

The Encouragement Group meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come serve with us as we reach into our community!

Sunday Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wed. Services 6:00 p.m.

Visitors, please take a card from the back of the pew, fill it out, and put it in the offering tray. We are glad you're here and want you to know that you're welcome in the family of Christ that meets here!

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- Robert Spence, Katrina Curry, and Ashley Jones placed membership with us last Sunday. Robert, Katrina, and Ashley we welcome you with open arms and we're glad you're here! May we always encourage one another and lift one another up as we serve the Lord together.
- Memorial Contributions for Jim Fulbright:
 Bonnie Wyatt, Bill & Carolyn Younger

April 6, 2025

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

The Author of Our Salvation

by Ryan Lloyd

Hebrews 2:10, "It was fitting for Him in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings."

The word Author in Greek is defined as: the founder and leader, the head or chief.

When speaking of Jesus as the author of our salvation, it reflects the early Christian understanding of Jesus as the divine leader who brings believers into a new covenant relationship with God.

An article in the Greek Lexicon uses this imagery, "The author is the first one to go through a wilderness area filled with trees and rugged landscape. The author blazes a trail through uncharted paths, so those who come behind can have direction with confidence, and proceed forward on the correct trail.

The trail Christ made leads to salvation through embracing suffering and accepting pain. This is an accurate metaphor of what Christ did when He GAVE His body, and ALL of His blood.

We follow His blood, and that path leads to forgiveness of our sins.

The blood of Christ blazes the trail for us so we can enter into the blood covenant of Jesus Christ with God, and become sons and daughters of God.

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Opening Prayer.....Kelley Don Webb
Communion Reading.....David Brightwell
Closing Prayer.....Chip Master



APRIL

**RUSTY TREAT
TYLER WEBB**

**BRITTAN TREAT
ANTHONY WESTON**

MAY

**KELLEY DON WEBB
ALAN LOVE**

**DALTON GRIGG
DAVIS LOVE**

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Jesus identifies with us by becoming man. Now, that's totally opposite of the Greek thinking. Greek's thought of God as detached from mankind. But when Christianity entered this world, instead of the idea of detachment, it became an idea of identification and closeness.

That's why Hebrews 2:11 reads the way it does, "For both Jesus who sanctifies and those who are sanctified are all from one Father; for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren."

Through Christ's sufferings, He becomes a brother to those sanctified in His blood, that's a picture of family.

We make contact with the blood of Jesus, by reenacting and entering His death, burial, and resurrection through faith, repentance, and water baptism. You can read Romans 6:1-23 for the details. Read all of Romans chapter six and you will come to see that faith immersed in water baptism IS God's grace that results in sanctification and the outcome is eternal life.

Prayer List

Military: Derek & Allison Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman, Shirley Hill, Imogene James, Bill Roland

Boyde Martin	Wilma Cooper	Phyllis Gilbreath	Dorothy Teague
Ruby Patillo	Joe Guiltner	Cornelia Summers	Marvin Hoskinds
Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin	Joe Anne Hendrix
Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young	Regenia Gillihan
Regina Master	Shawna Teegarden	Gage Barns	

April Birthdays

Betty Brightwell 2 nd	Bill Younger 3 rd	Tyler Kelly 4 th
Donna Hill 7 th	Derek Love 8 th	Tim Grisham 8 th
Imodean Webb 9 th	Lacey Weston 9 th	Eli Parnell 10 th
Carly Webb 11 th	Cleve Weaver 12 th	Melissa Morrison 14 th
Nancy Richardson 15 th	Jack Hendrix 15 th	Rhett Morrison 17 th
Torrey Bishop 18 th	Francis Gillihan 22 nd	Clint Everett 22 nd
Doug Sipe 25 th	Michelle Smith 26 th	Kenya Wyatt 29 th

April Anniversaries

Dates to Remember

Ladies Night Out 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
 Ladies Bible Study 1st, 2nd, 3rd Monday @ 6 p.m.
 Men meet 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
 Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

John 1:14; 18, "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. No one has seen God at any time; the only begotten God who is in the bosom of the Father, Jesus has explained God."

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