

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

This Man Receives Sinners

by Rick Laing

"Now the tax collectors and the sinners were coming near Him to listen to Him. Both the Pharisees and the scribes began to grumble, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them'" (Lk 15:1-2).

A.T. Robertson once said there was a wide chasm between these two groups. The Pharisees were grumbling, and the expression, "this man," is a contemptuous sneer, followed by "and eats with them." You can feel the disdain, disgust and distance in their words.

Here's a few principles to note:

Sinners are drawn to Jesus' words. Let us use them to do the same.

Let us not separate ourselves from sinners and create a deep chasm. We may be the only Bible they ever read, or sermon heard.

Let us not think we are socially superior to the lost. Jesus did not behave that way, He came to seek and save that which was lost.

Jesus befriended sinners. He didn't turn them away, He sat and shared many meals with those deemed as, "Less than desirable."

Jesus still saves sinners who acknowledge Him as the Son of God and obey the gospel.

Jesus had many sinners in His family tree. This didn't keep Him from living a moral and godly life in spite of where He came from.

Let us thank God for the love, humility, and possibilities He taught us when He came down to earth.

Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4th Monday in Oct. @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

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

- Lisa Hendrix came forward last Sunday morning, in godly repentance, asking to be restored back into a right relationship with the Lord. Please keep her in your continued prayers.
- Tim Harmon was baptized last Sunday morning right after services were dismissed. He also had back surgery on Tuesday and is now home recovering well. When he is able to meet with us again, please welcome him to the Melbourne church family and until then, please keep Tim in your prayers.
- Alma Shaw was in the hospital for 3 day last week and is now home recovering from dehydration and bacteria in her blood. Please keep her in your prayers as she is still weak and recovering.
- Regina Master received a new health report, and is now cancer free!

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	TBA	TBA
OPENING PRAYER	TBA	TBA
CLOSING PRAYER	TBA	TBA



Self-Served

WORDSEARCH

Genealogy of Christ (Matthew 1:1-17)

J O W U C Z M H Z J G F
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 C W E Y R X P P W G N U
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 B M P B S D X B Q R R T
 A Q R R T A U Z D W A E
 B O A A H Q A A Q B T E
 Y V I H I H A E L E I N
 L P M A G G C E A G O V
 O I C M V P W W D O N V
 N A B I J A H X T T S S
 X H K S H W D A V I D B

Christ
 Generations
 Fourteen
 Abijah

Begot
 Jacob
 Abraham
 David

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Prayer List

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

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

Health:	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 Haagenson
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master		Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter
J.B. & Wanda Dill	Justin Teague		

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

October Birthdays

Trena Humphrey 5 th	Ronnie Adkisson 6 th	Ethan Phillips 8 th
Chad Lawrence 10 th	David Brightwell 12 th	Tyler Wammack 15 th
Joe Washington 18 th	Julie Qualls 22 nd	Sue Campbell 22 nd
Melanie Crosby 25 th	Rita Hoskinds 26 th	Brooke Pritchard 26 th
Thomas Lamb 27 th	Heather Elms 30 th	

October Anniversaries

Mary & Ken Bone 14th

2 Corinthians 3:5-9, "While Jesus was reclining *at the table* in Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were dining with Jesus and His disciples; for there were many of them, and they were following Him. When the scribes of the Pharisees saw that He was eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they said to His disciples, "Why is He eating and drinking with tax collectors and sinners?" And hearing *this*, Jesus said to them, "*It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick; I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.*"