

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

The Scope of Our Influence

by Kerry Williams

"Not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us" (2 Thess. 3:9).

As I look back to when I was growing up in the Church, the things that stand out to me are not what I would expect them to be. Some of my most vivid memories are of people that I spent very little time with. Many were much older than me, and our social circles only intersected through monthly potlucks.

I remember men whose fervent prayers brought them to tears behind the podium, and one man who stepped out into the aisle at every prayer time so that he could drop to one knee. Without ever realizing it, these brothers were making an impact on a teenage boy. They taught me through their actions that pioussness, emotion, and reverence could all converge in sincere faith.

Now that I am an adult, I wonder whose eyes are watching my actions. Do the things I do impact young people? If so, do they make them want to live more holy lives, or does it have the opposite effect?

Paul tells Timothy to be an example to others through his youth. Wouldn't age and experience therefore be even more expected to shine as an example?

In his letter to Titus, Paul instructs the older men to "exhort the young men" (Titus 2:6, NKJV), and the older women to "admonish the young women" (Titus 2:4, NKJV). In other words, we all have a scope of influence, and we should always be aware of who we might impact.

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Family News

- Diane Owens is slowly getting better. Test results found she was low in certain vitamins and minerals and adjustments have been made.
- Billy Beebe
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- Shirley Lewis is battling throat cancer. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Ted Kidd is healing well from surgery and some of his long term memory has returned. He still has several months until recovery is complete. Please keep him and Twila in your prayers.

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



Self-Served

Time Well Spent

In the diary of Brooks Adams is a note about a special day when he was eight years old.

He wrote, "Went fishing with my father; the most glorious day of my life."

Through the next forty years, there were constant references to that day and the influence it had on his life.

Brooks' father was Charles Francis Adams, Abraham Lincoln's ambassador to Great Britain.

He also had a note in his diary about the same day.

It simply said, "Went fishing with my son; a day wasted."



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	Dale Smith
Buddy James	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Masters		Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter
Diane Owens	Shirley Lewis		

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

May Birthdays

Carolyn Younger 3 rd	Danny Beebe 5 th	Lydia Sipe 10 th
Levi Taylor 12 th	Kollin Hoskinds 12 th	Tristan Elms 15 th
Whitney Morehead 19 th	Ellie Fowler 22 nd	Doyle Wyatt 22 nd
Marty Webb 28 th	Will Ingram 28 th	Linda Taylor 31 st

May Anniversaries

David & Tamra Brightwell 10 th	Joe & Holly Cooper 17 th
Shelby & Ramona Qualls 25 th	Charles & Jeanette Everette 27 th
Billy & Peggy Beebe 30 th	

Hebrews 10:22-23, "Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for God who promised is faithful."