

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

There's No Place Like Home by Edd Sterchi

A good home is such a wonderful place. It seems that we are always wanting to go home. And we especially love being home for the holidays. In fact, there is a traditional song that testifies to that fact. What is it that is so great about home? Let's note a few of them through an acrostic. And since the church is our heavenly home on the earth (Eph. 2:19), these will certainly apply there, as well.

Harmony – How marvelous it is when family members get along with each other. When this happens, the times together are cherished and memorable. This is also true with the church family. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity" (Psa. 133:1).

Optimism – A good home is desired, in part, because of the positive nature it presents. Everyone enjoys being together in a home where there is lots and lots of cheerfulness and sunniness. Without a doubt, this is true of a church home, also. "Christ as a Son over His own house, whose house we are if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end" (Heb. 3:6).

Mercy – Home is the place where bountiful forgiveness is offered. The best homes are the ones that demonstrate agape love for one another, which always leads to overlooking shortcomings. There should be copious amounts of love and forgiveness in the Lord's church, as well. "And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you" (Eph. 4:32).

Encouragement – Another of the reasons we enjoy being part of a wonderful home is the strength and inspiration that we receive. It is where we can get great encouragement to keep on keeping on. The church home should also be a place of boosting one another. "Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing" (1 Thess. 5:11).

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.

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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A Place to Belong

Elders

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Family News

➤ Son Lamb & Rachel Phillips Memorial Contribution: Joe & Holly Cooper

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

OPENING PRAYER Chip Master

CLOSING PRAYER Danny Brightwell



SHELBY QUALLS

He Had No Servants

Author Unknown

Jesus had no servants, yet they called Him Master.

He had no degree, yet they called Him Teacher.

He had no medicines, yet they called Him Healer.

He had no army, yet kings feared Him.

He won no military battles, yet He conquered the world.

He committed no crime, but they crucified Him.

He was buried in a tomb, yet He lives today.



Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington

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

Health: Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	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 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
Arlene Davidson		Chip & Regina Master	Deborah Halcom
Ted & Sanyia Austin		J.B. & Wanda Dill	

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Emma Jean Cooper

December Birthdays

Danny Brightwell 3 rd	Acy Beebe 4 th	Danny Runion 6 th
Peggy Beebe 8 th	Roger Humphrey 10 th	Katelyn Moser 12 th
Shelby Qualls 14 th	Paulette Jubela 14 th	Rachel Claxton 14 th
Kaden Williams 16 th	Tamra Brightwell 20 th	Shirley Guiltner 22 nd
Rose Irvin 24 th	Darla Weaver 24 th	Deedra Watts 28 th
Abby Everett 28 th	Lavonia Roland 28 th	Brandy Kelly 29 th

December Anniversaries

Bill & Lavonia Roland 2nd

Revelation 1:4-8, "Grace to you and peace, from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood, He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father, to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."