

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## The Lesson of the Ant

by Larry Fitzgerald

They get into everything; are bothersome, contrary, persistent, and they hurt! However, the Bible tells us: "Go to the ant, you sluggard; consider its ways and be wise." (Proverbs 6:6). So, we "go to the ant" for some guidance, instruction, and motivation.

**ANTS WORK HARD:** I am struck with how much Proverbs has to say about hard work. I am impressed and amazed with how much God's Word has to say about working hard. Some other verses include: "Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth" (Proverbs 10:4). "He who works his land will have abundant food, but he who chases fantasies lacks judgment" (Proverbs 12:11).

**ANTS DON'T QUIT:** Ants never quit. Each day, they just keep going. Whenever faced with problems and roadblocks it's easy to quit. However, the wise person knows that giving up is not always the answer. The Bible says: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9). It is interesting to note that some Greek authorities translate the last part of this verse as "caving in." We must not cave in.

**ANTS ALWAYS REBUILD:** When rain, kids, or my lawnmower destroys the ant mounds, those ants rebuild. In like manner, when we find ourselves "mowed down" by problems, accidents, sin, or guilt, let's recoup. We need to "rebuild" by remembering (1) we are God's Possession; (2) we have access to God's throne of mercy and help during our time of need; and (3) God answers prayer. Let's have the attitude that God's people had in ancient days when they returned to rebuild the temple. "I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me ... They replied, 'Let us start rebuilding.' So they began this good work" (Nehemiah 2:18).

### Dates to Remember

July 21<sup>st</sup> **Men's Breakfast** @ 8am  
 July 22<sup>nd</sup> **Ladies Night Out** @ 6pm, bring item for Manna House  
 September 29<sup>th</sup> **Potluck** after services



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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2 p.m.

### Please bring money or items for the Children's Homes

Tuna Ivarest Gatorate Canned Chicken Bottled Water  
 Diapers (Newborn & Size 1) Rotel Velveeta Cereal Flour  
 Granola Bars Pringles Vienna Sausage Healthy Snacks

#### Elders

Danny Brightwell  
 291-3439  
  
 Shelby Qualls  
 346-5255

#### Deacons

Bryan Phillips David Brightwell  
 373-0546 291-1122  
  
 Alan Love Frank Fowler  
 243-4608 291-1784  
  
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 291-4653

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

	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT SUNDAY</b>
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	Doyle Wyatt	Doyle Wyatt
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	Ted Wammack	Larry Young
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Bryan Phillips	Brad Sipe



**Joe Ingram  
Brad Sipe**

**Randy Haney  
Shelby Qualls**

**Joe Cooper  
Kelly Webb**

**DOOR GREETERS**

JULY 21<sup>ST</sup> **JOE & HOLLY COOPER**  
 JULY 28<sup>TH</sup> **ROGER & TRENA HUMPHREY**

**CHILDREN'S GATHERING TEACHERS FOR JULY**  
**DIANA WYATT & TRENA HUMPHREY**

**Nursery**

July 21<sup>st</sup> **Anita Love**  
 July 28<sup>th</sup> **Lisa Cooper**

**Communion for Shut-In**

July 21<sup>st</sup> **Doyle Wyatt**  
 July 28<sup>th</sup> **Bryan Phillips**

**Power in Prayer Project**

**Father, teach me to love the things You love and hate the things You hate. Renew my mind and reshape my heart to further take on Your nature in my everyday walk with You.**

**Prayer List**

**Military:** Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington

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

<b>Health:</b> Dot Sanders	Joyce Newbrey	Cal Gillihan	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Larry Cooley	Emma Jean Cooper	Wilma Cooper
Wayne Crosby	Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Ruth Lewis
James Nicholson	Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith
Joanne Weston	Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King
Eutha Vest	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Andrew Pearson	Ivy Jo Slade	Andrew Weaver	Jeff Young
Sue Washington	Johnny Guthrie	Wanda Mcconnaughay	Dan Clark
Troy Gaston	Phil Haagenon	Nick & Mary Kosmitis	

**Nursing Home:** Lucille Linn, Jerri Haney, Audrey Eddings, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Jimmy Gillihan

**July Birthdays**

Sam Cooper 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Washington 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Lloyd 14 <sup>th</sup>
Davis Love 19 <sup>th</sup>	Jerri Haney 20 <sup>th</sup>	Landon Kimble 21 <sup>st</sup>
Barbara Watson 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bryan Phillips 25 <sup>th</sup>	Larry Young 25 <sup>th</sup>
Katie Gilbert 27 <sup>th</sup>	Drew Love 27 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Bone 31 <sup>st</sup>

**July Anniversaries**

Jim & Lisa Cooper 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Jerry & Dianna Owens 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Joe & Sue Washington 28<sup>th</sup>

**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" (Psalm 100:5).**