

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Where Can We Find Peace?

by Edd Sterchi

It seems that few people have inner peace. Nations are in dispute, families in disarray, and many dissatisfied. We rush trying to bring peace and order to our lives. When we find a moment of peace, it seems to fly away before we really get to enjoy it.

Where can we find peace in our troubled lives? Maybe we're looking in the wrong places. Worldly thinking will never bring true peace. The Bible reveals to us where we can find true and lasting peace.

We can find peace in faith. If we have true faith in God and His word, nothing should be able to bring turmoil to our souls. Our faith can carry us through difficult circumstances that would bring unrest to others. Yes, peace is found in faith: "Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace..." (Rom. 5:1).

We can find peace in function. Having a purpose for life and using it to serve others in the Lord's name brings great satisfaction – and satisfaction brings peace along as a companion. "Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace" (Jas. 3:18). And may I add they reap peace, as well.

We can find peace in forgiveness. Many carry grudges and burdens and are unwilling to forgive others. We will never be at peace with them or ourselves. When we dwell in negativity, our lives are in constant tumult. When we are forgiven and forgive others, peace reigns and new life comes. "as Christ forgave you, so you also must do...And let the peace of God rule in your hearts..." (Col. 3:13-15).

The bottom line is that we can find peace in Jesus Christ. In Jesus we get forgiveness. In Jesus we find true function for our lives. In Jesus we obtain a faith that will never let us down. In Jesus we can have peace "at all times" and "in every way" (2 Thess. 3:16, ESV).

Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4th Monday in Jan. @ 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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A Place to Belong

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Family News

➤ Rose Irvin's mother, Wilma Cooper, is in WRMC in Batesville. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

* 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

True Peace
by John K. Wills

The apostle Paul penned, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God" (Romans 12:2).

To the Colossians he wrote, "Let the peace of God rule in your hearts...Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom" (Colossians 3:15-16).

To the Philippians, he Wrote "And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ" (Phil 4:7). Yes, even in today's troubled world, we can have true peace through Jesus. And His peace is eternal!



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
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master		Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter
J.B. & Wanda Dill			

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

December Birthdays

Danny Brightwell 3 rd	Acy Beebe 4 th	Danny Runion 6 th
David Clark 8 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 Adkisson 28 th	Abby Everett 28 th	Lavonia Roland 28 th
Brandy Kelly 29 th	Bob Davidson 31 st	

December Anniversaries

Bill & Lavonia Roland	2 nd
Bob & Arlene Davidson	31 st

Psalm 35:13-14, "Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Depart from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it."

Romans 14:19, "We (Christians) pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another."

Matthew 5:9, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God."