

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Sinkholes by Andy Baker

A giant sinkhole opened up in Germany 98 feet across and 65 feet deep. It swallowed a car, part of a garage and a house. Yet, it was small compared to the sinkhole found in Guatemala City in 2007. Residents heard rumblings for weeks but no one knew why. In one day, almost instantly, a perfectly round plot of earth disappeared and left a hole more than thirty stories deep!

Experts say sinkholes appear when the earth beneath shifts. The problem can be caused by the movement of water or weather patterns. Sinkholes occur when there is no solid ground beneath the surface.

Some Christians are like sinkholes; they have no solid foundation under the surface. When difficult times hit, their lives "cave in" and cause damages that no one expected. Spiritual sinkholes occur because of lack of knowledge in the word of God (Heb. 5:12-14) and a lack of applying it (cf. Matt. 7:24-27; 2 Pet. 1:5-11).

How does a person guard against erosion of faith? 2 Peter 1:5-7 teaches to guard by a solid foundation of faith, virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. "These things" repeated in verses 8-15 solidify the foundation of faith. The promise is that the one who "abounds in these things" will not be unfruitful, barren, shortsighted and will never stumble.

Spiritual sinkholes can be avoided if there is more examination of self and examination of faith (Phil. 2:12; 2 Cor. 13:5). Are our lives vulnerable to spiritual sinkholes because of the lack of a firm spiritual foundation? The bottom can fall out overnight. Are we thoughtfully, prayerfully and intentionally building on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ and His word (Matt. 7:24-27)?



Southern Christian
CHILDREN'S HOME

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

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Family News

- Larry Young has been selected by the Quapaw Area Council & Boy Scouts of America to receive the Silver Beaver Award. This is the highest award to bestow upon a volunteer. The banquet will be held Saturday, January 25th at the 2nd Presbyterian Church in Little Rock. All are invited to attend. Please see Larry for details.
- There are several food containers on the table by the front doors. Please pick them up if they're yours. Thanks.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	Doyle Wyatt	Doyle Wyatt
OPENING PRAYER	Danny Brightwell	Alan Love
CLOSING PRAYER	Brad Sipe	Larry Young



Kelly Webb
Shelby Qualls

Joe Cooper
Daylee Brightwell

Brad Sipe
Davis Love

LORD'S SUPPER NEXT MONTH

RANDY HANEY
DANNY RUNION

DALE BYLER
FRANK FOWLER

BRYAN PHILLIPS
WYATT FOWLER

DOOR GREETERS

JANUARY 12TH **DOYLE & DIANA WYATT**
JANUARY 19TH **ROSE IRVIN & JOYCE CLARK**

CHILDREN'S GATHERING TEACHERS FOR JANUARY

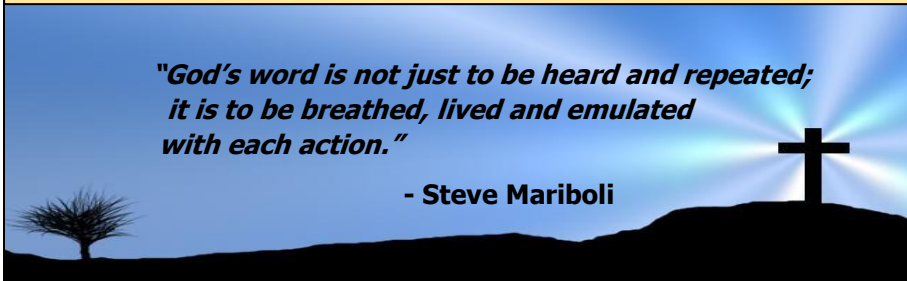
TAMRA & NATALIE BRIGHTWELL

Nursery

January 12th **Anita Love**
January 19th **Lisa Cooper**

*"God's word is not just to be heard and repeated;
it is to be breathed, lived and emulated
with each action."*

- Steve Mariboli



Prayer List

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

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

Health: Dot Sanders	Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Jane Sullivan	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 Haagenson
Eutha Vest	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Andrew Pearson	Ivy Jo Slade	Toni Lawrence	Andrew Weaver
Sue Washington	Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Dan Clark
Nick & Mary Kosmitis	Bob & Arlene Davidson		

Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Audrey Eddings, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Jimmy Gillihan, Emma Jean Cooper

January Birthdays

Emma Marie Cooper 3 rd	Randy Zook 5 th	Julie Teague 10 th
Sue Washington 12 th	Kimbery Hoskinds 12 th	Melissa Lamb 14 th
Kiley Webb 14 th	Arlene Davidson 15 th	Luke Vest 17 th
Mary Kosmitis 17 th	Charles Everett 19 th	Ken Bone 20 th
Wayne Crosby 20 th	Emma Jean Cooper 22 nd	Iris Beebe 22 nd
David Hoskinds 23 rd	Rhetha Lamb 24 th	Jeanette Everett 24 th
Trey Lamb 25 th	Daylee Brightwell 25 th	Zori Brightwell 25 th
Kyler McLaughlin 25 th	Eastyn Teegarden 25 th	Joe Paul Smith 28 th
Adam Hoskinds 31 st	Joe Ingram 31 st	

January Anniversaries

John & Marilyn Smith 18th
Randy & Diane Zook 21st

Dates to Remember

January 19th **Men's Breakfast** @ 8am
January 27th **Ladies Night Out** @ 6pm, bring item for Manna House
Everyone needs to bring a finger food
March 29th **Potluck** after services