

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

God's GPS of Salvation

by Ralph Weinhold

Society has become very familiar with the "GPS" which navigates us from point A to point B. When properly set, the GPS ideally prevents one from becoming "lost" when driving. I totally depend upon my GPS to navigate me through an unfamiliar city or location. I love it for the miles and the gasoline it saves me, not to mention all of the stress in wandering from street to street trying to find my way.

In His wisdom, our Creator recognized man's desperate need for a "spiritual GPS." Jeremiah declared, "I know, O LORD, that a man's way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23). No human being is born with a built-in spiritual GPS that can lead him/her to the Lord and His will. Many people make the serious mistake of trusting their own intuition as God's inner voice! This is the spiritual danger Jeremiah warned against.

Many jeopardize their souls by consulting the faulty GPS of "human wisdom" as they trust their own feelings or intuition to lead them to salvation. A good moral person may believe they're as morally good as some Christians, surely a God of love would never send him to hell! Even some Christians trust their own "good works" as the basis of their salvation. Such thinking reflects the error of human wisdom and a faulty spiritual GPS.

In Romans, Paul clearly condemned trusting any human goodness, morality or even good Christian works as the basis of our hope for salvation. Such a spiritually faulty GPS is not programmed with God's wisdom. The only GPS we can fully trust is God's Perfect Son.

Jesus plainly declared, "My sheep hear My voice...and they follow Me (Jn. 10:27). Only those who trust and follow the voice of Jesus as the Way, the Truth and the Life (Jn. 14:6) will be safely led to an eternal home with the Father and His Son in heaven.

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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A Place to Belong

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Family News

- Eula Fulbright broke her hip and had surgery. She is currently at WRMC for one week of physical therapy before returning home.
- Ken Bone's daughter, Rita, had a stent surgery and is now home recovering well.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

OPENING PRAYER Bryan Phillips

CLOSING PRAYER Kelly Webb



Shelby Qualls

Fight the Good Fight

by John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

**Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy Strength and Christ thy Right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.**

**Run the straight race thro' God's good grace;
Lift up thine eyes and seek His face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the Path and Christ the Prize.**

**Cast care aside; upon thy Guide
Lean, and His mercy will provide;
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its Life and Christ its Love.**

**Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear.
Only trust and believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is All in all to thee.**



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 Haagenon
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
Arlene Davidson		Chip & Regina Master	Deborah Halcom
Ted & Sanyia Austin		J.B. & Wanda Dill	

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

September Birthdays

Alan Love 1 st	Sandra Taylor 6 th	Marilyn Smith 6 th
Brad Sipe 8 th	Aaron Hoskinds 8 th	Randy Haney 13 th
Ann Lawrence 15 th	Sally Adkisson 19 th	James Phillips 20 th
Landon Taylor 25 th	Halle Jo Cooper 26 th	Christie Haney 26 th
Robert Langston 27 th	Stephanie Gillihan 28 th	

September Anniversaries

Trey & Melissa Lamb 2 nd	Brad & Julie Teague 20 th
Brad & Laura Sipe 22 nd	Wayne & Melanie Crosby 23 rd

**Psalm 28:6-9, "Blessed be the Lord, because
He has heard the voice of my supplication. The Lord is
my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am
helped; therefore my heart exults, and with my song I shall
thank Him. The Lord is their strength, and He is a saving
defense to His anointed. Save Your people and bless
Your inheritance; be their shepherd also,
and carry them forever."**