

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

No Excuses
by Bart Warren

On September 26, 2021, Elijah Saolo was about to win the Quad Cities Marathon in Illinois. As he sprinted down the final stretch, not only was he in the lead, he was on pace to set a record time!

But then, instead of turning right and following the designated path, he went straight and was automatically disqualified for running off the course. Why did he do this? He was following a volunteer on a bike who had mistakenly gone the wrong way.

Race officials said he should have known better. Signs were clearly displayed and well-marked. Plus, there was a meeting the day before the race so that the runners could get familiar with the course.

He was disqualified. He lost a race he should have won. There was no excuse.

This reminds me of the "man of God from Judah" in 1 Kings 13. He was told to deliver a message to the king and to return immediately. He ended up stopping for dinner. He had been plainly told. There had been clear signs (the miracles performed). Thus, there was no excuse for unbelief or disobedience.

The lesson for us? There is no excuse for not knowing or following the Word of God. We don't follow what friends say or what social media happens to post. We don't follow the false voices in this world that try to lead us away from Christ. We simply follow and place our faith in Jesus. (John 15:22; Rom. 1:20; 2:1).

Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4th Monday in Oct. @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

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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A Place to Belong

Elders

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291-3439

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Family News

- Jimmie Young and Paulette's brother, James "Sonny" Jubela, passed away last week. Please keep these two families in your prayers.
 - Heather Melton, Roger and Trena's daughter, will have open heart surgery in St. Louis next week. Please keep her in your prayers.
 - Jordan Cooper, Earlene Martz grandson, is home and recovering. Please keep him in your prayers as he heals.
 - Jimmy Fulbright is in the hospital at Mountain Home. Please keep him and Melba in your prayers.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	TBA	TBA
OPENING PRAYER	TBA	TBA
CLOSING PRAYER	TBA	TBA



Self-Served

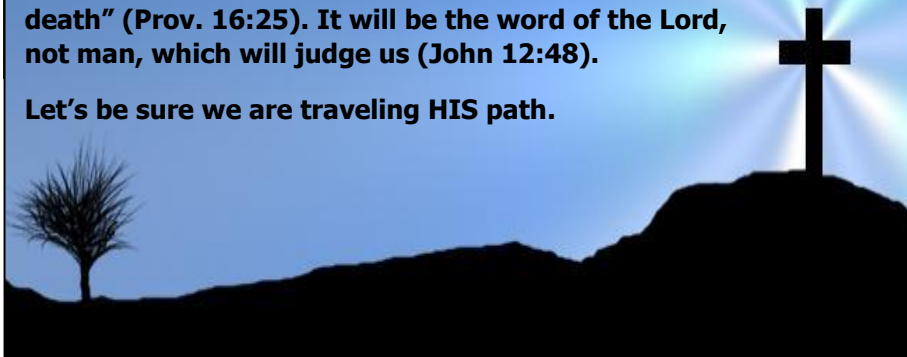
I Am the Way
by Tim Gentle

A man wishing to travel across a desert hired a local guide to lead him. When the two men arrived at the edge of the desert, the traveler, looking ahead, saw only trackless sands without a trace of a footprint, nor a path and certainly no road. Turning to his guide he asked, "Where is the road?" Stepping ahead as he began to lead the way, the guide replied, "I am the road."

When Thomas, one of the apostles, asked the Lord, "How can we know the way? Jesus answered and said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no man comes unto the Father except by me" (John 14:5-6).

Indeed, Christ is the only way to salvation. Many are following a path of their choosing which can only lead to destruction. "There is a way that seems right to a man, but the end is the way of death" (Prov. 16:25). It will be the word of the Lord, not man, which will judge us (John 12:48).

Let's be sure we are traveling HIS path.



Prayer List

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

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

Health:	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
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master		Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter
J.B. & Wanda Dill	Justin Teague		

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

October Birthdays

Trena Humphrey 5 th	Ronnie Adkisson 6 th	Ethan Phillips 8 th
Chad Lawrence 10 th	David Brightwell 12 th	Tyler Wammack 15 th
Joe Washington 18 th	Julie Qualls 22 nd	Sue Campbell 22 nd
Melanie Crosby 25 th	Rita Hoskinds 26 th	Brooke Pritchard 26 th
Thomas Lamb 27 th	Heather Elms 30 th	

October Anniversaries

Mary & Ken Bone 14th

Numbers 15:28-31, "The priest shall make atonement before the Lord for the person who goes astray when he sins unintentionally, making atonement for him that he may be forgiven. But the person who does *anything* defiantly...that one is blaspheming the Lord; and that person shall be cut off from among his people. Because he has despised the word of the Lord and has broken His commandment, that person shall be completely cut off; his guilt *will be* on him."