

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

What Made Him Pray?

by Matt Clifton

Daniel was a man of prayer (Dan. 6:10), so it's no surprise to see him pouring his heart out to God in Daniel chapter 9. Several clues point to this:

Scripture made him pray (Dan. 9:2,11-13). Realizing God's promises were real and close to fulfillment made him hit his knees. Daniel understood this from his study of the prophet Jeremiah (Jer. 29:10). Recognizing God's promises ought to drive us toward His throne, too. Christ's return and the coming judgment should lead us to pray as Paul (2 Thess. 1:3-12) and John (Rev. 22:20) did.

Sin made him pray (Dan. 9:3-6). Daniel mentions Israel was guilty of sin, iniquity, wickedness, and rebellion, as well as rejection of God's word. Daniel begs God for forgiveness. As Christians, our own sin is to cause us to seek God's forgiveness too (Matt. 6:12; 1 John 1:9).

Shame made him pray (Dan. 9:7-8). Daniel felt shame because of the blatant sins of the nation. Jeremiah said the people were not ashamed when they committed abomination (Jer. 6:15). Does that sound familiar in our day? Shame for the sin and abomination around us ought to drive us to prayer for our nation and world (1 Tim. 2:1-2).

Sonship made him pray (Dan. 9:16-19). Daniel begged God to hear him, on behalf of the city and people who are called by His name. His prayer was heard because he was "greatly beloved" (Dan. 9:23). As Christians, we have the privilege of prayer (Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:15,26).

For much the same reasons as Daniel, we are to be prayerful people. God's promises, our own sins, the shameful of rebellion against God, and our status as sons and daughters prompt us to pray and seek a deeper friendship and connection with God.

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

- We are updating our sign digitally. If you would like to contribute to this expense, please contact Shelby or Danny.
- We will have a Valentine's Banquet on Wednesday, February 14 at the fellowship building at 6pm.
- Hadleigh Grigg will have kidney surgery on February 27. Please keep her, Harper, Jamie, and Dalton in your prayers.
- Peggy Hall is struggling with health concerns and has asked for the prayers of the church. Please keep her lifted up to our Father.
- Scott Harris is a friend of Diane Wyatt's from Oklahoma. He is having kidney problems. Please keep him in prayer as he seeks medical help.
- Memorial contributions for Donnie Vest & Ann Lawrence: Bonnie Wyatt
- Sermons and bulletins available at Melbournechurchofchrist.com

OPENING PRAYER Joe Cooper

CLOSING PRAYER Kelly Don Webb



FEBRUARY

**SHELBY QUALLS
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**BRENT QUALLS
ROBERT LANGSTON**

MARCH

**ANTHONY WESTON
SANDERS LEE WYATT**

**DALTON GRIGG
BRENT QUALLS**

The Power of Prayer
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**A breath of prayer in the morning
Means a day of blessings sure —
A breath of prayer in the evening
Means a night of rest secure.**

**A breath of prayer in our weakness
Means a clasp of a rock-steady Hand
A breath of prayer when we're lonely
Means Someone to understand.**

**A breath of prayer in rejoicing
Gives joy and added delight.
A breath of prayer at anytime
Connects us to God's great might.**

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, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman

Ted Kidd	Wilma Cooper	Jim Fowler	Dorothy Teague
Bill Roland	Treva Voyles	Hayden Phillips	Debbie Crow
Cornelia Summers	Christie Haney	Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby
Brooke Partin	Gary Brown	Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper
John Young	Regenia Gillihan	Robby Qualls	Regina Master
Shawna Teegarden	Jeanette Crosby Youngblood		John Ward
Boyde Martin	Gage Barns	Jacob Cross	Peggy Hall

February Birthdays

Frank Fowler 1 st	Aaron Young 8 th	Cindy Phillips 11 th
Brighton Beebe 11 th	Dewey Brightwell 13 th	Davey Wyatt 14 th
Harris Wyatt 14 th	David Lawrence 19 th	Brandy Treat 21 st
Kaleb Moser 25 th	Jeralene Love 25 th	Chipper Lamb 27 th

February Anniversaries

Acy & Iris Beebe 13th
Ted & Sheilla Wammack 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.

**Philippians 4:6-8, "Be anxious for nothing,
but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension,
will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally,
brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever
is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is
of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything
worthy of praise, dwell on these things."**