

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## Check Your Flight Pattern

by Edd Sterchi

**Birds tend to navigate in the air one of three ways:**

- 1) By flapping.** This is very labor intensive. It requires that the birds continuously beat their wings against the air to create lift. But if the bird stops flapping, it will very quickly fall to the ground.
- 2) By gliding.** Gliders flap to a certain height, spread their wings, and glide for great distances. This is very energy efficient, but without any additional effort, they will eventually end up back on the earth.
- 3) By soaring.** These are birds that can flap to certain heights and then take advantage of the wind and updrafts to stay in the air. If the conditions are right, an experienced bird can soar for an indefinite period of time. This, of course, is the most efficient of all. Very few birds are designed to operate this way.

**So why the bird lesson? Because I've noticed Christians are like birds.**

**Some Christians are "flappers."** They flap and flap and flap, but never seem to get very far off the ground in their Christianity. They eventually stop flapping and end up back in the world and its fleshly ways.

**Some Christians are "gliders."** They flap and reach good heights, but then start gliding and descending and never flap again to continue their separation from the world. They, too, end up back in the world.

**Some Christians are "soarers."** They find the updrafts of God's power through His Spirit, word, and will, and reach incredible spiritual heights. There, sustained by what God supplies, they remain separated from the world and its corruption. There, upheld by God, the cares of the world are not likely to bring them down. And there, they are at peace, joyfully soaring and serving the Lord. **Christian, what is your flight pattern?**

**"But those who wait on the LORD Shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, They shall walk and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).**

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## Family News

- Ted Kidd has been hospitalized in the WRMC in Batesville and will remain there for rehab. If you would like to encourage and support him during this difficult time, all cards and letters can be sent to:  
Ted Kidd  
270 Easley Mt. Rd.  
Melbourne, AR 72556-8060
- Please keep Cindy's mom, Melinda Hale, in your prayers.
- \* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

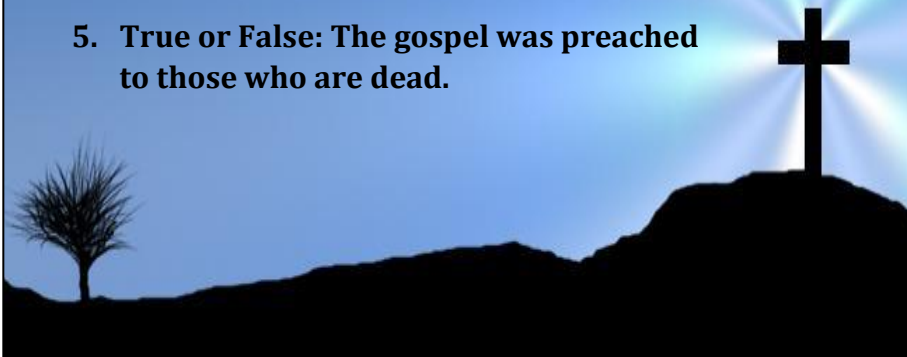
	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA



**Self-Served**

### Bible Quiz: 1 Peter 4:1-6

1. "Therefore, since Christ \_\_\_\_\_ for us in the \_\_\_\_\_, arm yourselves also with the same mind..."
2. "For we have spent enough of our past \_\_\_\_\_ in doing the will of the \_\_\_\_\_..."
3. True or False: The world thinks it strange that you follow them in sinful behavior.
4. "They will give an \_\_\_\_\_ to Him who is ready to \_\_\_\_\_ the living and the dead."
5. True or False: The gospel was preached to those who are dead.



### 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>	Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	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	Dale Smith
Buddy James	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Masters		Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter

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

### March Birthdays

Tyler Webb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joyce Clark 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Justin Teague 9 <sup>th</sup>
Dorothy Teague 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jay Chaney 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Taylor 21 <sup>st</sup>
Joe Guiltner 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mandy Haney Ward 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Roland 28 <sup>th</sup>
Michael Washington 28 <sup>th</sup>		

### March Anniversaries

David & Rita Hoskinds 3<sup>rd</sup>

Jeff & Sarena Young 5<sup>th</sup>

**Galatians 5:13-15, "You were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the *statement*, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another."**