

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## Where is Your Joy?

by James Bennett

I read a discussion on Facebook about when it's appropriate to put up Christmas decorations. Personally, I love Christmas. My mother one year began listening to Christmas music in October. That was torture. Why? Because when Christmas actually came, I was sick of hearing the same songs over and over and it took some of my joy. But looking back at it years later, it's an awesome memory.

Often, I let little things take my joy. And I let them. Why would I let something so petty steal my joy when I know that my God has created a planet perfect for my existence and that same God has given me the opportunity to live forever with Him?

As Christians, as we struggle with sin, we can allow little things to creep in and steal bits of our joy. As Christians we could be the most joyous people around because we are heirs to the Kingdom of God. We are his children. He chose us.

During Thanksgiving and Christmas time, we can easily get caught up in the hustle of family dinners, friends, and hopefully remembering to be thankful for the blessings we've been given. Let us not fall prey to society's pull to take our joy with stress and distractions like lower prices on things we don't really need.

Rather, let's remember our joy. Let us remember that we can know that we have eternal life (1 John 5:13). We can know that God loves us (John 3:16). There should be no time, event, or person that can steal our Joy. Our Joy is in Christ, who was there from the beginning, who was there on the cross burdened with our sins, and who will come again to take His bride home. Home to bask in Joy. Let us remember these things throughout the holiday season.

## Dates to Remember

December 9<sup>th</sup> **Ladies Night Out Christmas Party**  
 December 15<sup>th</sup> **Men's Breakfast @ 8am**  
 December 29<sup>th</sup> **Potluck** after services



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 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday 2 p.m.

## Please bring money or items for the Children's Homes

**Cold & Flu Medicine**      **Dish Washer Detergent (Liquid or Pods)**  
**Fabric Softener**            **Individually Packed Snacks/Drink Mixes**  
**Crunchy Peanut Butter**    **Cereal**      **French Style Green Beans**

### Elders

Danny Brightwell  
 291-3439  
  
 Shelby Qualls  
 346-5255

### Deacons

Bryan Phillips    David Brightwell  
 373-0546          291-1122  
  
 Alan Love          Frank Fowler  
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                          Joe Cooper  
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## Family News

- Ladies Christmas Party, December 9<sup>th</sup> @ the fellowship hall @ 6 pm. Bring a \$10 "Dirty Santa" gift and a finger food. All ladies in the congregation are encouraged to come.
- Christmas gift list for the nursing home is ready and in the foyer. Please return gifts by December 11<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	David Brightwell	David Brightwell
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	Ted Wammack	Sanders Lee Wyatt
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	Alan Love	Brent Qualls



<b>Brent Qualls</b>	<b>Danny Brightwell</b>	<b>Larry Young</b>
<b>Kaden Williams</b>	<b>Ted Wammack</b>	<b>Kenny Moser</b>

**LORD'S SUPPER NEXT MONTH**

<b>KELLY WEBB</b>	<b>JOE COOPER</b>	<b>BRAD SIPE</b>
<b>SHELBY QUALLS</b>	<b>DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL</b>	<b>DAVIS LOVE</b>

**DOOR GREETERS**

DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> **ALAN & ANITA LOVE**  
 DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> **FRANK, ELLIE, WYATT & CASH FOWLER**

**CHILDREN'S GATHERING TEACHERS FOR DECEMBER**

**DIANA WYATT & TRENA HUMPHREY**

**Nursery**

December 8<sup>th</sup> **Abby Everett**  
 December 15<sup>th</sup> **Sarena Young**

**Power in Prayer Project**

Lord, thank You for the sign of Christ's virgin birth. Thank You for truly being with us, here on earth. Thank you for the redemption of my sins and giving me a new identity as a sibling to Christ and heir to Your eternal wealth. Help me in any unbelief I may have in Your written word to me.

**Prayer List**

**Military:** Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington, Blake Johnson

**Officers:** Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe

<b>Health:</b> Dot Sanders	Joyce Newbrey	Cal Gillihan	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Jane Sullivan	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
Eutha Vest	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Andrew Pearson	Ivy Jo Slade	Toni Lawrence	Andrew Weaver
Sue Washington	Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Dan Clark
Nick & Mary Kosmitis	Earnie Blackley	Bob & Arlene Davidson	

**Nursing Home:** Lucille Linn, Audrey Eddings, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Jimmy Gillihan, Emma Jean Cooper

**December Birthdays**

Danny Brightwell 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Acy Beebe 4 <sup>th</sup>	Danny Runion 6 <sup>th</sup>
Kathrean Phipps 7 <sup>th</sup>	David Clark 8 <sup>th</sup>	Peggy Beebe 8 <sup>th</sup>
Roger Humphrey 10 <sup>th</sup>	Katelyn Moser 12 <sup>th</sup>	Shelby Qualls 14 <sup>th</sup>
Paulette Jubela 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kaden Williams 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tamra Brightwell 20 <sup>th</sup>
Shirley Guiltner 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Rose Irvin 24 <sup>th</sup>	Deedra Adkisson 28 <sup>th</sup>
Abby Everett 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lavonia Roland 28 <sup>th</sup>	Brandy Kelly 29 <sup>th</sup>
Bob Davidson 31 <sup>st</sup>		

**December Anniversaries**

Bill & Lavonia Roland	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tom & Kathrean Phipps	23 <sup>rd</sup>
Bob & Arlene Davidson	31 <sup>st</sup>

*"God became a real man, had a real birth, and had a real, physical body. This is an essential point of the Christian faith."*

- Henry Hon

