

### Dates to Remember

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

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## Family News

➤ Mike Soto is a church of Christ missionary helping refugees of the current war. If you would like to send him a word of encouragement or help financially, he can be contacted at [sotosofhim@gmail.com](mailto:sotosofhim@gmail.com) Please keep Mike and his family in your prayers as they serve in difficult situations.

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

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

### Suffering? It Could Be Good!

by Edd Sterchi

Most people do everything they can to get out of suffering. Untold amounts of money is spent to make us feel more comfortable and rid ourselves of pain and anguish. We have been indoctrinated that life should always be fun, easy, and pleasant. We are told that all suffering is bad and it should be avoided at all costs.

But we do need to consider the possibility that God allows suffering in our lives for a higher purpose. The Psalmist admitted that, "It is good for me that I have been afflicted..." (119:71).

So what good can come from suffering? Why does God permit it to happen in our lives? Here are a few possibilities:

- It is one way we can discover what is really important in life.
- It can also get our attention so that we can focus more upon spiritual matters.
- It may be God's way of molding us into the person He wants us to be.
- Maybe it's because God knows we can handle it and that we can be a positive example/encouragement to others.
- It could even be a warning to stop self-destructive behavior.

On an on we could go. We may even never know the reason we are suffering. But there is one thing for certain we can know – God is in control and we need to simply depend upon Him and put full trust in Him. He will see us through!

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



**Self-Served**

### Things to Know About Suffering from Revelation 2:10

by Edd Sterchi

***"Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer"***

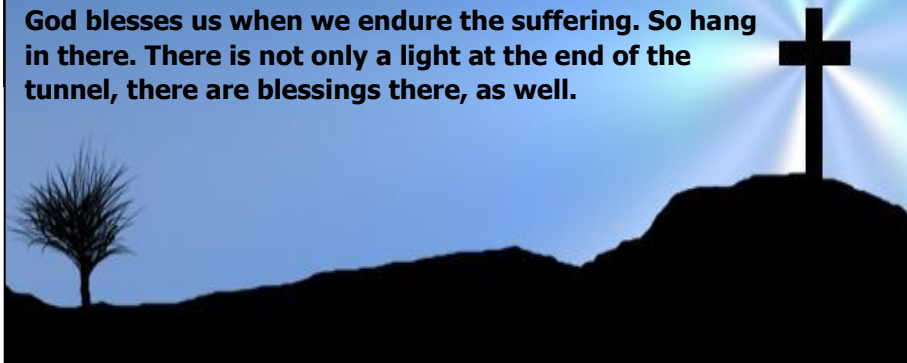
**We have nothing to worry about when suffering comes. When we let fear, panic, and negativism rule, our suffering is always made worse. Suffering happens to everyone. Just stay calm.**

***"Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested"***

**God allows suffering in our lives as a test of our faith. Through everything, stay faithful. "And you will have tribulation ten days." God is in control of the situation. He regulates the time period of our suffering. He will not allow more to happen or a longer length of time than what we can handle with His help.**

**"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life"**

**God blesses us when we endure the suffering. So hang in there. There is not only a light at the end of the tunnel, there are blessings there, as well.**



### 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 Haagenon
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		Deborah Halcom
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Richard Gunter	J.B. & Wanda Dill

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

### March Birthdays

Tyler Webb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joyce Clark 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Justin Teague 9 <sup>th</sup>
Dorothy Teague 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jay Chaney 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Taylor 21 <sup>st</sup>
Joe Guiltner 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mandy Haney Ward 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Roland 28 <sup>th</sup>

### March Anniversaries

David & Rita Hoskinds 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Jeff & Sarena Young 5<sup>th</sup>

**Acts 14:19-22, "Then some Jews arrived from Antioch and Iconium and won the crowds to their side. They stoned Paul and dragged him out of town, thinking he was dead. But as the believers gathered around him, he got up and went back into the town. The next day he left with Barnabas for Derbe. After preaching the Good News in Derbe and making many disciples, Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch of Pisidia, where they strengthened the believers. They encouraged them to continue in the faith, reminding them that we must suffer many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God."**