

**The Encouragement Group**  
meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m.  
in the fellowship hall.

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



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

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## Family News

- Ladies will not meet in November. The ladies will have a Christmas party on Sunday, December 10 at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a gift and finger foods.
- A special thanks goes out to Michelle Smith for providing Christmas ornaments for the Children's class to paint for nursing home residents.
- The Nursing Home Christmas gift list is in the foyer. Please take a card, then sign your name on the list beside the name you choose. The cards and names are numbered so they can be more easily found. Please bring the gift to the building by December 17.
- We are updating our sign digitally. If you would like to contribute to this expense, please contact Shelby or Danny.
- Al Gillihan has Parkinson's Disease and is currently at Pioneer Nursing Home. He enjoys visits and would love for you to stop by and say hi.
- Sermons and bulletins available at [Melbournechurchofchrist.com](http://Melbournechurchofchrist.com)

## Melbourne Church of Christ

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

### **Who or What is Shaping Us?**

by Bart Warren

***"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Romans 12:2).***

**This time of year emphasizes just how special it is to be with family. Gathering around a table to enjoy food and fellowship is so uniquely powerful that it is difficult to describe adequately.**

**In our digital age, with an emphasis on screens rather than faces, it is easy to lose sight of just how our minds and hearts are being shaped and transformed.**

**Samuel James, a writer who has spent a great deal of time researching and thinking about the proper use of technology, has offered the following warning:**

**"Digital technology (social media) gives a public platform to many people who would otherwise not have it. But this blessing comes at a cost. Because of the Web's disembodied nature, things like evidence, reasoning, and expertise have become marginalized. Instead, the idea of truthfulness has devolved into a question of individual narratives. "My story is my truth" is one of the key mantras of the digital age. Traditional authority structures have given way to an ephemeral "equality" that means the random blogger is as powerful as the veteran preacher, or the anonymous Twitter account can demand deference merely with a powerful story. On the Web, we all have the power to "define" our reality, no matter how far that supposed reality may be from objective truth."**

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**OPENING PRAYER** Chip Master

**CLOSING PRAYER** Kelly Don Webb



**DECEMBER**

**ALAN LOVE  
DAVIS LOVE**

**ROGER HUMPHREY  
JOE COOPER**

**JANUARY**

**BRAD SIPE  
DANNY BRIGHTWELL**

**CHIPPER LAMB  
SHAWN WORTHAM**

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**"The disembodied, narrative-based culture of the Web requires Christians to know and remind each other regularly what is really true. This is a big reason why we must continue to gather together in church. Being physically together as we sing, pray, and hear truth powerfully recalibrates our sense of reality to be more in line with eternity. God's story does not destroy our story—it transforms it, interprets it, and gives it meaning and purpose beyond "likes."**

**This holiday season, as we are blessed to gather with friends and family, let us be reminded of a few important matters:**

- 1. As good as it is to gather with family around a dinner table, it is vital to gather with our church family around the Lord's table.**
- 2. While we all may have unique experiences, there remains only one objective truth that all must submit to and acknowledge.**
- 3. What we read and watch (and even how we read and watch it) molds and transforms us—let us make sure that we are being formed into the image of Jesus the Christ.**

**Prayer List**

**Military:** Derek Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson **Nursing Home:** Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Troy Gaston, Sherry Smith, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman, Ann Lawrence

Ted Kidd	Wilma Cooper	Jim Fowler	Dorothy Teague
Bill Roland	Treva Voyles	Hayden Phillips	Debbie Crow
Cornelia Summers	Christie Haney	Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby
Brooke Partin	Gary Brown	Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper
John Young	Regenia Gillihan	Robby Qualls	Regina Master
Shawna Teegarden	John Ward	Jeanette Crosby	Youngblood

**December Birthdays**

Danny Brightwell 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Acy Beebe 4 <sup>th</sup>	Danny Runion 6 <sup>th</sup>
Callen Cooper 6 <sup>th</sup>	Peggy Beebe 8 <sup>th</sup>	Roger Humphrey 10 <sup>th</sup>
Earlene Martz 11 <sup>th</sup>	Brad Teague 11 <sup>th</sup>	Katelyn Moser 12 <sup>th</sup>
Shelby Qualls 14 <sup>th</sup>	Paulette Jubela 14 <sup>th</sup>	Rachel Claxton 14 <sup>th</sup>
Kaden Williams 16 <sup>th</sup>	Tamra Brightwell 20 <sup>th</sup>	Shirley Guiltner 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Wanda Dill 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Rose Irvin 24 <sup>th</sup>	Darla Weaver 24 <sup>th</sup>
Deedra Watts 28 <sup>th</sup>	Abby Everett 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lavonia Roland 28 <sup>th</sup>
Brandy Kelly 29 <sup>th</sup>		

**December Anniversaries**

Bill & Lavonia Roland 2<sup>nd</sup>

**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.  
Potluck every 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

**"A lie doesn't become truth, wrong doesn't become right, and evil doesn't become good, just because it's accepted by a majority."**

— Booker T. Washington

**Isaiah 5:20, "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil."**

**Exodus 23:2, "You shall not follow the masses in doing evil."**