

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## Beware of Satan's Nose and Foot by Edd Sterchi

The ancient Arabs had a saying: "Beware the camel's nose" which means that if we let one small undesirable situation occur, there would soon be a worsening to a disastrous predicament. If you let a camel get his nose into the tent, its whole body would soon be entirely in the tent. American's have a similar saying, don't let someone get "a foot in the door." Satan is no different. Like the bulky, smelly camel, Satan can inch into our lives, and given the opportunity he will lead us and fill our lives. Consider the following Scriptures:

- **Eve (Gen. 3:1-6)** – Eve allowed herself to doubt God's word and Satan inched in. Then she looked at the forbidden fruit, took it, ate it, and then gave it to her husband. She allowed just the tip of the nose of doubt into her mind, and before she knew it, Satan ruined her life and Adam and Eve both hid from the presence of God in fear.
- **Achan (Josh. 7:1-26)** – The people of Israel were forbidden to take any spoils of war. But Achan saw, coveted, took, and finally hid gold and silver that belonged to God. Satan got his foot in the door through theft, that led to deception, and eventually to the physical death of many.
- **David (2 Sam. 11:1-27)** – King David looked at a woman bathing, lusted, had an affair, tried to hide the sin, then murdered an innocent godly man. When sin gets a foothold, it grows. This also eventually led to more physical premature death.

**May we be aware of Satan's temptations and realize that we can quickly be lead astray if we give him the opportunity. If we give Satan an inch, he will take a mile. "...do not give the devil an opportunity...so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes" (Eph 4:27; 2 Cor. 2:11 NASB).**

**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

- We are updating our sign digitally. If you would like to contribute to this expense, please contact Shelby or Danny.
- Our Valentine's Banquet is this Wednesday night, February 14, at the fellowship building at 6pm. Supper will be served.
- Hadleigh Grigg will have kidney surgery on February 27. Please keep her, Harper, Jamie, and Dalton in your prayers.
- Debbie Lord's friend, Jared Taylor, passed away. Please keep Debbie and the Taylor family in your prayers.
- Memorial contributions for Donnie Vest & Ann Lawrence: Bonnie Wyatt, Joyce Clark, Danny & Betty Brightwell, Shelby & Ramona Qualls.
- Hayden Williams, the one year old son of Kyle & Amber Williams from Horseshoe Bend, passed away. Please keep the Williams family in your prayers.
- Frank Fowler's father, Jim Fowler, passed away. Please keep Charlotte and all of the Fowler family in your prayers.

**OPENING PRAYER** Rusty Treat  
**CLOSING PRAYER** Danny Runion



**FEBRUARY**

**SHELBY QUALLS**                      **BRENT QUALLS**  
**CHIP MASTER**                      **ROBERT LANGSTON**

**MARCH**

**ANTHONY WESTON**                      **DALTON GRIGG**  
**SANDERS LEE WYATT**                      **BRENT QUALLS**

**Right Thinking**  
by Charles Box

**The Apostle Paul teaches that thoughts control our life and when we control our thoughts, we control the direction of our lives.**

**"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. You are looking at things as they are outwardly. If anyone is confident in himself that he is Christ's, let him consider this again within himself, that just as he is Christ's, so also are we (2 Corinthians 10:5-7).**

**"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned, received, heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you (Philippians 4:8-9).**

**Honor, integrity, and purity in life can only come from right thinking. Only by thinking right can evil be overcome in our life. Wrong actions are expelled from the life of a Christian by right thinking. Christian character is the outgrowth of pure thoughts.**

**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

Ted Kidd	Wilma Cooper	Peggy Hall	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	Jeanette Crosby Youngblood		John Ward
Boyde Martin	Gage Barns		

**February Birthdays**

Frank Fowler 1 <sup>st</sup>	Aaron Young 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Phillips 11 <sup>th</sup>
Brighton Beebe 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dewey Brightwell 13 <sup>th</sup>	Davey Wyatt 14 <sup>th</sup>
Harris Wyatt 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kori Minick 18 <sup>th</sup>	David Lawrence 19 <sup>th</sup>
Brandy Treat 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kaleb Moser 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jeralene Love 25 <sup>th</sup>
Chipper Lamb 27 <sup>th</sup>		

**February Anniversaries**

Acy & Iris Beebe 13<sup>th</sup>  
Ted & Sheilla Wammack 14<sup>th</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.  
Family game night every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday from 5-7 p.m.  
Potluck every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

**Psalm 31:1-5, "In You, O Lord, I have taken refuge; let me never be ashamed; in Your righteousness deliver me. Incline Your ear to me, rescue me *quickly*; be to me a rock of strength, a stronghold to save me. For You are my rock and my fortress; for Your name's sake You will lead me and guide me. You are my strength. Into Your hand I commit my spirit; You have ransomed me, O Lord, God of truth."**