

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Christian, Be Quiet

by Joe Chase

I don't know that I have ever heard a sermon on the need for quiet. Yet, the Bible teaches that God will "quiet you by his love" (Zeph. 3:17). Peter mentions the need for a quiet spirit, which is very precious in God's sight (1 Peter 3:4). Habakkuk instructs all people "...the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him." (Hab. 2:20) Sometimes we need to stop talking so we can listen, turn off the T.V. and the iPod and turn down the noise of life so we can truly hear God's word. Being quiet helps us to concentrate on what we are responsible to change in our hearts, minds, and lives. So often the voices of worldly passion, selfishness, lust, fear, or hatred are present within us. We have skillfully ignored them so long that they blend in with noise of life. As Christians, we can silence those worldly callings as we put off the old man and put on the new.

Quiet forces us to listen to our inner man to reform our character. Many of us don't hear our own soul's cry to seek God's saving grace. Why are we so afraid to hear the call of our own broken lives? Some try to drown out the quiet with alcohol or drugs. Some try to quiet the Word of God by filling every moment with busyness.

Habakkuk knew that focusing on the Holiness of the Lord takes a halting of everything else. I wonder if we remember that we are God's temple. God's rightful throne is the throne room of our hearts. This calls for our lives to be reverent reflections of the Heavenly Host reigning in our hearts.

Being quiet is being responsible with our speech. We really don't have to insert our opinion into every conversation. We don't need to try to say everything we think. In fact, we're much better off to be, "quick to hear, slow to speak" (James 1:19). Being quiet includes refraining from gossiping, slandering, bragging, boasting, lying, and criticizing. Imagine how much quieter we would be if all this speech was removed from our conversations. Lord, quiet my soul.

Dates to Remember

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

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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Family News

- Homecoming is next Sunday, October 29. Chuck Crow will be our speaker. Please bring a side dish to go with chicken and dressing, or any meat or dessert.
- Tom Phipps Memorial Contributions: Danny & Betty Brightwell, Shelby & Ramona Qualls
- We will have a Harvest Wednesday service at the fellowship hall on November 1st, at 6pm with a meal and games afterwards.
- We now have 24 kids in Children's Church. We need more teachers and helpers to do this successfully. Please get in touch with Betty if you would like to help.
- After most funerals we serve a meal to the family to extend love and care. If you would like to be added to the list to be contacted to prepare a meal, please contact Betty.

OPENING PRAYER David Brightwell

CLOSING PRAYER Joe Cooper



OCTOBER

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DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL

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It's Okay to Wonder Why, But Don't Forget Who

by Edd Sterchi

"O LORD, how long shall I cry, and You will not hear? Even cry out to You, 'Violence!' and You will not save...For plundering and violence are before me; there is strife, and contention arises. Therefore the law is powerless, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous..." Twenty-six hundred years ago the prophet Habakkuk opened his book with these words, but they could have very well been written this past week. Violence abounds and we wonder why.

Actually the why is easily answered: it is because of sin. Sin has ruined the world and death, disease, and violence abound because of it. But there is another "why" that often enters our minds when violence rears its ugly head. Habakkuk wondered it too. Why would God allow such violence to happen? It's not wrong to wonder such things.

In the end, Habakkuk realized that God will make things right at the proper time. He learned to continue to trust God and realized that his praise for God should also continue regardless of the circumstances (read Habakkuk 3). He knew that he could always draw strength from God, even in uncertain times. We can (and should) too.

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, Sherry Smith, Bill Roland

Health: Ted Kidd	Wilma Cooper	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Jerry Roland	Cornelia Summers	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Dwain Welch	Bill Roland
Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston	Nevin Hart
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenson
Mary Kosmitis	Dorothy Teague	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Chip & Regina Master	Ted & Sanyia Austin		Treva Voyles
John Ward	Michael Washington	Natasha Lesko	Christie Haney
Shawna Teegarden	Arlene Davidson	Regenia Gillihan	Brandi Vick
John Young	Robby Qualls		

October Birthdays

Charlotte Treat 2 nd	Trena Humphrey 5 th	Ronnie Adkisson 6 th
Anna Parrish 7 th	Ethan Phillips 8 th	Chad Lawrence 10 th
David Brightwell 12 th	Tyler Wammack 15 th	Rylee Hoskinds 19 th
Julie Qualls 22 nd	Sue Campbell 22 nd	Melanie Crosby 25 th
Hadleigh Grigg 25 th	Rita Hoskinds 26 th	Brooke Pritchard 26 th
Thomas Lamb 27 th	Heather Elms 30 th	

October Anniversaries

Mary & Ken Bone 14th

Psalm 22:1-4, "My God, my God, why have You forsaken me? Far from my deliverance are the words of my groaning. O my God, I cry by day, but You do not answer; and by night, but I have no rest. Yet You are holy, O You who are enthroned upon the praises of Israel. In You our fathers trusted; they trusted and You delivered them."

The Gospel is the DBR:

