

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.



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Family News

- Baby Showers: November 12, Emma and Kohl Caraway (twin girls) at fellowship building at 1pm. November 19, Jodi and Brett Haney (baby girl) at fellowship building at 2pm.
- Wedding shower for Kiley Webb and Rhett Carter on December 3, at the fellowship hall. They are registered at Wal-Mart, Amazon, The Home Place, and Target.
- Melba Fulbright was baptized recently!
- John Ward is an elder at North Heights CoC in Batesville. He has been diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease).
- Shawna Teegarden is doing a little better in her fight with Leukemia. She is able to work and takes her next treatment in 4 weeks.
- Regina Master is having trouble with vertigo and feeling overall weak.
- Robby Qualls is at home battling M.G. (Myasthenia Gravis).
- Sermons and bulletins available at Melbournechurchofchrist.com

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

Israel's Continual Apostasy

by Ryan Lloyd

When it comes to a saved person losing their salvation the Bible has a word in the Old and New Testament to define them, apostate. Apostasy in the Greek and Hebrew is defined as: to change allegiance, to turn back, to be faithless, turncoat, turning around, to fall away.

This is exactly what Israel did in Jeremiah 8:4-6, "Thus says the Lord, "Do men fall and not get up again? Does one turn away and not repent? ⁵"Why then has this people, Jerusalem, turned away in continual apostasy? They hold fast to deceit, they refuse to return. ⁶"I have listened and heard, they have spoken what is not right; no man repented of his wickedness, saying, "What have I done?" Everyone turned to his course, like a horse charging into the battle."

At this time in history Israel walked away from God and cut themselves off from Him. They refused to repent and come home. They abandoned their faith in God, and placed their faith in wickedness and what they desired.

God's response is found in Jeremiah 3:8, "For all the adulteries of faithless Israel, I sent her away and divorced her."

Jeremiah uses the illustration of a horse charging into battle with blinders on. Blinders kept horses from looking to the right or left. They could only see in front of them and were trained to go forward even if they were in a battle that guaranteed their death. They had no healthy fear to guide them and help them make wise decisions.

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OPENING PRAYER Brent Qualls

CLOSING PRAYER Jim Usery



NOVEMBER

DAVID BRIGHTWELL

DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL

RUSTY TREAT

BRITAN TREAT

DECEMBER

ALAN LOVE

ROGER HUMPHREY

DAVIS LOVE

JOE COOPER

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People are very much blind like that to present day and tend to choose their own course in life. So many are just like the battle horse running as fast as they can into certain death. They choose to live a life filled with sin, refuse to repent, walk away from faith, and see no danger in it.

For those who have never known God that's understandable. Yet there are many who claim to be in a right relationship with God, yet live in continual apostasy. They choose their own path, abandon their faith in God, and place their faith in wickedness and what they desire.

Some will repent of their sins in words only, and as soon as they repent they turn around, throw up and then lick up their own vomit in a life absent of a living faith. (2 Peter 2:21-22)

So right now, what path are you walking down? Your path, or God's path?

Are you following your own course, or God's course? The time to repent and return to God is right now. He loves you, is for you, and has grace and mercy for those who choose to come home.

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	Jerry Roland
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	Debbie Crow	

November Birthdays

Kelly Don Webb 1 st	Jodi Martz Boggs 2 nd	Sherry Davidson 5 th
Maggie Cannon 5 th	Joe Cooper 5 th	Lori Grisham 8 th
Al Gillihan 11 th	Laura Sipe 11 th	Sophie Wyatt 11 th
Ted Wammack 13 th	Addyson Hoskinds 13 th	Daniel Brightwell 25 th
Peyton Elms 28 th	Doug Yancey 30 th	

November Anniversaries

Doug & Jeannie Yancey 4th
Bill & Carolyn Younger 10th

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.
Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

1 Kings 9:6-8, "If you or your sons indeed turn away from following Me, and do not keep My commandments and My statutes which I have set before you, and go and serve other gods and worship them, then I will cut off Israel from the land which I have given them, and the house which I have consecrated for My name, I will cast out of My sight. So Israel will become a proverb and a byword among all peoples. And this house will become a heap of ruins; everyone who passes by will be astonished and hiss and say, 'Why has the Lord done thus to this land and to this house?'"