

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Influence
by Dwight Fuqua

Influence is the force by which we have an effect upon the life of another person. We each have influence. The power of your influence is staggering. You want to be a good influence for Christ!

Attempts are made to minimize the power of individual influence. We hear statements like, "I don't have any influence" or "My influence doesn't go very far." The truth is every person has influence. Your life has an impact on the lives of other people!

Your life and influence affect your spouse, children, parents, brothers, sisters, etc. Your influence affects your associates at work and play, in the neighborhood and community. Your life even affects those who observe you from afar. We cannot know how many lives we touch. We can know that we touch many lives!

Jesus used three metaphors to describe influence. He said, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13). He said, "You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). He said, "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven" (Matthew 13:33). In addition, the apostle Paul said, "Clearly you are an epistle of Christ" (2 Corinthians 3:3). Salt! Light! Leaven! Epistle!

How is our influence like salt? Salt preserves, purifies, and gives flavor. Its presence makes a difference. How are our lives like light? Light illuminates, guides, and warns of danger. It is conspicuous. How are our lives like leaven? Leaven is a silent, slow working force. It changes from within the substance with which it comes in contact. How are our lives like epistles? As a letter conveys the expression of its author, we are to present the true expression of Christ to the world.

In marriages, community, on the job, recreation, at school, at home, and in the local church, let us dedicate our lives to being a positive influence for Jesus Christ. Let us use our influence to win souls to Christ, build up those who belong to Christ, and glorify God!

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Family News

- Lavonia Roland's uncle, Neil Varnes passed away. Please keep Lavonia and her family in your prayers.
- Earl Stephen's surgery was postponed. Please pray for a skilled surgeon to become available for the procedure.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

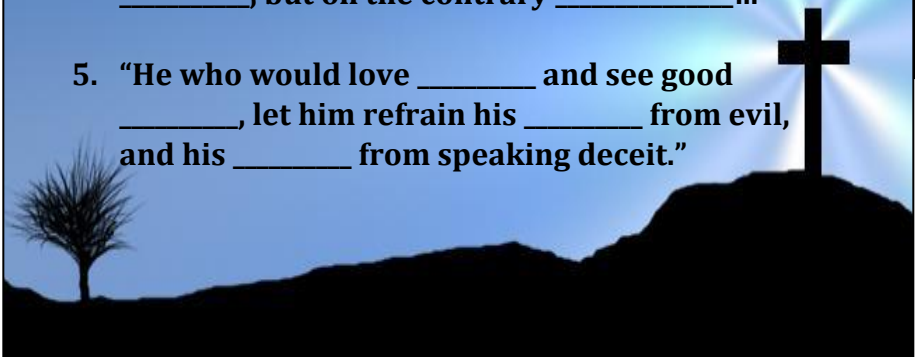
	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	TBA	TBA
OPENING PRAYER	TBA	TBA
CLOSING PRAYER	TBA	TBA



Self-Served

Bible Quiz: 1 Peter 3:7-12

1. "Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with _____, giving _____ to the wife..."
2. "Finally, all of you be of one _____, having _____ for one another..."
3. Name three qualities Peter uses in verse 8 to describe the kind of actions Christians should have toward one another.
4. "...not returning _____ for _____ or _____ for _____, but on the contrary _____..."
5. "He who would love _____ and see good _____, let him refrain his _____ from evil, and his _____ from speaking deceit."



Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington

Officers: Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Health:	Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenon
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Buddy James	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Masters		Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin		Richard Gunter

Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

February Birthdays

Frank Fowler 1 st	Joyce Newbrey 5 th	Aaron Young 8 th
Cindy Phillips 11 th	Brighton Beebe 11 th	Dewey Brightwell 13 th
Davy Wyatt 14 th	Harris Wyatt 14 th	David Lawrence 19 th
Kaleb Moser 25 th	Chipper Lamb 27 th	

February Anniversaries

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

Luke 11:28, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God *and* observe it."

- Jesus of Nazareth