

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## I Want To Go To Heaven

by Al Behel

**"Every athlete exercises self-control...They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable one..." (1 Cor. 9:25)**

**John "Pepper" Martin played for the St. Louis Cardinals and was the star of the 1931 World Series. Following one of those games, Pepper was interviewed by a newsman. The first question he was asked was, "Pepper, what's your chief ambition?" Without hesitating, Pepper responded, "My chief ambition is to go to heaven."**

**The newsman who interviewed Pepper Martin laughed at his response and said rather sarcastically, "Oh, you want to play a harp, eh?" Martin shot back at him, "My friend, I don't think that is funny. I know you don't mean to be a smart aleck, but there's something wrong with a person's attitude when he's flippant about serious things. If there's anything foolish about reading the Bible every day and believing what it says, and if there's anything funny about wanting to go to heaven when you leave this world, then I'm afraid life here isn't worth living."**

**What a goal! To go to heaven. I've often asked people, "If you could go anywhere and do anything, what would you choose?" The responses have been interesting. A common response is, "I'd like to go to Europe, Paris, or to Greece, etc." I don't remember anyone saying, "I'd like to go to heaven."**

**The Christian life is like running a race. In the ancient Olympic games, the winner received a perishable wreath of ivy or pine. We are in a race for an imperishable wreath that will never decay. We want to go to heaven. Nothing we gain in life, in our careers, or accumulate through wealth will be taken into our caskets. Our friends will not go with us. We will go alone. All earthly treasures will be left behind. But we look beyond these temporary trinkets to an eternal home where we will live for all eternity. In the words of our hymn, "Heaven will surely be worth it all."**

### Dates to Remember

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

Sermons and bulletins available @  
[Melbournechurchofchrist.com](http://Melbournechurchofchrist.com)

**Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.**

**Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.**

**Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.**



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Church of Christ**  
**A Place to Belong**

#### Elders

Danny Brightwell  
291-3439

Shelby Qualls  
346-5255

#### Deacons

David Brightwell  
307-5714

Joe Cooper  
291-4653

Alan Love  
243-4608

#### Minister

Ryan Lloyd  
368-7886  
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## Family News

- Contribution in memory of Emma Jean Cooper from Randy and Diane Zook, Danny and Betty Brightwell, and Bonnie Wyatt.
- Contribution in memory of Hazel Loggains from Mary Bristow.
- Contribution in memory of JB Dill from Danny and Betty Brightwell, Ronnie and Sally Adkisson, Shelby and Ramona Qualls, and Joyce Clark
- Ladies Day will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> Registration is from 9-9:30am and the program ends with a salad luncheon. Kitty Smith is our speaker.
- \* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

**OPENING PRAYER** Shelby Qualls

**CLOSING PRAYER** Danny Runion



**ALAN LOVE**

**HEAVEN is a Place of...**

by Edd Sterchi

**H.ealing**

**E.ternity**

**A.bundance**

**V.ictory**

**E.xcellence**

**N.ewness**

**2 Corinthians 5:1-9, "For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. <sup>2</sup> Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, <sup>3</sup> because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. <sup>4</sup> For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. <sup>5</sup> Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come."**

**Prayer List**

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

**Nursing Home:** Debbie Hoskinds

<b>Health:</b> 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

**May Birthdays**

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

**May Anniversaries**

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

**Job 19:25-27, "I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes."**