

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

When God Leads A Nation, Mercy Triumphs

by Larry Fitzgerald

"May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth" (Psalms 67:4).

Today, many people throughout the world are seeking justice. Many more cry out for mercy.

In the United States, right now, minority groups are asking for racial justice. Not so long ago, some were demanding it while rioting, looting, injuring, and killing others.

A bigger issue world-wide exists as people are being denied fairness and are being punished because of their faith. Christians are being martyred because they show their loyalty to God and Jesus.

But we have a God who judges fairly and rules with mercy and love. "Be gracious to me, O Lord; see my affliction from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death, that I may tell of all Your praises, that in the gates of the daughter of Zion I may rejoice in Your salvation." (Psalms 9:13-14, NASB).

Following the Lord's example, we should be a people who recognize the leadership of our God and view each other as His children.

We know that "There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you" (James 2:13, NLT).

All who call upon the name of the Lord should not seek vengeance but should show mercy just as the Lord has been merciful to us. Hate only breeds hate. But kindness and mercy will produce fruit after its kind (1 Thessalonians 5:15; Luke 6:27-28; Eph. 4:31-32).

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

- Ladies Christmas party is December 19 at 6pm. Please bring a pass around gift.
- The nursing home Christmas gift list is on the table in the foyer.
- Rachel Phillips Memorial Contributions: Shelby & Ramona Qualls, Danny & Betty Brightwell, Joyce Clark
- Madeline Sipe Memorial Contribution: Connie Jackson
- Son Lamb Memorial Contribution: Connie Jackson, Doug Sipe, Brad & Laura Sipe
- Sally Adkisson is now home and recovering. Please keep her and Ronnie in your prayers.
- Eula Fulbright broke her hip and is in rehab at The Springs
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

OPENING PRAYER David Brightwell

CLOSING PRAYER Danny Brightwell



BRYAN PHILLIPS

Heart Changes

by Charles Box

If people are to become like Jesus, there must be heart changes. The result of these changes of heart will be changes in our behavior. The heart change is what gives room for God to work in our life.

Realizing certain truths helps us to change our heart. We must learn from Scripture that we are redeemed from sin; we belong to God; our salvation is by, in and through Jesus alone; He loves us infinitely and wants us to glorify the Father.

He is our ever-present Helper, and He will never leave nor forsake us. "Let not mercy and truth forsake you; Bind them around your neck, Write them on the tablet of your heart." (Proverbs 3:3)



Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington

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

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 Haagenson
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 & Sanyia Austin		J.B. & Wanda Dill	

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Emma Jean Cooper

December Birthdays

Danny Brightwell 3 rd	Acy Beebe 4 th	Danny Runion 6 th
Peggy Beebe 8 th	Roger Humphrey 10 th	Katelyn Moser 12 th
Shelby Qualls 14 th	Paulette Jubela 14 th	Rachel Claxton 14 th
Kaden Williams 16 th	Tamra Brightwell 20 th	Shirley Guiltner 22 nd
Rose Irvin 24 th	Darla Weaver 24 th	Deedra Adkisson 28 th
Abby Everett 28 th	Lavonia Roland 28 th	Brandy Kelly 29 th

December Anniversaries

Bill & Lavonia Roland 2nd

Romans 9:14-16, "What shall we say then? There is no injustice with God, is there? May it never be! For He says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." So then it *does not depend* on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy."