

**The Encouragement Group  
meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m.  
in the fellowship hall.**

**Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.  
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.**



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## *Family News*

- Baby Showers: November 12, Emma and Kohl Caraway (twin girls) at fellowship building at 1pm. November 19, Jodi and Brett Haney (baby girl) at fellowship building at 2pm.
- Wedding shower for Kiley Webb and Rhett Carter on December 3, at the fellowship hall. They are registered at Wal-Mart, Amazon, The Home Place, and Target.
- Jeralene Love's brother, Gary Brown, is taking kidney medicine until mid-November in preparation for a triple by-pass heart surgery.
- Debbie Crow had brain surgery and they found brain cancer and was able to remove it. She is at home recovering.
- John Young, Jeff Young's brother, has bladder cancer. They found it in its early stages and he is awaiting surgery.
- Sarena Young's back surgery went well last week and she is at home recovering.
- Sermons and bulletins available at [Melbournechurchofchrist.com](http://Melbournechurchofchrist.com)

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## **God is Unchanging**

by Mark Lindley

**This world is full of changes. Yet, the God who created this world does not change. The Bible teaches that God is an eternal, timeless, changeless being.**

**Consider the following passages: "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?" (Numbers 23:19); "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Malachi 3:6); "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (James 1:17).**

**From these passages, we learn the following about God's nature: 1) God is not a man and, therefore, does not change as people often do; 2) God will always keep His promises; 3) God does not lie. Therefore, what God has said will always be true.**

**In view of these thoughts, there are two important points to consider: First, since God does not change, then sinners who have not obeyed the Gospel should think about God's unchanging hatred of sin.**

**God loves sinners so much that he sent his son to die on the cross that sinners might have forgiveness. On the other hand, God hates sin! God's hatred of sin will not change, and God's requirements for salvation will not change. God requires that sinners believe in Christ (John 8:24); repent of sins (Acts 17:30); confess faith in Christ (Romans 10:10); and, be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 22:16). God's requirements for salvation will remain unchanged.**

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**OPENING PRAYER** Anthony Weston  
**CLOSING PRAYER** Alan Love



**NOVEMBER**

**DAVID BRIGHTWELL**                      **DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL**  
**RUSTY TREAT**                              **BRITAN TREAT**

**DECEMBER**

**ALAN LOVE**                                      **ROGER HUMPHREY**  
**DAVIS LOVE**                                  **JOE COOPER**

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**On the Day of Judgment, those who have never obeyed the gospel will face God's unchanging hatred of sin. Since God's nature will not change, sinners should change and obey Christ.**

**Second, for those who are faithful Christians, God's unchanging nature is comforting.**

**Since God does not change, then every promise he has made will be kept. God promises to be with his children in times of trial and temptation (Hebrews 13:5-6); forgive his people when we confess our sins (1 John 1:9); and, give eternal life to those who are faithful (1 John 2:25).**

**On one hand, God's unchanging requirements for forgiveness should prompt all to obey the gospel.**

**On the other hand, God's unchanging promises offer security, hope, and assurance to all those who obey the gospel, live for Christ, and anticipate a heavenly home.**

**Prayer List**

**Military:** Derek Love    **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson    **Nursing Home:** Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Troy Gaston, Sherry Smith, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman

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|------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Ted Kidd         | Wilma Cooper     | Jim Fowler      | Dorothy Teague   |
| Bill Roland      | Treva Voyles     | Hayden Phillips | Jerry Roland     |
| Cornelia Summers | Christie Haney   | Joanna Smith    | Wayne Crosby     |
| Brooke Partin    | Dwain Welch      | Sanyia Austin   | Charlotte Cooper |
| John Young       | Regenia Gillihan | Robby Qualls    | Regina Master    |
| Shawna Teegarden | John Ward        | Debbie Crow     | Gary Brown       |

**November Birthdays**

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Kelly Don Webb 1 <sup>st</sup> | Jodi Martz Boggs 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Sherry Davidson 5 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Maggie Cannon 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Joe Cooper 5 <sup>th</sup>        | Lori Grisham 8 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Al Gillihan 11 <sup>th</sup>   | Laura Sipe 11 <sup>th</sup>       | Sophie Wyatt 11 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Ted Wammack 13 <sup>th</sup>   | Addyson Hoskinds 13 <sup>th</sup> | Daniel Brightwell 25 <sup>th</sup> |
| Peyton Elms 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Doug Yancey 30 <sup>th</sup>      |                                    |

**November Anniversaries**

Doug & Jeannie Yancey 4<sup>th</sup>  
Bill & Carolyn Younger 10<sup>th</sup>

**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.  
Potluck every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

**1 Timothy 6:12-16, "Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. I charge you in the presence of God, keep the commandment without stain or reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen."**