

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

A Pearl and the Church

By Terry R. Townsend

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, sold all that he had, and bought it" (Matt. 13:45-46).

In this parable the Lord compares His church to a costly pearl. The pearl expresses the value of the church and to encourage all to place Christ and His church first in all choices.

A pearl originates in water. It's formed around a grain of sand that has found its way into an oyster or mussel. Other jewels originate in the central fires of the earth. A pearl is a jewel formed from inner growth. It's perfect and doesn't need to be shaped or polished to have value. True pearls have a high value similar to certain precious metals.

The church originates in the watery grave of baptism for all believers. Each person becomes a Christian and is added to the church by birth in baptism (cf. John 3:3-5; Acts 2:38, 47; Rom. 6:4).

Like a pearl, inner growth follows this birth (cf. 2 Peter 3:18). The church, like the pearl, is perfect in that it provides man with forgiveness of sin and hope of eternal life (Col. 1:13-14; Rev. 22:14). The church, like the pearl, has a high value and is costly. It cost Christ His life and cost God His only Son (John 3:16-17). The church, like the pearl, is to be highly desired. The true church is as rare as the true pearl, they are both one of a kind (Eph. 4:4).

There are few people in the world that would refuse a genuine pearl if it were given to them. Yet, the greatest of all jewels, God's church, is a gift to all who will accept it and become a functioning member of the body of Christ.

Dates to Remember

March 25th **Ladies Night Out** @ 6pm, bring item for Manna House

April 7th **Potluck after morning services**

April 21st **Men's Breakfast** @ 8am

CHILDREN'S
HOMES, INC.



Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Nursing Home 3rd Sunday 2 p.m.

Please bring money or items for the Children's Homes

Advil Tylenol Mucinex Mucus Relief Band-aids Sensodyne
Clorox Wipes Chicken Broth Kosher Salt Rotel Velveeta
Canned Chicken Cereal Taco Seasoning Cooking Oil

Elders

Danny Brightwell
291-3439

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Family News

- Melbourne CoC Gospel Meeting. April 5-7 with Tim Wooldridge. 6:30pm – 7:30pm Friday & Saturday. 9:15am & 10:15am Sunday. Topic: "Knowing Jesus And Making Jesus Known"
- Melbourne CoC Ladies Day. April 13 with Kari Martin. 9am registration. 9:30am – 12pm. Topic: "THE LORD IS MY COPILOT"
- Yvette Young will have surgery on March 27 @ WRMC
- Wayne Crosby begins 12 weeks of treatment on Monday, March 25
- Dan Clark has been moved to room F702 @ UAMS

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	Doyle Wyatt	Doyle Wyatt
OPENING PRAYER	Shelby Qualls	Sanders Lee Wyatt
CLOSING PRAYER	David Brightwell	Brent Qualls
		
Frank Fowler Ken Bone	Wyatt Fowler Larry Young	Brent Qualls Kaden Williams
<u>DOOR GREETERS</u> MARCH 24 TH ALAN & ANITA LOVE MARCH 31 ST JOYCE CLARK & LAVONIA ROLAND		
<u>CHILDREN'S GATHERING TEACHERS FOR MARCH</u> CHRISTIE HANEY, HOLLY COOPER & HALLE COOPER		
<u>Nursery</u> March 24 th Brandy Kelly March 31 st Abby Everett		
<u>Communion for Shut-In</u> March 24 th Shelby Qualls March 31 st Doyle Wyatt		
<u>Power In Prayer Project</u> <p>Lord, remind me daily, that I am a part of Your church, a holy nation, that I am a member of the body of Christ who is a chosen race, a royal priesthood and that You own me. Remind me of my true identity and empower me to live true to who I am in Christ.</p>		

<u>March Birthdays</u>		
Tyler Webb 1 st	Joyce Clark 2 nd	Justin Teague 9 th
Dorothy Teague 9 th	Jay Chaney 13 th	Lee Campbell 17 th
Tommy Taylor 21 st	Joe Guiltner 22 nd	Mandy Haney Ward 28 th
Bill Roland 28 th	Michael Washington 28 th	
<u>Prayer List</u>		
Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington		
Officers: Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe		
Health: Dot Sanders	Joyce Newbrey	Cal Gillihan
Joe Guiltner	Larry Cooley	Emma Jean Cooper
Wayne Crosby	Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard
James Nicholson	Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips
Joanne Weston	Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson
Eutha Vest	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler
Andrew Pearson	Ivy Jo Slade	Andrew Weaver
Sue Washington	Johnny Guthrie	Wanda Mcconnaughay
Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Jerri Haney, Audrey Eddings, Mary Alice Short, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Jimmy Gillihan		
		
David & Rita Hoskinds 3rd		
David & Toni Lawrence 4th		
Jeff & Sarena Young 5th		