

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## The Flag We Fly

by Matt Clifton

As Americans, there are few sights that thrill us as much as seeing the "Stars and Stripes" billowing in the breeze over a free nation. On Independence Day, many of us find ourselves rallying around our flag, thankful for the freedom we enjoy in our great country. The common purpose and unity that we feel under that flag should be something that binds us together toward causes greater than ourselves.

Likewise—but in a much more meaningful and important sense—Christians rally together under a common flag: Jesus the Christ. The prophet Isaiah spoke of a time when "the root of Jesse" (The Messiah) would stand as a banner to the people, and the Gentiles would seek Him (Isaiah 11:10). Both Jews and Gentiles would rally to the Messiah, which means this passage was looking forward to a time when the church had been established. In the New Testament, Jesus said that if He be lifted up, He would draw all peoples to Himself (John 12:32), calling them to a true spiritual freedom through sacrificial death on the cross (John 8:32,36). Both Jews and Gentiles rallied to the banner of the Messiah, wiping out all national lines as far as the kingdom of God was concerned (Gal. 3:26-29).

What a beautiful image! Those who seek to know God in truth will come to Jesus through His gospel, and be united together in His kingdom for a common salvation and mission. There is no greater freedom! May we always remember how Christ made us free, and rally always to His banner.

### Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in Sept. @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

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

Shelby Qualls  
346-5255

#### Deacons

Bryan Phillips David Brightwell  
373-0546 291-1122

Alan Love Joe Cooper  
243-4608 291-4653

#### Minister

Ryan Lloyd  
368-7886  
Melbourne CoC  
Box 267  
Melbourne, AR 72556

## Family News

- Betty Brightwell will have back surgery next Tuesday, September 28, at St. Vincent's. She is scheduled to come home on Wednesday. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
- Donnie Vest had back surgery last week, please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- \* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA



**Self-Served**

# WORDSEARCH

Birth of Christ (Matthew 1:17-25)

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ANGEL  
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JOSEPH  
LORD  
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JESUS  
CHILD  
NAME  
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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

<b>Health:</b>	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
J.B. & Wanda Dill	Justin Teague		

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

## September Birthdays

Alan Love 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sandra Taylor 6 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Smith 6 <sup>th</sup>
Brad Sipe 8 <sup>th</sup>	Aaron Hoskinds 8 <sup>th</sup>	Randy Haney 13 <sup>th</sup>
Ann Lawrence 15 <sup>th</sup>	Sally Adkisson 19 <sup>th</sup>	James Phillips 20 <sup>th</sup>
Landon Taylor 25 <sup>th</sup>	Halle Jo Cooper 26 <sup>th</sup>	Christie Haney 26 <sup>th</sup>
Robert Langston 27 <sup>th</sup>	Stephanie Gillihan 28 <sup>th</sup>	

## September Anniversaries

Trey & Melissa Lamb 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brad & Julie Teague 20 <sup>th</sup>
Brad & Laura Sipe 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Wayne & Melanie Crosby 23 <sup>rd</sup>

**Prophecy in Micah 5:2, "His goings forth are from long ago, from the days of eternity."**

**Fulfilled by the Pre-existent and Divine Christ in Colossians 1:17, "Jesus is before all things, and in Him all things hold together."**

**Also, in Revelation 22:13, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end."**

**We know this about Jesus from before the time of His birth.**