

**The Encouragement Group**  
meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m.  
in the fellowship hall.

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



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**A Place to Belong**

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## Family News

- We are updating our sign digitally. If you would like to contribute to this expense, please contact Shelby or Danny.
- Hadleigh Grigg will have kidney surgery on February 27. Please keep her, Harper, Jamie, and Dalton in your prayers.
- Dean Phipps was in the hospital at WRMC last week for testing. He is now at home and feeling a lot better.
- Vincent Hidalgo passed away last week. Please keep Polly and the Hidalgo family in your prayers.
- Boyde Martin, from Mount Pleasant, has cancer. Please keep him in your prayers as he receives treatment.
- Dorothy Teague broke her neck a while back and has not recovered well. She loves to receive encouraging mail. 843 Main St. Norfolk, AR 72658
- Sermons and bulletins available at [Melbournechurchofchrist.com](http://Melbournechurchofchrist.com)

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

### **Are You Open?**

by Jacob Evans

**Sometimes I forget that it is a holiday and drive to the bank to deposit a needed check, only to see a sign on the door that reads "Closed." Frustrating. A few years ago, my wife and I were craving ice cream. We made the thirty-minute trek from our home to the nearest ice cream shop only to see that the neon sign that read "Open" was not lit up. They were closed. Disappointing.**

**On one occasion, my gas light came on during a stretch of the interstate where exits were few and far between. As more and more mile markers swept by, I began to get nervous. When I came to the next exit, I got off and went to the nearest gas station. The sign on the door read, "We're Closed." Troubling.**

**Now, there is something that is far more frustrating, disappointing, and troubling than a closed bank, ice cream shop, or gas station, and that is a heart that is not open to God. What is the sign on the door of your heart saying to God? Open 24 hours? Or closed?**

**As you consider this, keep three things in mind:**

- 1. God will not walk into the door of your life and be a part of it uninvited (Rev. 3:20).**
- 2. Opening your heart up to God involves giving your entire life to God, not just a couple hours a week (Matt. 13:44-46, Rom. 6:5-14).**
- 3. Once the door closes on your life or Jesus returns, you will not be able to exchange a closed sign for an open one (Luke 13:22-29).**

**OPENING PRAYER** Shelby Qualls

**CLOSING PRAYER** Danny Brightwell



**DECEMBER**

**ALAN LOVE  
DAVIS LOVE**

**ROGER HUMPHREY  
JOE COOPER**

**JANUARY**

**BRAD SIPE  
DANNY BRIGHTWELL**

**CHIPPER LAMB  
SHAWN WORTHAM**

**He Crowns the Humble with Salvation**

by Larry Fitzgerald

**Winston Churchill was once asked, "Doesn't it thrill you to know that every time you make a speech, the hall is packed to overflowing?"**

**"It's quite flattering," replied Sir Winston. "But whenever I feel that way, I always remember that if instead of making a political speech I was being hanged, the crowd would be twice as big."**

**Humility is not having a poor self-image or thinking you are a worthless wimp. Humility is having an honest evaluation of who you are—as the Bible describes you. On one hand I am a sinner who deserves death—yet I am a child of God, a member of the Royal Priesthood.**

**Humility is found in the balance between those two realities. The truth is, God often elevates the humble. Consider these passages from the Bible:**

***"You (O Lord) save the humble, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them low" (2 Samuel 22:28).***

***"For the LORD takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation" (Psalm 149:4).***

**Prayer List**

**Military:** Derek Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson **Nursing Home:** Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Troy Gaston, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman, Ann Lawrence

Ted Kidd	Wilma Cooper	Jim Fowler	Dorothy Teague
Bill Roland	Treva Voyles	Hayden Phillips	Debbie Crow
Cornelia Summers	Christie Haney	Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby
Brooke Partin	Gary Brown	Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper
John Young	Regenia Gillihan	Robby Qualls	Regina Master
Shawna Teegarden	John Ward	Jeanette Crosby	Youngblood
Boyd Martin			

**December Birthdays**

Danny Brightwell 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Acy Beebe 4 <sup>th</sup>	Danny Runion 6 <sup>th</sup>
Callen Cooper 6 <sup>th</sup>	Peggy Beebe 8 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Humphrey 10 <sup>th</sup>
Earlene Martz 11 <sup>th</sup>	Brad Teague 11 <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>
Wanda Dill 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rose Irvin 24 <sup>th</sup>	Darla Weaver 24 <sup>th</sup>
Deedra Watts 28 <sup>th</sup>	Abby Everett 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lavonia Roland 28 <sup>th</sup>
Brandy Kelly 29 <sup>th</sup>		

**December Anniversaries**

Bill & Lavonia Roland 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Dates to Remember**

Ladies meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.  
Men meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.  
Potluck every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

**Hebrews 12:15, "See to it that no one comes short of the grace of God."**

**1 Peter 5:5-6, "Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time."**