

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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Family News

- Baby Showers: November 12, Emma and Kohl Caraway (twin girls) at fellowship building at 1pm. November 19, Jodi and Brett Haney (baby girl) at fellowship building at 2pm.
- Tom Phipps Memorial Contributions: Danny & Betty Brightwell, Shelby & Ramona Qualls
- We will have a Harvest Wednesday service at the fellowship hall on November 1st, at 6pm with a meal and games afterwards. Hot dogs and buns are covered. Please bring chips, desserts, bottled water, and soda.
- We now have 24 kids in Children's Church. We need more teachers and helpers to do this successfully. Please get in touch with Betty if you would like to help.
- After most funerals we serve a meal to the family to extend love and care. If you would like to be added to the list to be contacted to prepare a meal, please contact Betty.
- Sermons and bulletins available at Melbournechurchofchrist.com

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Finding Joy in a Joyless World

by Dan Biby

Media bombards us 24 hours a day with graphic news of depravity in our neighborhoods, cities, and schools. Thousands of ads *per day* tell us we must buy stuff in order to achieve self-worth, happiness, and fulfillment. And pharmaceutical companies gladly treat whatever ails us, for a price that many cannot afford. It's no wonder that people of the world feel lost, depressed, and unhappy. Their only hope of joy comes from earthly events, circumstances, or possessions, which Jesus tells us are temporary (Matt. 6:19).

As Christians, our joy is not rooted in the outcome of a golf game, a promotion, or a new car. It comes from who we are and *Whose* we are. It comes from a growing friendship with Jesus Christ through our repentance, baptism, and sanctification process. True joy comes from Christ's resurrection that assures our Heavenly inheritance (1 Peter 1:3) and obedience to His commands (John 14:21). That does not mean that we're immune to pain or sadness. As Christ's followers, we *should* experience sadness when a friend or family member denies Christ or dies without knowing Him. We should grieve with others who've lost a loved one, and hurt when they've been hurt. Like everyone else, we are frail and flawed humans who live in a sinful, imperfect world.

Thankfully, through our relationship with Christ, we can rise above the trials and tribulations. Look at the Apostle Paul, he was whipped, beaten, stoned, shipwrecked, and imprisoned, among many other extreme hardships (2 Cor. 11:24-27). Yet, he found joy: "*In all our affliction, I am overflowing with joy.*" (2 Cor. 7:4 ESV)

We can find joy, too. As that beautiful hymn reminds us, "*this world is not my home, I'm just a-passing through.*" We have a homecoming to joyfully look forward to on the day of Christ's second coming.

OPENING PRAYER Danny Brightwell
CLOSING PRAYER Shelby Qualls



OCTOBER

SHELBY QUALLS **DANNY RUNION**
ROBERT LANGSTON **KELLY DON WEBB**

NOVEMBER

DAVID BRIGHTWELL **DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL**
RUSTY TREAT **BRITAN TREAT**

Christians Need Balance
by Charles Box

Christians need balance in their life. Life is a lot like riding a bicycle. You must have balance if you ride a bicycle safely. We need balance if we are to live a happy and productive life for Jesus. If we have balance; if we "love" God and "fear" God we will avoid all kinds of extremes. But, we need that balance of love for God and fear God.

Preachers need balance in their preaching. Young people need balance in their daily living. We need balance in our eating habits, balance in our bodily exercise and balance all along the way in our spiritual journey. We want to go just where God wants us to go, and not to go to either extreme in religious matter.

Job said, "Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity." (Job 31:6) Follow the teachings of God in your life and you can find balance in every attitude and action. Balance will bring amazing peace, joy, and hope into your life. Let's go to heaven together.

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, Sherry Smith, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman

Ted Kidd	Wilma Cooper	Jim Fowler	Dorothy Teague
Bill Roland	Treva Voyles	Hayden Phillips	Jerry Roland
Cornelia Summers	Christie Haney	Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby
Brooke Partin	Dwain Welch	Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper
John Young	Regenia Gillihan	Robby Qualls	Regina Master
Shawna Teegarden	John Ward	Debbie Crow	Harrsie Gaston

October Birthdays

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	Rylee Hoskinds 19 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

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, please bring a dish.

Hebrews 11:13-16, "All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For those who say such things make it clear that they are seeking a country of their own. And indeed if they had been thinking of that *country* from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better *country*, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; for He has prepared a city for them."