

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Stick With It
by Glen Elliott

"Footprints in the sands of time are never made by sitting down."

Perseverance, endurance, and plain ole' stubborn tenacity are needed to hold on to our hope in the midst of difficulty. If our life's work will leave behind footprints in the sands of time, it will be because we have striven to go in a direction that is different from the well-traveled road taken by the world.

The Christian life is compared to many things in the word of God.

Surrounded by "so great a cloud of witness," it is a race in which we must "lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us" and run with our eyes fixed upon Jesus, "the author and perfecter of faith" (Heb. 12:1-2).

The Christian life is much like a race. But, it is not so much a sprint as it is a marathon. Speed is not required so much as stamina. Therefore, we have a great need for endurance.

Our ability to remain in the struggle—to keep on keeping on—is measured by the strength we receive from the Lord, not by the strength we receive from men. God is the one who gives perseverance and encouragement (Rom. 15:5).

While it is true that God may use others as sources of encouragement to help us develop greater endurance, God is the only one who can provide the spiritual sustenance we need to finish the race.

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Dates to Remember

- ★ Ladies meet the 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food
- Men meet the 4th Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.

Sermons and bulletins available @
Melbournechurchofchrist.com

Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.



Melbourne Church of Christ
A Place to Belong

Elders

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Family News

- There will be no children's church during the sermon in June, July, and August.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

OPENING PRAYER Alan Love

CLOSING PRAYER Kelly Don Webb



DANNY BRIGHTWELL

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One way God provides endurance is through suffering. Most of us would prefer another method. But there are no shortcuts to endurance.

Those who compete in marathons know the importance of training. A person doesn't just decide the run the grueling 26-mile course on the spur of the moment. Training is needed to gradually build up endurance to complete the course.

The trials and tribulations which come our way in this life have a way of helping us develop spiritual endurance. By turning to God for strength and learning from what we suffer, we can develop a stronger and deeper character, one that will see us through to the end of life's journey.

As we run the race, our perseverance is inspired by hope (1 Thess. 1:3). The hope of heaven is a grand and glorious hope, one that will motivate and inspire us to endure whatever hardships or difficulties come our way.

We fix our eyes on Jesus. He is our goal. To be with Him is our destiny. In the meantime, we must hold to the course that is set before us, never giving up but always keeping our trust in Him.

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds

Health: Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenon
Mary Kosmitis	Dorothy Teague	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master		Treva Voyles
Ted & Sanyia Austin		John Ward	Nevin Hart
Dwain Welch	Jerry Roland	Christie Haney	Gary Fulbright

June Birthdays

Brett Haney 2 nd	Sheilla Wammack 2 nd	Neal Treat 2 nd
Cash Fowler 7 th	Lisa Cooper 7 th	Natalie Brightwell 8 th
Dale Parish 8 th	Jeff Young 9 th	Melba Fulbright 11 th
Sutton Morehead 11 th	Jeanie Yancey 14 th	Jim Cooper 14 th
Whitney Worlow 14 th	Kenny Moser 15 th	Wilma Cooper 16 th
Wyatt Fowler 16 th	Hayden Wyatt 19 th	Tom Phipps 20 th
Stacy Dale 23 rd	Mary Hannah Bryant 26 th	Melba Bryant 26 th
Abigale Gilbert 29 th	Diana Wyatt 30 th	

June Anniversaries

Aaron & Kimberly Hoskinds 3rd	Randy & Christie Haney 4th
Doc & Linda Taylor 11th	Roger & Trena Humphrey 11th
Bryan & Cindy Phillips 12th	Alan & Anita Love 16th
Al & Francis Gillihan 25th	Jimmie & Melba Fulbright 27th

Proverbs 3:5-8, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your body And refreshment to your bones."