

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Unshakeable Faith in the Immoveable Kingdom by Kerry Duke

In the heat of the Civil War, Moses Lard wrote: "More now than ever before in this country; do even Christians need to be placed completely under the influence of Christianity. In mind and heart they are deeply and painfully agitated. Christianity alone can tranquillize and soothe them. In thought they are distracted and unsettled, and in affection alienated one from another. Truth alone can unitize, settle, and reassure them. Their zeal has cooled, their energy lost its ancient tone. Fresh, living pictures of the love of Christ, more than anything else, can rekindle the former, and vitalize the latter. Exciting political news so engrosses their attention that their views of the Gospel are in uncommon danger of becoming dim and unreliable. Nothing can so effectually prevent this as sharp, spirited discussions of the great elementary themes of Christianity. Indeed, never before did so high a necessity exist in our ranks for sound elementary preaching, and sound elementary writing as now. Let such preaching, and such writing, quick with the noble warmth of preacher and writer, be sent home to the hearts of the people, and salvation, and joy, and gladness will be the result...We cannot desert it now in this hour of trial. *No*: we must work for it with pen, work for it with tongue, work for it with prayer, work for it in hope, work for it the livelong day, and dream of it in watches of the night—work for it and never faint" (*Lard's Quarterly*, September 1863).

These same restless feelings can distract us today and dampen our spirits. If we learn from history, we will see that the key to our faith's survival is persistence, holding to what we've learned. Let the Bible put things into perspective and not lose focus. This is not easy especially when we hear so much. In times of great distress we tend to be preoccupied with threats to physical life. We are to keep teaching the foundational truths of the gospel. This is our only protection against something far worse—spiritual death.

At those low points David remained faithful to God. "Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer...I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock...higher than I" (Psa. 61:1-2). "Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful unto me: for my soul trusteth in thee: yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast" (Psa. 57:1). God heard these prayers then. He will hear them today. The only question is whether we will trust the Lord and continue trusting Him.

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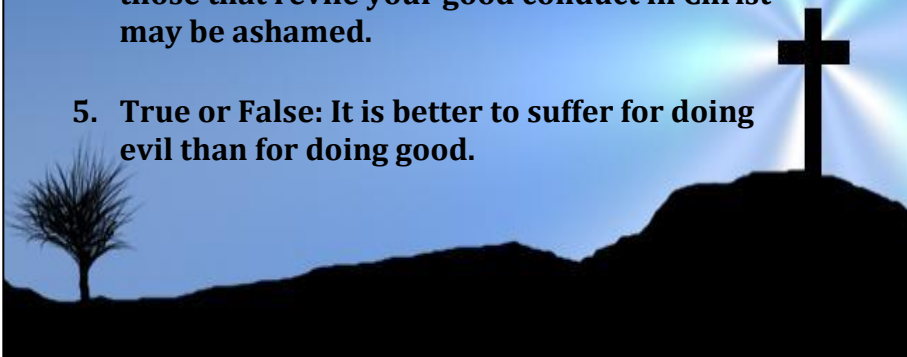
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SONG LEADER	TBA	TBA
OPENING PRAYER	TBA	TBA
CLOSING PRAYER	TBA	TBA



Self-Served

Bible Quiz: 1 Peter 3:13-17

1. "And who is he who will _____ you if you become _____ of what is good?"
2. Peter says that even if one suffers for _____ sake, you are _____.
3. "But _____ the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a _____ to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you..."
4. True or False: If you maintain a good conscience, those that revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed.
5. True or False: It is better to suffer for doing evil than for doing good.



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 Haagenon
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		Richard Gunter

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

February Birthdays

Frank Fowler 1 st	Joyce Newbrey 5 th	Aaron Young 8 th
Cindy Phillips 11 th	Brighton Beebe 11 th	Dewey Brightwell 13 th
Davy Wyatt 14 th	Harris Wyatt 14 th	David Lawrence 19 th
Kaleb Moser 25 th	Chipper Lamb 27 th	

February Anniversaries

Acy & Iris Beebe 13th
Ted & Sheilla Wammack 14th

**Proverbs 27:19, "As water reflects a face,
so a man's heart reflects the man."**

- Solomon the son of David, king of Israel