

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Faith Check
by Edd Sterchi

In Micah's day, there were questions of how best to demonstrate one's faith in God. Was it simply just going through the motions of required sacrifices and offerings? No. Their faith was to be more than an outward ritual – it was to be proper outward actions based upon the proper inward attitude. The prophet summed it up with these words: "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8). In this verse are three areas that each of us must check up on regularly in regard to our faith.

Christian, Check Your Righteousness. The first check point was "to do justly." Being just is being right with God and His will. It is living right, living morally, and living properly in our daily walk. It is always conducting oneself in an upright and upstanding manner. The internal attitude that creates this is a passion to please God. So, Christian, check your life – is it one that is admirable according to God's standard?

Christian, Check Your Respect for Others. The second bit of advice from Micah 6:8 was "to love mercy." Properly respecting others is treating them as God treats us – with kindness, love, and forgiveness. It is selflessly giving to others what is needed in their lives. The internal attitude that brings this forth is a joy of the mercy and salvation that God has given us. So, Christian, check your life – is it one filled with eagerly helping others?

Christian, Check Your Relationship With God. The final part of our faith checkup is mentioned as "to walk humbly with your God." Walking with God implies harmony and fellowship. This is attained through reading and studying the Scriptures, regular and fervent prayer, and heartfelt, proper worship. The internal attitude that strengthens this is a desire to grow closer to God. So, Christian, check your life. Is it one that honors and involves God in every way?

Dates to Remember

- ★ Ladies meet the 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
- Men meet the 4th Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
- Potluck every 5th Sunday after services.

The Encouragement Group meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.



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A Place to Belong

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Family News

- Homecoming is on Sunday, October 29. Chuck Crow will be our speaker and a meal will be served after worship.
- We're looking at formats and apps for online contributions. If you're interested in this please let David Brightwell know.
- Linda Taylor had a temporary pacemaker put on at St. Bernards hospital in Jonesboro. She is now at home with a heart monitor.
- Robby Qualls is currently in rehab. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Larry Young's Memorial Service will be held here at the building on Saturday, October 14 at 11am.
- Larry Young Memorial Contributions: Joyce Clark, Bonnie Wyatt, Danny and Betty Brightwell, Shelby and Ramona Qualls
- Children's Home Donations: \$758 Thank you for your contributions!

OPENING PRAYER Alan Love

CLOSING PRAYER Danny Brightwell



OCTOBER

SHELBY QUALLS

ROBERT LANGSTON

DANNY RUNION

KELLY DON WEBB

NOVEMBER

DAVID BRIGHTWELL

RUSTY TREAT

DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL

BRITAN TREAT

Bible Quiz: James 2:14-19

1. Is there any profit in saying you have faith if you don't show it by works?
2. Is failing to provide a fellow Christian with things they need an indicator of faith?
3. "Thus also _____ by itself, if it does not have _____, is _____."
4. Is it possible to show your faith without works?
5. "Even the _____ believe—and _____!"

Bible Quiz: James 2:20-26

1. Faith without works is _____.
2. "Was not _____ our father justified by works when he offered _____ his son on the altar?"
3. "Do you see that faith was working _____ with his works, and by works faith was made _____?"
4. James says a man is justified by _____ and not by faith only.
5. "For as the _____ without the _____ is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson **Nursing Home:** Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Troy Gaston

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| Health: Ted Kidd | Wilma Cooper | Donnie Vest | Joanna Smith |
| Joe Guiltner | Jerry Roland | Cornelia Summers | Wayne Crosby |
| Tracy Thomas | Brooke Pritchard | Dwain Welch | Bill Roland |
| Hayden Phillips | Donny Smith | Joanne Weston | Nevin Hart |
| Bill Wiseman | Debbie Nicholson | Helen King | Phil Haagenson |
| Mary Kosmitis | Dorothy Teague | Jim Fowler | Shirley Lewis |
| Diane Owens | Ivy Jo Slade | Jeff Young | Lynn Hicks |
| Justin Teague | Charlotte Cooper | Cecilia Broughton | Sue Campbell |
| Chip & Regina Master | Ted & Sanyia Austin | | Treva Voyles |
| John Ward | Michael Washington | Natasha Lesko | Christie Haney |
| Shawna Teegarden | Arlene Davidson | Regenia Gillihan | |

October Birthdays

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| Charlotte Treat 2 nd | Trena Humphrey 5 th | Ronnie Adkisson 6 th |
| Anna Parrish 7 th | Ethan Phillips 8 th | Chad Lawrence 10 th |
| David Brightwell 12 th | Tyler Wammack 15 th | Julie Qualls 22 nd |
| Sue Campbell 22 nd | Melanie Crosby 25 th | Hadleigh Grigg 25 th |
| Rita Hoskinds 26 th | Brooke Pritchard 26 th | Thomas Lamb 27 th |
| Heather Elms 30 th | | |

October Anniversaries

Mary & Ken Bone 14th

James 1:21-25, "Put aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. Prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves... But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does."

The Gospel is the DBR:

