

November 24, 2024

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

God is the God of Peace

by Andy Baker

God told Moses to tell the priests how to bless God's people in Numbers 6:23-27. The blessing we know, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace." The priests performed this blessing daily in the temple. The blessing was the priest performing it (v. 23), but it was God who was doing the blessing (v. 27). God delights to provide peace, and He delights to surround us with peace, even when all the world is going mad. That was an Old Testament blessing. We look to the New Testament and ask, "is the promise for the surrounding blessing of peace is still present for His people?" The answer is an emphatic, "YES!" Consider:

God is described as the "God of peace" no less than six times in the New Testament (1 Cor. 14:33; Phil. 4:6-7; Rom. 15:33, 16:20; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:20).

Jesus is described as the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). A reality of Isaiah that we didn't fully understand until the appearance of the Messiah Jesus. Ephesians 2:14 tells us that "He Himself is our peace."

His word is called, "the Gospel of peace" (Eph. 6:15). When we study God's word, we put ourselves in direct contact with the life-giving message that is able to see us through the storms of life.

The Kingdom of God is, "righteousness, joy, and peace in the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 14:17). In fact, Christians should desire to keep "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:1-3).

When we use the wisdom from above, we will bear the fruit of righteousness which is "sown in peace, by those who make peace" (Jas. 3:18). We do that because we're following the God of Peace!

The Encouragement Group meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come serve with us as we reach into our community!

Sunday Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wed. Services 6:00 p.m.

Visitors, please take a card from the back of the pew, fill it out, and put it in the offering tray. We are glad you're here and want you to know that you're welcome in the family of Christ that meets here!

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Elders

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Alan Love 243-4608

David Brightwell 307-5714
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Family News

- Steve Davidson is healing well and has no more surgeries scheduled. He is walking with crutches and can't put weight on his foot until at least January 1.
- David Minick, CourtneyAnn's grandfather, has been diagnosed with cancer. Please keep David, CourtneyAnn, and their family in prayer.
- Thanksgiving church family potluck right after morning worship services. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend and stay to share a meal together!
- Ladies Christmas party is scheduled this year for Monday, December 9th at 6pm. Bring a dirty Santa gift and a finger food.
- Joyce Clark is doing away with her landline telephone number. You can contact her at cell # 870-405-1834
- Jeralene Love passed away last week. Please keep the Love and Brown families in prayer.

Opening Prayer.....Rusty Treat
 Communion Reading.....David Brightwell
 Closing Prayer.....Danny Brightwell



NOVEMBER

SANDERS LEE WYATT **RANDY HANEY**
TYLER WEBB **KELLEY DON WEBB**

DECEMBER

ALAN LOVE **DAVIS LOVE**
DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL **DANNY RUNION**

Receiving God's Grace with Endurance

2 Corinthians 6:1-10, "Working together *with Him*, we also urge you not to receive the grace of God in vain— ²for He says,

**"At the acceptable time I listened to you,
 And on the day of salvation I helped you."**

Behold, now is "the acceptable time," behold, now is "the day of salvation"— ³giving no cause for offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited, ⁴but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses, ⁵in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger, ⁶in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love, ⁷in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left, ⁸by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; regarded as deceivers and yet true; ⁹as unknown yet well-known, as dying yet behold, we live; as punished yet not put to death, ¹⁰as sorrowful yet always rejoicing, as poor yet making many rich, as having nothing yet possessing all things."

Prayer List

Military: Derek & Allison Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman, Shirley Hill, Imogene James

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| Boyde Martin | Wilma Cooper | Phyllis Gilbreath | Dorothy Teague |
| Bill Roland | Joe Guiltner | Debbie Crow | Cornelia Summers |
| Christie Haney | Joanna Smith | Wayne Crosby | Brooke Partin |
| Toby Weatherford | Sanyia Austin | Charlotte Cooper | John Young |
| Regenia Gillihan | Regina Master | Shawna Teegarden | John Ward |
| Joe Anne Hendrix | Gage Barns | Ruby Patillo | Vance & Kaicey Little |

November Birthdays

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| Kelley Don Webb 1 st | Jodi Martz Boggs 2 nd | Jesslyn Perrodin 3 rd |
| Sherry Davidson 5 th | Maggie Cannon 5 th | Joe Cooper 5 th |
| Kylie Caraway 6 th | Lori Grisham 8 th | Al Gillihan 11 th |
| Laura Sipe 11 th | Sophie Wyatt 11 th | Ted Wammack 13 th |
| Addyson Hoskinds 13 th | William Green 17 th | Zoe Burns 21 st |
| Trystan Bruyette 21 st | Daniel Brightwell 25 th | Peyton Elms 28 th |
| Quincey Haney 28 th | CourtneyAnn Minick 30 th | |

November Anniversaries

Bill & Carolyn Younger 10th

Dates to Remember

Ladies Night Out 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
 Ladies Bible Study 1st, 2nd, 3rd Monday @ 6 p.m.
 Men meet 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
 *Family game night will resume at a later time.
 Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

Revelation 1:4-6, "Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood— and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."