

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

**Preach the Word!**

by H.B. Charles Jr.

**In 2 Tim. 4:2, Paul charges Timothy with a joyful and burdensome mission to: "preach the word." This is every true preacher's divine assignment. We must preach the word. Paul also instructed Timothy what to preach. Preach the word. The importance of preaching rests in its content, not in its function. Our preaching is not the reason the word works. The word is the reason our preaching works.**

**We must preach what 2 Tim. 3:15 calls "the sacred writings." We must preach what 2 Tim. 3:16 calls "all scripture." Did you get that? Preach the Bible, not just your favorite topics or doctrines. Preach it all. Strive to end your ministry with the words of Paul: "I testify that I am innocent of all your blood, for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:26-27).**

**Preachers should always be pointing to a text and never remove his finger from the Scriptures. Biblical preaching involves more than reading and quoting verses. Biblical preaching explains what the text means by what it says. 2 Tim. 2:15 exhorts, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."**

**When Paul charged Timothy to preach the word, their preaching focused on the divine person and redemptive work of the Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 1:23 says, "We preach Christ crucified." And 2 Cor. 4:5 says, "For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."**

**Many of Charles Spurgeon's sermons sounded alike. He replied, "And so they should. First I take a text, and then I make a beeline for the cross." Likewise, our preaching should unapologetically focus on the overcoming life of Christ, Christ's death, Christ's victorious resurrection, and the sure return of Jesus Christ's second coming.**

**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.

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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\* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

**OPENING PRAYER** Paul Rowland

**CLOSING PRAYER** Larry Young



**JOE COOPER**

**You Preach First**

via Northridge church of Christ  
Dayton, OH

**The first sermon preached each Sunday is not by the minister, but by you. You preach a message about the importance of the Scriptures when you bring your Bible. You preach a message of good cheer when you say "Good morning!" to those you meet when you park your car and when you are in the hallway and classroom. You preach a message of hope and joy when you sing from the heart during the song service.**

**You preach a message about the power of prayer when you fervently enter into our time of prayer together focused on drawing near to the Lord. You preach a message of respect when you listen attentively while the preacher is speaking. You preach a message of transformation when you leave and practice God's word. You preach a message of love when you smile, say hello, and introduce yourself to visitors. You preach a message about faith when you take the Lord's Supper and give your offering.**

**Many messages are preached before the minister stands up to bring his message. If your message is positive and consistent, then the message given from the pulpit will be better received and lived. Come each Sunday prepared to preach your sermon.**

**Prayer List**

**Military:** Derek Love, A.J. Talkington      **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson,  
Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

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

<b>Health:</b> 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	J.B. & Wanda Dill	Deborah Halcom
Ted & Sanyia Austin			Nevin Hart
Justin Cooper	Dwain Welch		

**February Birthdays**

Frank Fowler 1 <sup>st</sup>	Aaron Young 8 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Phillips 11 <sup>th</sup>
Brighton Beebe 11 <sup>th</sup>	Dewey Brightwell 13 <sup>th</sup>	Davey Wyatt 14 <sup>th</sup>
Harris Wyatt 14 <sup>th</sup>	David Lawrence 19 <sup>th</sup>	Brandy Treat 21 <sup>st</sup>
Kaleb Moser 25 <sup>th</sup>	Jeralene Love 25 <sup>th</sup>	Chipper Lamb 27 <sup>th</sup>

**February Anniversaries**

Acy & Iris Beebe 13<sup>th</sup>  
Ted & Sheilla Wammack 14<sup>th</sup>

**Romans 10:14-17, "How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!"**

**However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our report?" So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.**