

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## Am I Being A Good Sibling?

by Brad Tolbert

**As the oldest, I responsible for my younger siblings' actions. At times I would be put in charge. At times I just happened to be with them when they got in trouble or hurt. Then, I was responsible. I should have been watching them, I should have warned them, I was the one who should have known better. I should have known not to grab the rope swing and jump off the shed in the back yard. Israel was told to warn, speak out, and to dissuade those who are wicked from their evil ways (Ezekiel 3:18,19; Ezekiel 33:8,9).**

**God also focuses on the erring righteous. "Again, when a righteous person turns from their righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling block before them, they will die. Since you did not warn them, they will die for their sin. The righteous things that person did will not be remembered, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. But if you do warn the righteous person not to sin and they do not sin, they will surely live because they took warning, and you will have saved yourself" (Ezekiel 3:20,21).**

**The key words are found at the end of verses 19 and 21, "and you will have saved yourself." Not that we will have helped save the other person. No, the emphasis is placed on the fact that our own soul will now be saved because we at least tried to warn and teach the person the right way. When I was a child, there were times when I would warn my siblings and try to explain the rules, but they chose to ignore me. When it came time for punishments to be handed out my parents took that into account. If I could honestly say I had tried and told them not to do it, but they went ahead and did it anyway, then usually my parents would let me off the hook and focus on the erring sibling. Are we going to be able to say I tried, I really tried, when we stand before God on judgement day?**

### Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in Jan. @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

Sermons and bulletins available @  
[Melbournechurchofchrist.com](http://Melbournechurchofchrist.com)

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



**Melbourne Church of Christ**  
**A Place to Belong**

#### Elders

Danny Brightwell  
291-3439

Shelby Qualls  
346-5255

#### Deacons

Bryan Phillips David Brightwell  
373-0546 291-1122

Alan Love Joe Cooper  
243-4608 291-4653

#### Minister

Ryan Lloyd  
368-7886  
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Melbourne, AR 72556

## Family News

➤ Charlene Langston's sister, Janie Cooper, passed away. The visitation will be from 12-1 p.m. at Eddies, on Wednesday December 29<sup>th</sup>. A graveside service will be held at Violet Hill following the visitation.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA



**Self-Served**

**Read: Mark 6:1-6**

E	D	D	Y	R	T	N	U	O	C	HOME	TOWN	WISDOM
T	E	E	E	T	J	C	E	M	A	CARPENTER	MARY	JAMES
E	U	H	T	S	O	A	A	S	J	JUDE	JESUS	DESPISED
S	J	S	O	O	I	R	D	U	J	OWN	COUNTRY	HOUSE
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J	H	N	N	T	E	E	S	J	I			
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**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	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Phil Haagenon
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Andrew Weaver
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master	Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Richard Gunter
J.B. & Wanda Dill	Ted Kidd	

**Nursing Home:** Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

**December Birthdays**

Danny Brightwell 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Acy Beebe 4 <sup>th</sup>	Danny Runion 6 <sup>th</sup>
David Clark 8 <sup>th</sup>	Peggy Beebe 8 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Humphrey 10 <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>	Rose Irvin 24 <sup>th</sup>	Darla Weaver 24 <sup>th</sup>
Deedra Adkisson 28 <sup>th</sup>	Abby Everett 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lavonia Roland 28 <sup>th</sup>
Brandy Kelly 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Davidson 31 <sup>st</sup>	

**December Anniversaries**

Bill & Lavonia Roland 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Bob & Arlene Davidson 31<sup>st</sup>

**Luke 8:19-21, "And Jesus' mother and brothers came to Him, and they were unable to get to Him because of the crowd. And it was reported to Him, "Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, wishing to see You." But He answered and said to them, "My mother and My brothers are these who hear the word of God and do it."**