

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

The Victors Crown

by Mark Day

"Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: and behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" (Revelation 2:10). God's people cannot be defeated. We may be persecuted, troubled on every side, tormented, and sometimes disheartened, but if we remain faithful, we are set for victory! "Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Athletic games were held near Corinth in the first century that were the predecessor to our modern Olympics. Paul compared the crown of life that we will receive to the victor's wreath that the winner received in these games. It is amazing that men will discipline themselves, go through all sorts of pain, and make tremendous sacrifices for a garland crown of flowers and momentary glory. Paul said, "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible" (1 Corinthians 9:25). Christians, instead of striving for earthly glory, make sacrifices for the eternal "crown of glory that fadeth not away" (1 Peter 5:4). What a delight it is to see those who have overcome all the trials and temptations of life welcome death because of the eternal rewards that lay just beyond the passage. When Paul was at that juncture, he declared, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord the righteous judge, shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all that love His appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

James 1:12 declares, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those that love him." Are you striving to win the victor's crown that the Lord will give those who overcome?

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.

Sermons and bulletins available @
Melbournechurchofchrist.com

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



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

OPENING PRAYER Anthony Weston

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Danny Brightwell

**Giving to Thee
By Edd Sterchi**

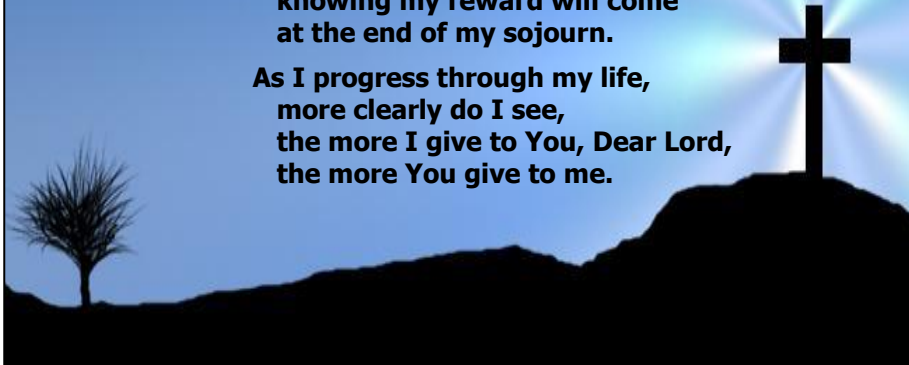
**As I progress through my life,
more clearly do I see,
it is not what I gather, Lord,
but what I give to Thee.**

**I give to Thee by pouring out,
my body, heart, and soul,
in glory and devotion,
trusting Thee to make me whole.**

**I give to Thee by kindly helping,
all others, great and small,
humbly loving, serving, forgiving,
not with part, but with all.**

**I give to Thee by giving free,
not expecting in return,
knowing my reward will come
at the end of my sojourn.**

**As I progress through my life,
more clearly do I see,
the more I give to You, Dear Lord,
the more You give to me.**



Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington

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

Health: Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	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 Haagenson
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Arlene Davidson		Chip & Regina Master	Deborah Halcom
Dorothy Teague		Ted & Sanyia Austin	J.B. & Wanda Dill

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

August Birthdays

Ashlyn Beebe 3 rd	Melba Gillihan 4 th	John Smith 8 th
Charlene Langston 10 th	Tiffany Webb 10 th	Holly Cooper 12 th
Billy Beebe 13 th	Brent Qualls 15 th	Abe Cooper 15 th
Anita Love 17 th	Tim Vest 20 th	Diane Zook 20 th
Jimmie Young 22 nd	Dottie McWherter 23 rd	Jordan Kimble 23 rd
Ramona Qualls 26 th	Roby Cooper 26 th	Laine Wagoner 27 th
Sarena Young 28 th	Shawna Teegarden 29 th	Sanders Lee Wyatt 31 st

August Anniversaries

Tommy & Sandra Taylor 10 th	Danny & Betty Brightwell 12 th
Kelly & Tiffany Webb 13 th	Ronnie & Sally Adkisson 15 th
Cleve & Darla Weaver 21 st	Joe & Shirley Guiltner 23 rd
Doyle & Diana Wyatt 29 th	

Matthew 10:40-42, " He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in *the* name of a prophet shall receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever in the name of a disciple gives to one of these little ones even a cup of cold water to drink, truly I say to you, he shall not lose his reward."