

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## The Heart of Worship

by Jack Cottrell

**What purposes should worship assemblies serve? First and foremost, the church gathers for worship assemblies on Sunday's with the explicit purpose of focusing on God and putting Him first. That means God is the focal point, not man.**

**Reverent entry into worship is solely a believer to God activity. Worship is any activity of the spirit or body directed towards God for honor and glory. The primary reason God called us to assemble is for the corporate assembly to worship Him and Him alone.**

**In Revelation 4:11, the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to God who sits on the throne, "Worthy are You, our Lord and our God, to receive glory and honor and power; for You created all things, and because of Your will they existed, and were created."**

**In John 4:24, Jesus instructs that, "God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."**

**Jesus is not referring to the Holy Spirit. He's referring to the human spirit, the part of us God made in His own image for the purpose of having close spiritual communion with Him. Our worship is to be "in spirit" and that means it begins in our spirits, in the "inward man." It cannot be mere external acts; it has to involve rational activity of the mind *and* the heart. The essence of worship is the heart combined with specific mental activity directed toward God.**

**Worship is a consciousness or awareness of God's presence, a spirit of reverence or awe in view of His power and glory, an attitude of adoration and love in awareness of His love toward us, a spirit of submission to His law and His will, a sense of peace and joy in contemplation of His grace. This *is* the heart of worship.**

### Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in Nov. @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

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

Danny Brightwell  
291-3439

Shelby Qualls  
346-5255

#### Deacons

Bryan Phillips 373-0546  
David Brightwell 291-1122

Alan Love 243-4608  
Joe Cooper 291-4653

#### Minister

Ryan Lloyd 368-7886  
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## Family News

- Heather Melton, Roger and Trena's daughter, will have open heart surgery in St. Louis this week. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Jordan Cooper, Earlene Martz grandson, is home and recovering. Please keep him in your prayers as he heals.
- Jim Fulbright had surgery last week. He has a long road of recovery ahead. He is still in the hospital at Mt. Home. Please keep him and Melba in your prayers.
- Mary Kosmitis has a new phone number: 870-373-0296
- \* 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**

**Bless the Lord**

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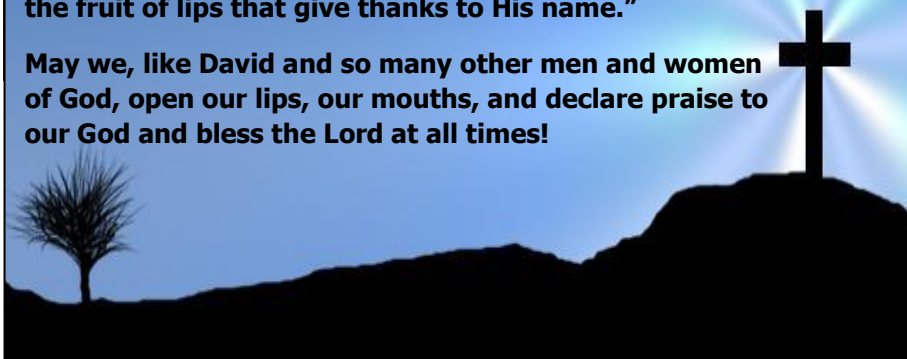
**The Bible frequently pictures worship being offered to God acceptably through bodily means. This is especially true of the mouth since our spoken words sound forth the silent thoughts of the heart.**

**As David said in anticipation of forgiveness, "My tongue will joyfully sing of Your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, that my mouth may declare Your praise (Ps. 51:14-15)."**

**"Shout to God with the voice of joy," says Ps. 47:1. David declared, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth" (Ps. 34:1).**

**Hebrews 13:15 exhorts us, "Through Him, then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name."**

**May we, like David and so many other men and women of God, open our lips, our mouths, and declare praise to our God and bless the Lord at all times!**



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

**October Anniversaries**

Mary & Ken Bone 14<sup>th</sup>

**Psalm 95:1-7, "O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods, in whose hand are the depths of the earth, the peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for it was He who made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand."**