

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

The Lord is my Portion
by Jay Poindexter

Jeremiah is called "the weeping prophet." He did indeed share the words of God in a very sad and overwhelming time. We can learn from the words of Jeremiah, in *Lamentations*, about our God and our hope in Him, so that we can have the faith and courage to live faithfully through our times of overwhelming sadness.

Jeremiah writes *Lamentations* in the real historical context of Jerusalem's destruction by Nebuchadnezzar. Jerusalem lay in deserted ruins, and her people have gone into the affliction and harsh labor of their exile (Lam 1:3, 10). Moreover, the Lord has rejected His altar and abandoned His sanctuary (Lam 2:7). These experiences were devastating emotionally, physically, and spiritually. Yet, the prophet finds his hope in the Lord and he poetically offers that hope to all of God's faithful:

"Remember my affliction and my wanderings, the wormwood (bitterness) and the gall! My soul continually remembers it and is bowed down within me. But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. "The Lord is my portion" says my soul, therefore I will hope in Him" (Lam. 3:19-24 ESV).

The Lord is still our portion. He is the thing we have that sustains us, and in His unchanging nature of truthfulness we have a hope that anchors our souls through all the storms of this life (Heb. 6:18-19). Let us then, experiences and circumstances notwithstanding, hold on to this hope and let our souls rejoice in Him!

Dates to Remember

August 18th **Men's Breakfast** @ 8am
 August 26th **Ladies Night Out** @ 6pm, bring item for Manna House
 September 29th **Fish Fry** after services, bring a dessert



Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Sunday Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
 Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.
 Nursing Home 3rd Sunday 2 p.m.

Please bring money or items for the Children's Homes

Tuna Ivarest Gatorate Canned Chicken Bottled Water
 Diapers (Newborn & Size 1) Rotel Velveeta Cereal Flour
 Granola Bars Pringles Vienna Sausage Healthy Snacks

Elders

Danny Brightwell
291-3439

 Shelby Qualls
346-5255

Deacons

Bryan Phillips 373-0546
 David Brightwell 291-1122

 Alan Love 243-4608
 Frank Fowler 291-1784

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	Doyle Wyatt	David Brightwell
OPENING PRAYER	Larry Young	Brent Qualls
CLOSING PRAYER	Brad Sipe	Frank Fowler
		
Joe Ingram Brad Sipe	Randy Haney Shelby Qualls	Joe Cooper Kelly Webb
<u>DOOR GREETERS</u> JULY 28 TH ROGER & TRENA HUMPHREY AUGUST 4 TH ROSE IRVIN & BRANDY KELLY		
<u>CHILDREN'S GATHERING TEACHERS FOR JULY</u> DIANA WYATT & TRENA HUMPHREY		
<u>Nursery</u> July 28 th Lisa Cooper August 4 th Lisa Cooper		
<u>Communion for Shut-In</u> July 28 th Frank Fowler August 4 th Shelby Qualls		
<u>Power in Prayer Project</u> Lord, remove anything in my heart or mind that keeps me from wrapping my entire life around You. I want You to be MY shepherd, to lead me, to feed me and dwell with me forever.		

<u>Prayer List</u>			
Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington			
Officers: Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe			
Health: Dot Sanders	Joyce Newbrey	Cal Gillihan	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Larry Cooley	Emma Jean Cooper	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
Eutha Vest	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Andrew Pearson	Ivy Jo Slade	Andrew Weaver	Jeff Young
Sue Washington	Johnny Guthrie	Wanda Mcconnaughay	Dan Clark
Phil Haagenon	Nick & Mary Kosmitis		
Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Jerri Haney, Audrey Eddings, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Jimmy Gillihan			
<u>July Birthdays</u>			
Sam Cooper 9 th	Tommy Washington 10 th	Ryan Lloyd 14 th	
Davis Love 19 th	Jerri Haney 20 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	
<u>July Anniversaries</u>			
Jim & Lisa Cooper 10 th			
Jerry & Dianna Owens 11 th			
Joe & Sue Washington 28 th			
"Faith doesn't come in a bushel basket. It comes one step at a time. Decide to trust Him for one little thing today, and before you know it, you find out He's so trustworthy you'll be putting your whole life in His hands."			
— Lynn Austin			