

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

The Best He Could

by Randy Baker

T. B. Larimore once said, "When my hand is still, my tongue silent and my eyes closed; when friends come to look on my pale face, I want them to be able to say, at least, 'He did the best he could.'"

Jesus told a parable in which one man failed to do the best he could (Matthew 25:14-30). Three men with differing abilities were given talents. One received five talents, another two, and the last, one. Those who received five and two talents increased their capital. Each was praised by his lord, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." The one talent man was a different story. He failed to gain more talents for his lord and was rebuked, "Thou wicked and slothful servant." He was cast into outer darkness because he failed to give his best. The point of this parable should not be lost.

Malachi rebuked the people of his day for their failure to bring God the best they had to offer from their hearts (Malachi 1:13). God desired and deserved better. We must be careful that we don't become content in offering God less than our best.

Are we really doing the best we can? If we attend one church service during the week, is that the best we have to offer God? Is our contribution, the best we have to offer God? Is our involvement in the local congregation, the best we have to offer God? Is our daily lifestyle, the best we have to offer God? Are our efforts to share the gospel, the best we have to offer? God is not looking for perfection, He is looking for the best we have to offer from the bottom of our hearts.

Even when we do our best remember the words of Jesus: "When you have done all those things which are commanded of you, say, we are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do" (Luke 17:10). God gave the best of Heaven (John 3:16). What will we give Him in return? Think about it.

Dates to Remember

December 9th **Ladies Night Out Christmas Party**

December 15th **Men's Breakfast @ 8am**

December 29th **Potluck** after services

CHILDREN'S
HOMES, INC.



Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Nursing Home 3rd Sunday 2 p.m.

Please bring money or items for the Children's Homes

Cold & Flu Medicine Dish Washer Detergent (Liquid or Pods)
Fabric Softener Individually Packed Snacks/Drink Mixes
Crunchy Peanut Butter Cereal French Style Green Beans

Elders

Danny Brightwell
291-3439

Shelby Qualls
346-5255

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Bryan Phillips 373-0546
David Brightwell 291-1122

Alan Love 243-4608
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Family News

- Ladies Christmas Party, December 9th @ the fellowship hall @ 6 pm. Bring a \$10 "Dirty Santa" gift and a finger food. All ladies in the congregation are encouraged to come.
- Christmas gift list for the nursing home is ready and in the foyer. Please return gifts by December 11th.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	Doyle Wyatt	David Brightwell
OPENING PRAYER	Brad Sipe	Ted Wammack
CLOSING PRAYER	David Brightwell	Alan Love



Brent Qualls	Danny Brightwell	Larry Young
Kaden Williams	Ted Wammack	Kenny Moser

LORD'S SUPPER NEXT MONTH

KELLY WEBB	JOE COOPER	BRAD SIPE
SHELBY QUALLS	DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL	DAVIS LOVE

DOOR GREETERS

DECEMBER 1ST **JOE & HOLLY COOPER**
 DECEMBER 8TH **ALAN & ANITA LOVE**

CHILDREN'S GATHERING TEACHERS FOR DECEMBER

DIANA WYATT & TRENA HUMPHREY

Nursery

December 1st **Lisa Cooper**
 December 8th **Abby Everett**

1 Peter 4:10-11, "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

Prayer List

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

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

Health: Dot Sanders	Joyce Newbrey	Cal Gillihan	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Jane Sullivan	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
Eutha Vest	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Andrew Pearson	Ivy Jo Slade	Toni Lawrence	Andrew Weaver
Sue Washington	Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Dan Clark
Nick & Mary Kosmitis	Earnie Blackley	Bob & Arlene Davidson	

Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Audrey Eddings, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Jimmy Gillihan, Emma Jean Cooper

December Birthdays

Danny Brightwell 3 rd	Acy Beebe 4 th	Danny Runion 6 th
Kathrean Phipps 7 th	David Clark 8 th	Peggy Beebe 8 th
Roger Humphrey 10 th	Katelyn Moser 12 th	Shelby Qualls 14 th
Paulette Jubela 14 th	Kaden Williams 16 th	Tamra Brightwell 20 th
Shirley Guiltner 22 nd	Rose Irvin 24 th	Deedra Adkisson 28 th
Abby Everett 28 th	Lavonia Roland 28 th	Brandy Kelly 29 th
Bob Davidson 31 st		

December Anniversaries

Bill & Lavonia Roland	2 nd
Tom & Kathrean Phipps	23 rd
Bob & Arlene Davidson	31 st

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

- Leo Buscaglia

