

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## Rejoicing Angels by Edd Sterchi

Ever wonder what causes the angels in heaven to shout for joy? The first instance of the heavenly host expressing joy is during the creation of the heavens and the earth. God tells Job that when it happened, "the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy" (Job 38:1-7). Most Bible scholars agree that the morning stars and sons of God are in reference to angels, who apparently were created prior to the earth. So in this instance, we see the angels being joyous because of God using His creative powers to make something that had never existed before.

Here's another instance of angels showing joy. When the proper time came (Gal. 4:4), God sent His Son to be born of the human race. It is at this time in announcing the birth of the Messiah to the shepherds that angels proclaimed it a time of "great joy" (Luke 2:8-14). So here the angels express praise and joy at the coming of the Christ-child, the God-Man, Jesus. As in the creation, they are expressing joy over something that had never before existed.

In Luke 15:10 we are told that "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." Seeing a sinner come to God and becoming a new creation brings great joy to the angels.

Angels get excited over new creations. When we have our lives made new through baptism into Christ and we continue to live each day renewed in the Spirit, the angels rejoice over us. What an encouraging thought! "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death. Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them!" (Rev. 12:11-12a)

### 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.**



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## Family News

- Madeline Sipe passed away on Friday. Visitation and graveside funeral service will be today at Eddie's Family Funeral Home in Melbourne. Visitation will begin at 12:30 p.m. Graveside funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Combs Cemetery. Please keep Doug and all the family in your prayers.
- Jimmie Young has covid. Her granddaughter, Brooke Partin, found out she has cancer and is undergoing a surgery tomorrow. Please keep both of these ladies and their family in your prayers.
- \* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

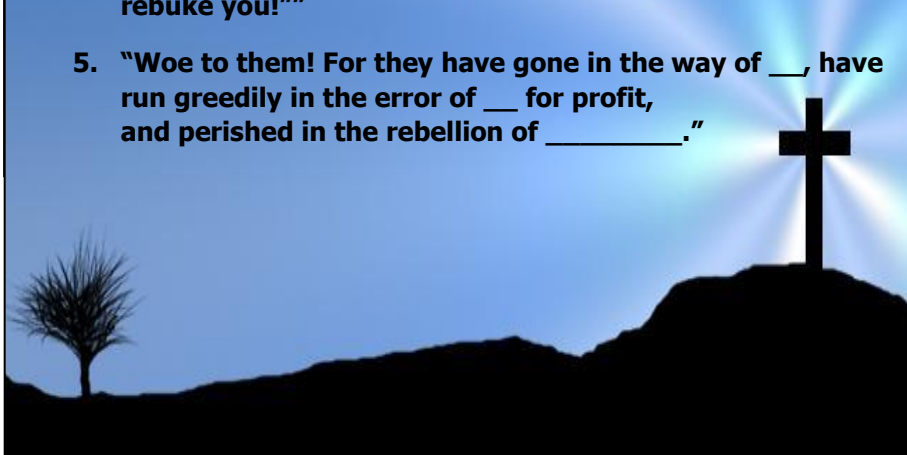
	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA



**Self-Served**

**Bible Quiz: Jude 5-11**

- 1. In verses 5-7 Jude uses three examples of unfaithful people who received God's judgment. Who were they?**
- 2. "But I want to remind you, though you once knew this, that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of \_\_\_\_\_, afterward \_\_\_\_\_ those who did not believe."**
- 3. The cities in verse 7 were destroyed because they had given themselves over to \_\_\_ and had gone after \_\_\_.**
- 4. "Yet \_\_\_ the archangel, in contending with the \_\_\_, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!""**
- 5. "Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of \_\_\_, have run greedily in the error of \_\_\_ for profit, and perished in the rebellion of \_\_\_\_\_."**



**Prayer List**

**Military:** Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington

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

<b>Health:</b> Ted Kidd	Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	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	Andrew Weaver
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master		Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Richard Gunter	J.B. & Wanda Dill
Deborah Halcom			

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

**January Birthdays**

Emma Marie Cooper 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Randy Zook 5 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Teague 10 <sup>th</sup>
Kimberly Hoskinds 12 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Lamb 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kiley Webb 14 <sup>th</sup>
Arlene Davidson 15 <sup>th</sup>	Luke Vest 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Kosmitis 17 <sup>th</sup>
Charles Everett 19 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Bone 20 <sup>th</sup>	Wayne Crosby 20 <sup>th</sup>
Emma Jean Cooper 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Iris Beebe 22 <sup>nd</sup>	David Hoskinds 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Rhetha Lamb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanette Everett 24 <sup>th</sup>	Trey Lamb 25 <sup>th</sup>
Daylee Brightwell 25 <sup>th</sup>	Zori Brightwell 25 <sup>th</sup>	Kyler McLaughlin 25 <sup>th</sup>
Eastyn Teegarden 25 <sup>th</sup>	Joe Paul Smith 28 <sup>th</sup>	Adam Hoskinds 31 <sup>st</sup>
Joe Ingram 31 <sup>st</sup>		

**January Anniversaries**

John & Marilyn Smith 18<sup>th</sup>  
Randy & Diane Zook 21<sup>st</sup>

**Matthew 24:30-31, "Then will appear in heaven the sign of the Son of Man, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other."**