

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Three Keys To Overcoming The World

by Edd Sterchi

Christians possess the power to overcome Satan and his worldly ways. Revelation 12:11, "And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death." In this passage there are three keys to overcoming the world.

1. The Blood of the Lamb. Jesus makes salvation possible only because of His sacrifice and blood. Too many times we do not trust enough of our lives to Jesus. The first key to overcoming the world is giving Jesus all of our lives and trusting in Him and the power of His blood, come what may. This begins with our baptism into Him and continues through a life of faithfulness.

2. The Word of Their Testimony. Not only did the early Christians trust Jesus, they knew and lived His word. The word of our testimony is the everlasting gospel of Jesus Christ. We must love it, learn it, live it, and praise it. By doing so, we gain knowledge and encouragement necessary to overcome the world and its sinful ways. This happens through serious Bible study.

3. They Did Not Love Their Lives to the Death. Christians may live in the world, but they are not to be of the world. Nothing on this earth is to be so precious to us that we are not willing to give it up for the cause of Christ (our lives included), and we show it in our attitudes and actions.

Are you having trouble overcoming the world or the temptations of the world? Consider these the keys, that's how first century Christians overcame.

Dates to Remember

March 17th **Men's Breakfast** @ 8am
 March 25th **Ladies Night Out** @ 6pm, bring item for Manna House
 March 31st **Potluck after morning services**

CHILDREN'S
HOMES, INC.



Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Sunday Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Nursing Home 3rd Sunday 2 p.m.

Please bring money or items for the Children's Homes

Advil Tylenol Mucinex Mucus Relief Band-aids Sensodyne
 Clorox Wipes Chicken Broth Kosher Salt Rotel Velveeta
 Canned Chicken Cereal Taco Seasoning Cooking Oil

Elders

Danny Brightwell
291-3439

Shelby Qualls
346-5255

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Bryan Phillips 373-0546
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Alan Love 243-4608
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Family News

➤ Gospel Meeting at the Melbourne CoC April 5-7 with Tim Wooldridge.

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

| | TODAY | NEXT SUNDAY |
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| SONG LEADER | Doyle Wyatt | David Brightwell |
| OPENING PRAYER | Alan Love | Bryan Phillips |
| CLOSING PRAYER | Frank Fowler | Davis Love |
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| Frank Fowler Danny Brightwell | Wyatt Fowler Ken Bone | Brent Qualls Kaden Williams |
| <u>DOOR GREETERS</u> MARCH 3 RD JOE & HOLLY COOPER MARCH 10 TH ROGER & TRENA HUMPHREY | | |
| <u>CHILDREN'S GATHERING TEACHERS FOR MARCH</u> CHRISTIE HANEY, HOLLY COOPER & HALLE COOPER | | |
| <u>Nursery</u> March 3 rd Tiffany & Kiley Webb March 10 th Anita Love | | |
| <u>Communion for Shut-In</u> March 3 rd Bryan Phillips March 10 th Frank Fowler | | |
| <u>Power In Prayer Project</u> Lord, increase my faith in You daily. Help me to love according to Your definition of love. Help me to hear and believe Your testimony above all other voices. | | |

| <u>March Birthdays</u> | | |
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| Tyler Webb 1 st | Joyce Clark 2 nd | Justin Teague 9 th |
| Dorothy Teague 9 th | Jay Chaney 13 th | Tommy Taylor 21 st |
| Joe Guiltner 22 nd | Mandy Haney Ward 28 th | Bill Roland 28 th |
| Michael Washington 28 th | | |
| <u>Prayer List</u> | | |
| Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington | | |
| Officers: Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe | | |
| Health: Dot Sanders | Joyce Newbrey | Cal Gillihan |
| Joe Guiltner | Larry Cooley | Emma Jean Cooper |
| Wayne Crosby | Tracy Thomas | Brooke Pritchard |
| James Nicholson | Bill Roland | Hayden Phillips |
| Joanne Weston | Bill Wiseman | Debbie Nicholson |
| Eutha Vest | Tommy Washington | Jim Fowler |
| Andrew Peerson | Ivy Jo Slade | Andrew Weaver |
| Richard & Michelle Huff | | Sue Washington |
| Wanda Mcconnaughay | | Johnny Guthrie |
| Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Jerri Haney, Audrey Eddings, Mary Alice Short, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Jimmy Gillihan | | |
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| David & Rita Hoskinds 3rd | | |
| David & Toni Lawrence 4th | | |
| Jeff & Sarena Young 5th | | |