 <sup>st</sup>		

### March Anniversaries

David & Rita Hoskinds 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jeff & Sarena Young 5 <sup>th</sup>
Dale & Anna Parish 9 <sup>th</sup>	

### Dates to Remember

Ladies Night Out 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.  
 Ladies Bible Study 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday @ 6 p.m.  
 Men meet 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.  
 Potluck every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

**Hebrews 5:13-6:1, "Everyone who drinks *only* milk does not know the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. Solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. Therefore, leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity."**

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