

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Lost in the Woods

by Larry Fitzgerald

Everyone who has ever spent any time hiking or hunting in the forests of our land, knows of the possibility of getting lost. Some time ago, a teenager hunting in the Rocky Mountains with his father, discovered firsthand what it means to be lost.

The young man took a new trail and forgot how to make his way back. After a while, he was lost. Many times his father had taught him: "If you ever get lost, sit still and listen for three shots. Then fire three shots in response." But the teenager kept trying to find his way out and hiked deeper into unfamiliar territory.

Soon it was near sunset so he gathered some wood and built a fire for the night. The next day, he tried to find a familiar landmark but discovered he had wandered in a circle and was back at his old fire pit. So he built another fire and spent a cold and hungry second night on the mountain.

The next day, he awoke to hear three gun shots. At first, he didn't know what to do. Then he recalled his father's training and lifted his gun and fired three times. Before long, the young man was rescued.

In a way, all people are like that young man. We wander around not knowing what to do to be saved. We hear many opinions but then we heed the Heavenly Father's instructions found in the Bible. We obey the gospel plan of salvation (2 Thess. 1:7-8).

When the boy raised his own gun and fired three shots, he did something to obtain his own salvation from the forest. But that does not mean that being found was any less of a gift. Likewise, when we come to Christ through faith, repentance, confession and baptism, it is an appeal for our Heavenly Father's saving grace (1 Peter 3:21). This, too, is a free gift (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4th Monday in July @ 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

Elders

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Family News

➤ Memorial contributions for Danny Beebe: Bill & Carolyn Younger, Danny & Betty Brightwell, Sanders & Melissa Wyatt, Shelby & Ramona Qualls

* 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

WORDSEARCH

Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3:13-17)

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 Q Z I P A Q Z J X I W T J X
 K C P X I N B T H N W E D N
 L P V R V R D V E G R O D Z
 D R Y T E U I C A J C U D I
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 SPIRIT

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 HEAVEN
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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

July Birthdays

Sam Cooper 9 th	Tommy Washington 10 th	Ryan Lloyd 14 th
Davis Love 19 th	Landon Kimble 21 st	Barbara Watson 22 nd
Bryan Phillips 25 th	Larry Young 25 th	Katie Gilbert 27 th
Drew Love 27 th	Mary Bone 31 st	

July Anniversaries

Jim & Lisa Cooper 10th
 Jerry & Dianna Owens 11th

Matthew 3:13-15, "Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan *coming* to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit *it* at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he permitted Him."