

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Take Time to Be Holy

by Matt Clifton

In this current crisis, some find using time wisely to be a challenge. This reminds me of the old song, "Take Time to Be Holy." The first verse is, *Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord; / Abide in Him always, and feed on His Word. Make friends of God's children, help those who are weak, / Forgetting in nothing His blessing to seek.*

"Take Time to Be Holy." This phrase emphasizes the fact that you have to make an effort to get close to God. He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6), and we are to put Him first (Matt. 6:33; Deut. 4:29). Don't let other things take this time away from you.

"Speak Oft With The Lord." The apostle Paul says "pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). During a time of anxiety, perhaps we would do well to turn to God in prayer (Phil. 4:6). He promises peace will follow.

"Abide in Him Always, and Feed on His Word." In John 15, Jesus connects "abiding in Him" with hearing and obeying His word. His word is to be desired as a newborn baby desires milk and it causes growth.

"Make Friends of God's Children." The early church loved being together (Acts 2:42,46), and were encouraged to be "kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another" (Rom. 12:10). Though we are apart, we have phones, email, and social media to keep a check on one another. That's a good use of time.

"Help Those Who are Weak." Paul wrote to the Ephesian elders and said, "I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak" (Acts 20:35a). Paul recognized helping the weak was a valuable use of time, as God commands (Psalm 82:3-4).

"Forgetting in Nothing His Blessing to Seek." This phrase reminds us to seek God's blessing in all things. The only way to do this is to seek His approval for everything we do (Col. 3:17). May we take our time and use it toward holiness.

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Family News

➤ Landon Taylor was baptized last week. Praise God for his obedience to the gospel!

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

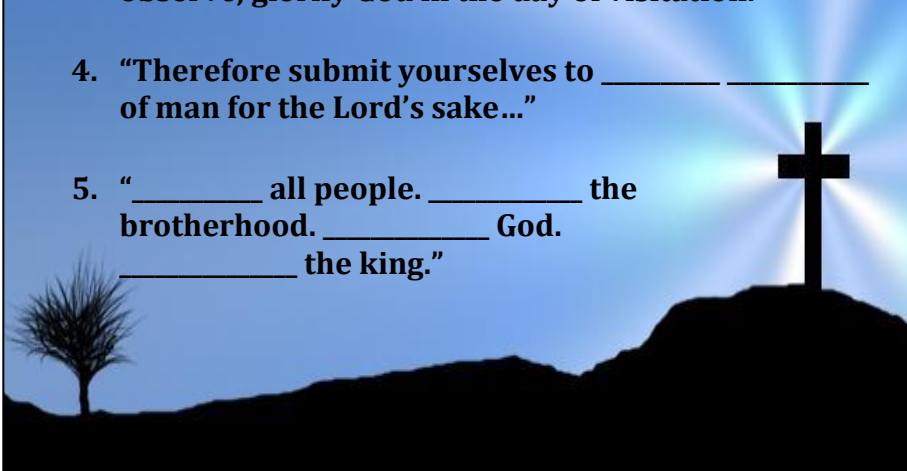
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SONG LEADER	TBA	TBA
OPENING PRAYER	TBA	TBA
CLOSING PRAYER	TBA	TBA



Self-Served

Bible Quiz: 1 Peter 2:11-17

1. "Beloved, I beg you as _____ and _____, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul."
2. What type conduct should Christians display among the Gentiles?
3. "...that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your _____ which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation."
4. "Therefore submit yourselves to _____ of man for the Lord's sake..."
5. "_____ all people. _____ the brotherhood. _____ God. _____ the king."



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	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Phil Haagenson
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Dale Smith
Buddy James	Ivy Jo Slade	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Masters	Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	

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

January Birthdays

Emma Marie Cooper 3 rd	Randy Zook 5 th	Julie Teague 10 th
Kimbery Hoskinds 12 th	Melissa Lamb 14 th	Kiley Webb 14 th
Arlene Davidson 15 th	Luke Vest 17 th	Mary Kosmitis 17 th
Charles Everett 19 th	Ken Bone 20 th	Wayne Crosby 20 th
Emma Jean Cooper 22 nd	Iris Beebe 22 nd	David Hoskinds 23 rd
Rhetha Lamb 24 th	Jeanette Everett 24 th	Trey Lamb 25 th
Daylee Brightwell 25 th	Zori Brightwell 25 th	Kyler McLaughlin 25 th
Eastyn Teegarden 25 th	Joe Paul Smith 28 th	Adam Hoskinds 31 st
Joe Ingram 31 st		

January Anniversaries

John & Marilyn Smith 18th
Randy & Diane Zook 21st

Deuteronomy 23:14, "Since the Lord your God walks in the midst of your camp to deliver you and to defeat your enemies before you, therefore your camp must be holy; and He must not see anything indecent among you or He will turn away from you."