

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Perseverance and Hope for the Future

by Doug Kashorek

"And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband" (Revelation 21:2).

In so many ways, the very end of the Bible is a mirror-image of its beginning.

Because of sin, man in Genesis is separated from God's presence and is kept from reaching out to eat of the Tree of Life; in Revelation, that access is restored and intimate fellowship with God along with it.

The account of the church, then, is really about man walking with God. It took a perfect God taking on flesh and living a sinless life as man to become our Savior and sacrifice to do so. The vehicle God chose for His restored people is the church, or His body, or His bride.

In Revelation 19, we have the Bridegroom, the Word of God, figured as a rider on a white horse "trampling out his vintage, where the grapes of wrath are stored" and winning those who are blessed to be invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb.

As important as it is to study the church as it exists in this temporary state, it is essential to fix our eyes on where it will be in its eternal existence. This gives us strength to persevere now and hope for our future. Will you be in the bride on that Day?

Dates to Remember

★Ladies will meet 4th Monday in August @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

Sermons and bulletins available @
Melbournechurchofchrist.com

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



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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	TBA	TBA
OPENING PRAYER	TBA	TBA
CLOSING PRAYER	TBA	TBA

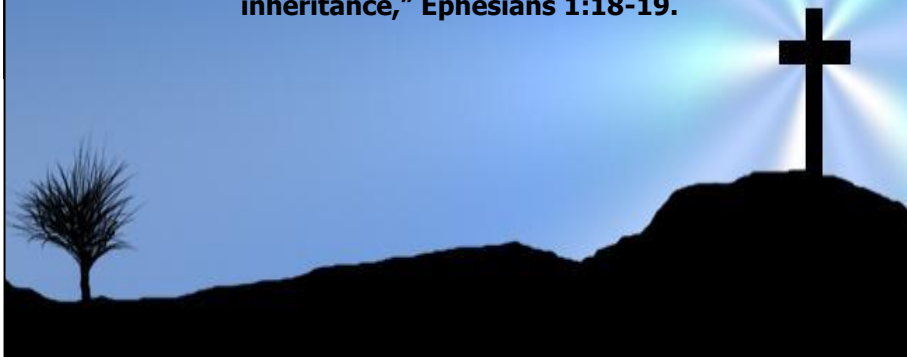


Self-Served

The Bible is a love story. It starts with a wedding and ends with a wedding. It is Father God seeking a perfectly yoked bride for His Son, Jesus. God wants to give His Son the perfect gift that is equal to the love He has for His Son and that perfect gift is the Bride transformed and made ready. That bride is you!

The Bible is not just a story about sin and salvation. It is a beautiful eternal love story of redemption. Christ is the heavenly husband who loves with a perfect love, a love that made the heavens and the earth! When one realizes who they are in Christ, they are never the same.

Matthew 13:44 states, "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son." The whole divine plan is your wedding to Jesus Christ! "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he as called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance," Ephesians 1:18-19.



Prayer List

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

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

Health:	Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	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	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Masters		Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter

Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

August Birthdays

Ashlyn Beebe 3 rd	Melba Gillihan 4 th	John Smith 8 th
Lucille Linn 9 th	Charlene Langston 10 th	Tiffany Webb 10 th
Holly Cooper 12 th	Billy Beebe 13 th	Brent Qualls 15 th
Abe Cooper 15 th	Anita Love 17 th	Tim Vest 20 th
Diane Zook 20 th	Madeline Sipe 21 st	Jimmie Young 22 nd
Dottie McWherter 23 rd	Jordan Kimble 23 rd	Ramona Qualls 26 th
Roby Cooper 26 th	Laine Wagoner 27 th	Sarena Young 28 th
Shawna Teegarden 29 th	Sanders Lee Wyatt 31 st	

August Anniversaries

Doug & Madeline Sipe 5 th	Tommy & Sandra Taylor 10 th
Danny & Betty Brightwell 12 th	Kelly & Tiffany Webb 13 th
Ronnie & Sallie Adkisson 15 th	Cleve & Darla Weaver 21 st
Joe & Shirley Guiltner 23 rd	David & Joyce Clark 28 th
Doyle & Diana Wyatt 29 th	

Revelation 21:17, "The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." Let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost."