

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Thankful for the Gospel
by Bart Warren

Gospel = Good News. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the good news that sinners can be saved! Thanks to the sacrificial death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, sinners like you and me have hope because we can be cleansed of our sins and made righteous in the sight of God.

Romans 1:1-17 has so much to say about the Gospel. It is very helpful in our understanding this important topic. Additionally, this passage helps us to be ever more thankful for God and His plan of salvation.

First, we learn that the Gospel was promised via prophets (Rom. 1:2).

For centuries the prophets of God had been spreading the message of good news that a Savior was coming to rescue the world and to set people free. This wasn't a last minute invention. Make note of passages like Genesis 3:15; 12:3; 22:18; Psalm 110; Isaiah 53, etc. The Good News is not new – yet it remains continually relevant.

Second, we learn that the Gospel brings salvation (Romans 1:16).

Sinners can be saved! We are often over-come by the reality and the weight of our sin. In moments like these, it is good news to hear that we have hope! It is good news to hear that we can be changed, different, and made new! Additionally, it is good news to hear that we don't have to save ourselves!

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Dates to Remember

- ★ Ladies meet the 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food
- Men meet the 4th Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.

Sermons and bulletins available @
Melbournechurchofchrist.com

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



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A Place to Belong

Elders

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Family News

- Wedding shower for Chipper & Hannah, Sunday, August 6th at 2pm. They are registered at The Home Place, Wal-Mart, Dillard's, & Target.
- Memorial contribution for Charlene Langston: Shelby & Ramona Qualls Danny & Betty Brightwell, Bonnie Wyatt
- Congratulations to Daylee Brightwell! He was selected to attend Governor's School in Russellville at Arkansas Tech University. This will start July 5th and last the entire month of July. We congratulate him on this accomplishment and wish him well during his time there!
- There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for any men who would like to serve during the Lord's Supper.

OPENING PRAYER Rusty Treat

CLOSING PRAYER Chip Master



JULY

**ANTHONY WESTON
DALTON GRIGG**

**DANNY BRIGHTWELL
CHIPPER LAMB**

AUGUST

**ALAN LOVE
BRADLEY SIPE**

**DAVIS LOVE
CHIP MASTER**

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We are so weak, ignorant, sinful, and broken...we couldn't save ourselves even if we wanted to. The good news is God offers us hope and a way out. Jesus, the descendant of David rose from the grave demonstrating God's power to give life and rule over death (Romans. 1:3-4). We rely on His power, not our own.

Third, we learn that we have obligations in light of the glorious Gospel of Christ (Romans 1:5,16).

The message must be shared and obeyed! So many will remain ignorant if we don't love them enough to tell them the Good News. Finally, God has expectations and places divine demands upon us. We obey the Gospel by dying, being buried, and being raised with Jesus Christ in repentance and baptism. Make note of passages like 1 Cor. 15:1-4; 2 Thess. 1:8; 1 Pet. 4:17; Col. 2:12-13; Romans 6:3-5; Titus 3:5-7. God has determined that baptism is the moment in time in which we are washed, cleansed, added to the kingdom, and renewed.

Let us demonstrate in word and action that we are thankful for the Gospel and the opportunity to obey the Gospel.

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Harsie Gaston, Troy Gaston

Health: Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Connie Wheeler	Gary Fulbright
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenon
Mary Kosmitis	Dorothy Teague	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Chip & Regina Master	Ted & Sanyia Austin		Treva Voyles
John Ward	Michael Washington	Dwain Welch	Shawna Teegarden
Al Gillihan	Christie Haney	Jerry Roland	Arlene Davidson
Nevin Hart			

July Birthdays

Sam Cooper 9 th	Tommy Washington 10 th	Ryan Lloyd 14 th
Davis Love 19 th	Dalton Grigg 19 th	Steve Davidson 21 st
Landon Kimble 21 st	Barbara Watson 22 nd	Bryan Phillips 25 th
Larry Young 25 th	Regina Master 25 th	Katie Gilbert 27 th
Drew Love 27 th	Jack Treat 28 th	Mary Bone 31 st

July Anniversaries

Chip & Regina Master 5th
Jim & Lisa Cooper 10th
Jerry & Dianna Owens 11th

Titus 3:4-7, "When the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind appeared, He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life."