

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## I Have Made Peace with God

by Mark Lindley

**There is nothing more important in life than having peace with God. But how can we have such peace? Through the forgiveness of sins. Sin brings disturbance and causes discord between man and God (Isaiah 59:1-2). As long as one remains in sin, there can be no fellowship or peace with God.**

**Occasionally, a person who has shown little or no interest in spiritual things might make the statement: "I have made my peace with God." The Bible teaches that the Lord will be the final judge on the Day of Judgment. Only the Lord qualifies to judge and to determine the ultimate destiny of souls. However, it is not being judgmental or self-righteous to affirm that one has no peace with God until one has obeyed the Gospel and been forgiven. Simply claiming to have "made peace with God" does not make it so, unless the one who makes that statement has submitted to the Gospel of Christ.**

**Consider what Paul wrote about peace with God: "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:1). Peace comes when one is "justified by faith." But when does faith justify? "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness" (Romans 6:17- 18). Earlier in Romans chapter 6, Paul states that the Romans had been baptized into Christ, and had been raised to walk in newness of life (Romans 6:3- 4). This is when and how one can know that he or she truly has made peace with God. When one's faith leads one to repent, confess Christ, and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins, then one has a scriptural reason for claiming to have peace with God. May we all search the scriptures and our lives to be sure we have made peace with God.**

### Dates to Remember

- ★ Ladies meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food
- Men meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.

Sermons and bulletins available @  
[Melbournechurchofchrist.com](http://Melbournechurchofchrist.com)

**Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.**  
**Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.**  
**Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.**



**Melbourne Church of Christ**  
**A Place to Belong**

#### Elders

Danny Brightwell  
291-3439

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## Family News

- The nursing home Christmas gift list is on the table in the foyer.
- Rachel Phillips Memorial Contributions: Shelby & Ramona Qualls, Danny & Betty Brightwell
- Hayden Phillips has covid. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Sally Adkisson is in the hospital at Baxter in Mountain Home. Please keep her and Ronnie in your prayers.
- \* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

**OPENING PRAYER** Anthony Weston

**CLOSING PRAYER** Kelly Don Webb



**DAVID BRIGHTWELL**

### **Pursue Righteousness**

by Bart Warren

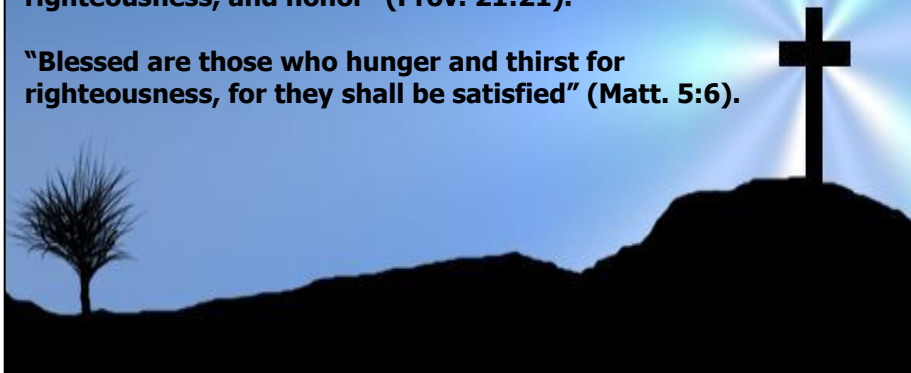
**Numerous times in Scripture the Lord encourages us to “pursue righteousness.” The term *righteousness* is variously used, sometimes referring to virtuous or obedient living and other times referring to the condition of being made innocent by God and thus acceptable to Him.**

**The idea is this: The Lord expects us to live a life of obedience and virtue. Additionally, in His grace and mercy, the Lord offers us the only hope we have to be declared innocent. Thus, in a sense, to pursue righteousness is to pursue a life with God now and to dwell in His presence forever!**

**“The way of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, but He loves him who pursues righteousness” (Prov. 15:9).**

**“Whoever pursues righteousness and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor” (Prov. 21:21).**

**“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied” (Matt. 5:6).**



### **Prayer List**

**Military:** Derek Love, A.J. Talkington

**Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

<b>Health:</b> 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 & Sanya Austin		J.B. & Wanda Dill	

**Nursing Home:** Debbie Hoskinds, Emma Jean Cooper

### **November Birthdays**

Kelly Webb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sherry Davidson 5 <sup>th</sup>	Maggie Cannon 5 <sup>th</sup>
Joe Cooper 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lori Grisham 8 <sup>th</sup>	Al Gillihan 11 <sup>th</sup>
Laura Sipe 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sophie Wyatt 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ted Wammack 13 <sup>th</sup>
Addyson Hoskinds 13 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Brightwell 25 <sup>th</sup>	Peyton Elms 28 <sup>th</sup>
Doug Yancey 30 <sup>th</sup>		

### **November Anniversaries**

Doug & Jeannie Yancey 4<sup>th</sup>

Bill & Carolyn Younger 10<sup>th</sup>

**Isaiah 61:10, “I will rejoice greatly in the Lord,  
My soul will exult in my God;  
For He has clothed me with garments of salvation,  
He has wrapped me with a robe of righteousness,  
As a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,  
And as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.”**