

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

A Judgment Worse Than the Flood Looms

by Michael Gilbert

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth... " (Gen. 6:5).

Before moving in judgment against the most evil and corrupt society in history, God commanded Noah to build an ark. It soon became a symbol of life and salvation to the few who believed God. Even though they refused to accept it, for those who disbelieved it represented impending death and judgment. Peter described Noah during the time he was building the ark, calling him "a preacher of righteousness" (2 Pet. 2:5). Every board he cut and nail he drove was an illustration of the urgency of his message.

God's warning was stern, His message horrifying. But His patience and mercy prevailed for 120 years, for Scripture says, "... the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing (being built)" (1 Pet. 3:20). Though mercifully warned, the whole world scoffed and died.

A tragedy as great as the flood judgment is that man's attitude toward God is still the same as back then. Jesus said, "The coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah... before the flood they were eating and drinking... marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away, so shall the coming of the Son of Man be" (Matt. 24:37-39).

Like Noah, you are to preach righteousness to an evil and perverse generation by your works and your life. A judgment worse than the flood looms in the future. Be faithful to do that even if folks don't want to listen. Sometimes you'll encounter people who scoff at God's judgment and mock your Christian life. Don't be discouraged. Pray for them and be available to serve them and teach them whenever possible. Some will listen, even if it's only eight souls.

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.



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A Place to Belong

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Family News

- Chip Master's surgery went well and he is now home.
- Treva Miller and Dennis Gillihan passed away last week.
- Eula Fulbright is now at home and doing much better.
- Ty Cooper is showing signs of improvement.
- Dalton Grigg was baptized on Wednesday night! Please welcome him to the Melbourne church family.
- Congratulations to Brent and Lis Qualls in their recent marriage. A basket is set up for cards in the foyer.
- Melbourne CoC Homecoming will be Sunday, October 30. Mark Copeland will be our speaker with a meal following services.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

OPENING PRAYER Shelby Qualls

CLOSING PRAYER Bryan Phillips



JOE COOPER

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

Judgment Decreed (Gen. 6:5-8)

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Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington

Officers: Steve & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

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| 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 | Deborah Halcom |
| Ted & Sanya Austin | | J.B. & Wanda Dill | |

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

October Birthdays

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| Trena Humphrey | 5 th | Ronnie Adkisson | 6 th | Ethan Phillips | 8 th |
| Chad Lawrence | 10 th | David Brightwell | 12 th | Tyler Wammack | 15 th |
| Julie Qualls | 22 nd | Sue Campbell | 22 nd | Melanie Crosby | 25 th |
| Rita Hoskinds | 26 th | Brooke Pritchard | 26 th | Thomas Lamb | 27 th |
| Heather Elms | 30 th | | | | |

October Anniversaries

Mary & Ken Bone 14th

Matthew 7:21-23, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven *will enter*. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'"