

# 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 comments that there was a yawning 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 so far from sinners so as to create a deep chasm.**
- **Let us not think we are socially superior to the lost. Jesus did not behave that way.**
- **Jesus received sinners. He did not tum them away.**
- **Jesus still receives sinners who acknowledge Him as the Son of God and then obey the gospel.**

**We thank God for the love and humility He taught us when He came down to earth.**

### Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in May @ 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

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## Family News

- There is a gift table set up for our seniors in the foyer. We will have a reception immediately following services at the fellowship hall. Our seniors are:  
Thomas Lamb, the son of Trey and Melissa Lamb  
Natalie Brightwell, the daughter of David and Tamra Brightwell  
Roby Cooper, the son of Joe and Holly Cooper
- Donnie Vest is having back surgery on May 31. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Sherry Williams had a total hip replacement last week. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to heal.
- Larry Young will be at Scout Camp during the month of June.

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



**Self-Served**

**Trust in the Lord**  
via Curry church of Christ

**Trust in yourself, and you will always be disappointed at your level of achievement.**

**Trust in friends, and they may let you down in your hour of greatest need.**

**Trust in money, and you will spend your days trying to protect your investments.**

**But trust in God, and you can rest assured of his eternal presence: "For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psa. 100:5).**



### 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> Ted Kidd	Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	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
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master	Richard Gunter	J.B. & Wanda Dill
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin		

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

### May Birthdays

Carolyn Younger 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lydia Sipe 10 <sup>th</sup>	Levi Taylor 12 <sup>th</sup>
Kollin Hoskinds 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tristan Elms 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whitney Morehead 19 <sup>th</sup>
Ellie Fowler 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Doyle Wyatt 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Marty Webb 28 <sup>th</sup>
Will Ingram 28 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Taylor 31 <sup>st</sup>	

### May Anniversaries

David & Tamra Brightwell 10 <sup>th</sup>	Joe & Holly Cooper 17 <sup>th</sup>
Shelby & Ramona Qualls 25 <sup>th</sup>	Charles & Jeanette Everette 27 <sup>th</sup>
Billy & Peggy Beebe 30 <sup>th</sup>	

**Luke 5:30-32, "The Pharisees and their scribes began grumbling at Jesus' disciples, saying, "Why do you eat and drink with the tax collectors and sinners?" And Jesus answered and said to them, "It is not those who are well who need a physician, but those who are sick. I have not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance."**