

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## Looking in the Wrong Place for Jesus

by Neal Pollard

Periodically, we read or hear of people claiming to see Jesus in things such as clouds, dental X-rays, and trees. Wikipedia has an entry for it ("Perceptions of religious imagery in natural phenomena"). People defend the idea that these are intentional, divinely sent images. This is a reminder that some tend to look for Jesus in all the wrong places.

Some want signs to validate their faith. While God has provided signs in Scripture and through answered prayer that defies logic or explanation, He calls all of humanity to follow Christ, and to seek for Him through His word and our commitment to Him.

When we pick up God's Word and regularly read, meditate, and study (cf. Psalm 1), Jesus comes alive in powerful, sustaining ways! When we walk with the Lord each day, the resulting relationship built on His character and our trust in Him is powerful! When we actively serve Him and others and put into practice what He teaches through the Bible, we see Jesus clearly.

The longer we practice daily Christian living, and daily Bible reading, it brings Jesus into unmistakable, clear focus. Maybe that is what many truly desire, and what they need is our help to truly find Him. Let us take that as a challenge and help others to really "see Jesus" as Scripture defines.

"But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone (Heb. 2:9)."

### Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in Oct. @ 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  
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## Family News

- Betty Brightwell's surgery went well and she is recovering at home. Please keep her and Danny in your continued prayers.
- Donnie Vest's surgery went well and he is recovering at home. Please keep him and his family in your continued prayers.
- Roger Humphrey had a pacemaker put in this week. He is at home recovering and doing well. Please keep him and Trena in your prayers.
- \* 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**

**"I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ is not a man. Superficial minds see a resemblance between Christ and the founders of empires, and the gods of other religions. That resemblance does not exist. There is between Christianity and whatever other religions the distance of infinity....Everything in him astonishes me. His spirit overawes me, and his will confounds me. His ideas and his sentiments, the truths which he announces, his manner of convincing, are not explained either by human organization or by the nature of things. His religion is a revelation from an intelligence which certainly is not that of a man. Nothing can offer me anything with which I am able to compare it or to explain it. Here everything is extraordinary."**

**-Napoleon Bonaparte**



**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

**October Birthdays**

Trena Humphrey 5 <sup>th</sup>	Ronnie Adkisson 6 <sup>th</sup>	Ethan Phillips 8 <sup>th</sup>
Chad Lawrence 10 <sup>th</sup>	David Brightwell 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tyler Wammack 15 <sup>th</sup>
Joe Washington 18 <sup>th</sup>	Toni Lawrence 20 <sup>th</sup>	Julie Qualls 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Sue Campbell 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Melanie Crosby 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rita Hoskinds 26 <sup>th</sup>
Brooke Pritchard 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thomas Lamb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Heather Elms 30 <sup>th</sup>

**October Anniversaries**

Mary & Ken Bone 14<sup>th</sup>

**John 8:44-45; 47, "You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I speak the truth, you do not believe Me. He who is of God hears the words of God; for this reason you do not hear *them*, because you are not of God."**