

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

**Fight, Finish, Fulfill**  
by Edd Sterchi

**Second Timothy 4:7 has often been referred to as Paul's valedictory: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." It has also been observed that this statement had something for every group of people in the first century. The idea of fighting the fight appealed to the Roman mind. The concept of finishing the race would have been of interest to the Gentile (Greek) mind. And the thought of keeping the faith would have been attractive to the Hebrew mind. Indeed, this verse had (and has) something for everybody, no matter what background or circumstances.**

**Do you have an opponent? Is there something causing you problems? Something trying to ruin your life? Keep fighting against it. Don't give in or give up. Deal with it! If it knocks you down, get up and keep fighting. Fight the good fight. If you do so, you will be victorious.**

**Are you in a race? Do you have something you want to accomplish? Do you have goals to be reached? A purpose to achieve? Keep running toward the destination. The course may be difficult and long and you may get worn out on the way, but keep pressing on. Finish the race! If you do so, you will win.**

**Do you have circumstances beyond your control? Are you in a situation that breeds fear, doubt, or uncertainty? Does it sometimes seem hopeless? Don't give in to negative emotions. Maintain a positive outlook. Live in love and hope. Keep the faith! If you do so, you will receive the promise of God.**

**Fight, finish, fulfill – there's some good advice for all of us.**

## 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.

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  
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### Deacons

Bryan Phillips 373-0546  
David Brightwell 307-5714  
  
Alan Love 243-4608  
Joe Cooper 291-4653

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## Family News

- Ty Cooper is now home and steadily improving. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he continues to recover.
- Son Lamb, Holly Stroud Vinson, and Alene Smith Stevens passed away last week. Please keep their families in your prayers.
- Dottie McWherter has covid. Please pray for a quick recovery.
- Boyce Sheffield, Nancy Richardson's brother, has a brain tumor. Please pray for a full recovery.

\* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

**OPENING PRAYER** Shelby Qualls

**CLOSING PRAYER** Doyle Wyatt



**CHIP MASTER**

**Faith that Produces Endurance**

by Ryan Lloyd

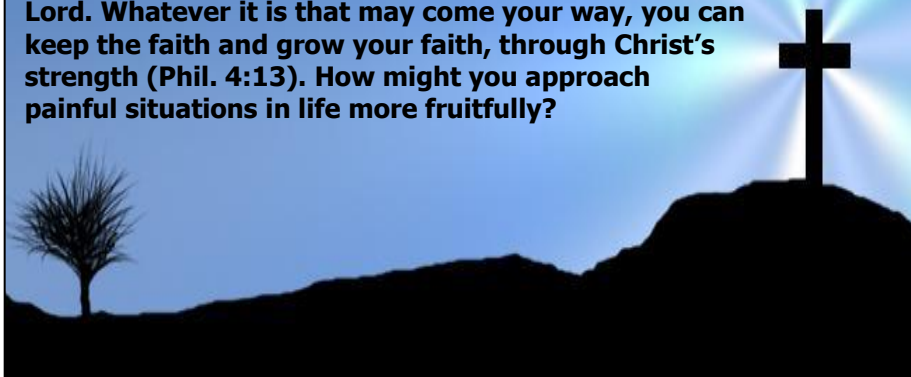
*"A man is a hero, not because he is braver than others, but because he is brave for ten minutes longer."*

*- Ralph Waldo Emerson*

Emerson hit on many situations in life, especially the life of a mature Christian under stress and testing. James 1:2-3, *"Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials...the testing of your faith produces endurance."*

Just because our faith is tested doesn't mean endurance will be produced. Facing our fears with true faith, creates the potential to propel one THROUGH fears and difficulties. When this life stance is taken, endurance is developed, rather than avoided.

Seeing trials as joy is not about evading them, it's about dealing with pain in ways that authentically increase one's faith in the Lord. Whatever it is that may come your way, you can keep the faith and grow your faith, through Christ's strength (Phil. 4:13). How might you approach painful situations in life more fruitfully?



**Prayer List**

**Military:** Derek Love, A.J. Talkington

**Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

<b>Health:</b> Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
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
Arlene Davidson		Chip & Regina Master	Deborah Halcom
Ted & Sanyia Austin		J.B. & Wanda Dill	

**Nursing Home:** Debbie Hoskinds, 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>
Julie Qualls 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Sue Campbell 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Melanie Crosby 25 <sup>th</sup>
Hadleigh Grigg 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>

**"Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death."**

**– Jesus of Nazareth, Revelation 2**