

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## Choose Your Own Ending by Matt Clifton

When I was a child in school I came across the *Choose Your Own Adventure* book series. It touted that "you are the star of the story," and you could choose from 40 possible endings. The reader made choices at critical parts of the story, and would then turn to a certain page to continue the story. I hated it when I ended up falling into a canyon! Just like in real life, every choice had consequences.

In the Bible, Israel was faced with a great many choices that determined the nation's outcome. Observe the Passover, or neglect the command (Ex. 12:21-28)? Stay with God, or return to Egypt (Ex. 14:10-12)? Obey God's law, or rebel (Ex. 24:3-8)? Allow fear to rule, or trust God's strength (Num. 13-14)? Serve God, or return to idols (Joshua 24:14-15)? On and on it went!

There were many other crucial moments in the history of Israel, but none more pivotal than the day Christ walked among them. The choice was eternal life, or eternal punishment (John 10:10-11; Matt. 25:31-46; Mark 16:16).

Like those who first heard the gospel in the first century, we also have set before us a blessing or a curse, and we are given the privilege to choose our own ending! His word over our own will (Matthew 7:24-27). Love over hate (John 13:34-35; Luke 6:27). Spirit over flesh (Romans 8:13).

**It's your adventure. What will you choose?**

### Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in April @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

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.**



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

#### Elders

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## Family News

- Rory Weston, daughter of Anthony and Lacey Weston was baptized. She has made the best decision of her life!
  - Spring cleaning day is set for April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:30pm at the building. Please get in touch with Betty Brightwell for further details.
  - Ladies Day will be April 23<sup>rd</sup> Registration is from 9-9:30am and the program ends with a salad luncheon.
  - David Clark passed away last week. Please keep Joyce and the Clark family in your prayers.
- \* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA



**Self-Served**

**Ten Ways to Love  
via Bulletin Digest**

- 1. Listen without interrupting (Proverbs 18).**
- 2. Speak without accusing (James 1:19).**
- 3. Give without sparing (Proverbs 21:26).**
- 4. Pray without ceasing (Colossians 1:9).**
- 5. Answer without arguing (Proverbs 17:1).**
- 6. Share without pretending (Ephesians 4:15).**
- 7. Enjoy without complaining (Philippians 2:14).**
- 8. Trust without wavering (1 Corinthians 13:7).**
- 9. Forgive without punishing (Colossians 3:13).**
- 10. Promise without forgetting (Proverbs 13:12).**



**Prayer List**

**Military:** Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington

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

<b>Health:</b> Ted Kidd	Joyce Newbrey	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	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master	Deborah Halcom	
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Richard Gunter	J.B. & Wanda Dill

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

**April Birthdays**

Betty Brightwell 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tyler Kelly 4 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Hill 7 <sup>th</sup>
Derek Love 8 <sup>th</sup>	Imodean Webb 9 <sup>th</sup>	Cleve Weaver 12 <sup>th</sup>
Melissa Morrison 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Richardson 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rhett Morrison 17 <sup>th</sup>
Son Lamb 18 <sup>th</sup>	Francis Gillihan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Doug Sipe 25 <sup>th</sup>
Michelle Smith 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kenya Wyatt 29 <sup>th</sup>	Dana Ingram 30 <sup>th</sup>

**April Anniversaries**

Joe & Dana Ingram 17<sup>th</sup>

**Philippians 3:8-11, "I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from *the* Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which *comes* from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead."**