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Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Life Is a Journey with Daily Choices

by Dan Jenkins

One simple way to view life is to think of how it is a journey up a mountain trail. There are many times when forks show up in the path ahead of us, and we must choose which one to take, knowing that one of them leads to the place you have heard so much about. You want to get there, but sometimes it seems so hard.

Early in life you heard about the Hiker who completed the journey and always made the right choice. You have read the book about His life, and you're convinced that He really lived, completed the journey and left behind the story of His life. There is something so fascinating about Him that you want to be like Him, knowing that He is waiting for you at the end of your own journey.

There are those around you, who have told you so much about the Hiker, but now the time has arrived that you must make your own choice. You have reached "the age of accountability" and your journey begins with you making your own choices in life. Before you lies the first major fork in the path.

One path seems to give you so much more freedom and looks like it's easier to walk down. It doesn't seem to have as many hard climbs on the path the Hiker took. You must make the decision on your own and it is not an easy one. You soberly look at the two options and as you start your journey, you must first answer this question, "Do you believe with all your heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God?" You see others as they come to that division in the trail and most of them choose the easier path to left. You have made your choice; you choose to go to the right.

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The Encouragement Group meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come serve with us as we reach into our community!

**Sunday Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wed. Services 6:00 p.m.**

Visitors, please take a card from the back of the pew, fill it out, and put it in the offering tray. We are glad you're here and want you to know that you're welcome in the family of Christ that meets here!

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Family News

- Gage Barn's will resume treatments later this month in Mountain Home.
- There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for teachers for children's church for kids ages 2-5 and ages 6-11.
- This Tuesday night we will meet at the Fellowship Hall at 6pm to ring in the New Year. Bring games and finger foods.
- Nancy Richardson is in Pioneer Nursing Home and would love for you to stop by and say hi.
- David Smith had his right leg amputated. He is in WRMC in ICU. Please keep him and Debbie Lord in prayer.
- CourtneyAnn Minick's grandfather, David Minick, has terminal cancer. Please keep David, CourtneyAnn, and their family in prayer.

Opening Prayer.....Chip Master
 Communion Reading.....David Brightwell
 Closing Prayer.....Alan Love



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It is remarkable how often on the journey you choose to make this same choice. It is as though it is always right to do what is right.

You very soon discover other crossroads. One is how to respond to obeying your parents. One concerns moral purity. Another is how much time do I spend meditating on and reading the Hiker's book and meeting with others every week who spend serious time learning more about Him and in a sense being with Him.

There is a path of your place of secular employment and social life with those in that place. There is the path of responding to those who mistreat you and how to deal with them. Time after time you make the harder decision to continue your upward journey even though it seems more difficult.

As you make this journey you are more and more convinced that you made the right decision when you made your first choice. Then, the time arrives, and your journey is about finished. You see the Hiker, Jesus, with outstretched arms awaiting you and saying, "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Prayer List

Military: Derek & Allison Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman, Shirley Hill, Imogene James, Bill Roland

Boyde Martin	Wilma Cooper	Phyllis Gilbreath	Dorothy Teague
Ruby Patillo	Joe Guiltner	Cornelia Summers	Christie Haney
Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin	Toby Weatherford
Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young	Regenia Gillihan
Regina Master	Shawna Teegarden	Gage Barns	John Ward
		John Ward	Joe Anne Hendrix

December Birthdays

Danny Brightwell 3 rd	Danny Runion 6 th	Callen Cooper 6 th
Roger Humphrey 10 th	Earlene Martz 11 th	Brad Teague 11 th
Kylea Morgan 14 th	Minnie Dutton 14 th	Shelby Qualls 14 th
Paulette Jubela 14 th	Kaden Williams 16 th	Tamra Brightwell 20 th
Shirley Guiltner 22 nd	Wanda Dill 23 rd	Rose Irvin 24 th
Darla Weaver 24 th	Deedra Watts 28 th	Abby Everett 28 th
Lavonia Roland 28 th	Brandy Kelly 29 th	


December Anniversaries

Bill & Lavonia Roland 2nd
 Rhett & Kiley Carter 16th

Dates to Remember

Ladies Night Out 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
 Ladies Bible Study 1st, 2nd, 3rd Monday @ 6 p.m.
 Men meet 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
 Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

Proverbs 2:7-12, "The Lord stores up sound wisdom for the upright; He is a shield to those who walk in integrity, guarding the paths of justice, and He preserves the way of His godly ones. Then you will discern righteousness and justice and every good course. For wisdom will enter your heart and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul; discretion will guard you, understanding will watch over you and deliver you from the way of evil."

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