

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Selfless Christianity by Mark Lindley

True Christianity is selfless. The term selfless means "having no concern for self; unselfish." The Scriptures teach that selfishness will prevent one from being a follower of Christ. Jesus said, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matthew 16:24). Practicing self-denial is not easy.

The general, human tendency is to be more concerned about pleasing ourselves, rather than pleasing the Lord and others. However, Paul exhorts: "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbor for his good to edification" (Romans 15:1- 2).

Christianity is built upon the sacrifice of selfless Savior who was more concerned about others than himself. Was it not his selflessness that inspired him to come to this world of sin and suffering and to die on the cross? One old, religious hymn suggests: "He could have called ten- thousand angels to destroy the world and set him free. He could have called ten-thousand angels, but he died alone for you and me."

The Bible teaches that Jesus "humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:8). No greater example of selflessness could be given than the one Jesus gave when he allowed sinful men to nail him to the cross. Selfishness and Christianity simply do not belong together.

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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

- Rachel Phillips, Bryan's mother, broke her leg. She is currently in rehab at the nursing home in Salem.
- Ty Cooper is continually improving.
- Congratulations to Brent and Lis Qualls in their recent marriage. A basket is set up for cards in the foyer.
- Melbourne CoC Homecoming will be Sunday, October 30. Mark Copeland will be our speaker with a meal following services.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

OPENING PRAYER Paul Roland

CLOSING PRAYER Chip Master



ALAN LOVE

...Selfishness goes against fundamental principles of Christianity and shows a lack of spiritual maturity. Children have to be taught to share their toys, and to control themselves when they do not get their way. In other words, children must be taught to develop selflessness. The same is true for children of God, Christians. Those who desire to follow Christ must work to overcome a self-centered attitude and learn to be more concerned about pleasing the Lord and serving others, rather than pleasing self.

We can demonstrate selflessness by giving to God the time it takes to worship and serve Him, instead of claiming we are just "too busy." Husbands and wives need to be selfless in their marital relationships, always considering the needs and feelings of their mates, instead of thinking only of self. So many problems which arise in the church would be solved if all members would resolve to do what is best for the church instead of what is best for self. Indeed, true Christianity is selfless.



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 Haagenon
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, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

October Birthdays

Trena Humphrey 5 th	Ronnie Adkisson 6 th	Ethan Phillips 8 th
Chad Lawrence 10 th	David Brightwell 12 th	Tyler Wammack 15 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

John 12:23-26, "Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him."