

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

He is Our Only Hope

by Allen Jones

When I was about 8 years old, I was asked by a neighborhood friend to go to a swim party. Even though I didn't know how to swim I went anyway. Getting into the water, I slipped off the edge and began to gasp for air and fight vigorously to return to my safe state. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't get my head above water. My peers were busy playing and I had no hope of getting out of my situation. On accident, I grabbed the limb of another child and he helped me back to the side of the pool. I, again, had hope. I went from being hopeless to having hope.

Regardless of the situation, challenges, or the news we receive, Christians have hope! Hebrews 6:19 says, "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil." We clearly understand the imagery of an anchor. As Christians, we have a life of hope which is unshakeable in the face of obstacles in our path. When the waters crash into the ship, it will absorb the pressure and not drift. As the stormy waters of life push us in all directions, we too, will not drift so long as we are anchored in Christ, who is our hope.

As Christians, what is our hope? Titus 1:2 says, "...in hope of eternal life which God who cannot lie, promised before time began..." Colossians 1:5 paints a richer picture of what it means to have hope, "because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel..."

Do you, draw near to the hope of heaven, by placing your hope and confidence in the Lord and His promises? If we are in Christ, we have hope of a future life with Him when He returns (Colossians 1:27). We can go from being hopeless to being full of hope because of God's promises (Hebrews 10:23). God is faithful, are we? He is our only hope!

Dates to Remember

October 29th **Ladies Night Out** @ 6pm, bring item for Manna House
November 17th **Men's Breakfast** @ 8am
December 29th **Potluck** after services

CHILDREN'S
HOMES, INC.



Southern
Christian
CHILDREN'S HOME

Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
Sunday Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.
Nursing Home 3rd Sunday 2 p.m.

Please bring money or items for the Children's Homes

Tuna	Ivarest	Gatorate	Canned Chicken	Bottled Water
Diapers (Newborn & Size 1)	Rotel	Velveeta	Cereal	Flour
Granola Bars	Pringles	Vienna Sausage	Healthy Snacks	

Elders

Danny Brightwell
291-3439

Shelby Qualls
346-5255

Deacons

Bryan Phillips 373-0546
David Brightwell 291-1122

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Family News

➤ Twin Creek CoC will host a gospel meeting October 25-27th, Tim Wooldridge will be speaking.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	David Brightwell	Doyle Wyatt
OPENING PRAYER	Frank Fowler	Danny Brightwell
CLOSING PRAYER	Brad Sipe	Larry Young
		
Randy Haney Shelby Qualls	Joe Cooper Kelly Webb	Brad Sipe Dale Byler
<u>DOOR GREETERS</u> OCTOBER 20 TH KELLY & TIFFANY WEBB OCTOBER 27 TH JEFF, SARENA & JIMMIE FAY YOUNG		
<u>CHILDREN'S GATHERING TEACHERS FOR OCTOBER</u> HOLLY, HALLE & LISA COOPER		
<u>Nursery</u> October 20 th Sarena Young October 27 th Tiffany & Kiley Webb		
<u>Communion for Shut-In</u> October 20 th Shelby Qualls October 27 th Doyle Wyatt		
<u>Power in Prayer Project</u> Father, I place my faith and confidence in You and Your Son, Jesus Christ. As I walk with You all the days of my life, may our friendship ever grow, and my roots even deepen in You. Teach me Your instruction by persevering in the reading of Your word so I will be encouraged and increase in hope.		

<u>Prayer List</u>			
Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington, Blake Johnson			
Officers: Steven & Sherry Davidson, Josh Morehead, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe			
Health: Dot Sanders	Joyce Newbrey	Cal Gillihan	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Jane Sullivan	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
Eutha Vest	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Andrew Pearson	Ivy Jo Slade	Toni Lawrence	Andrew Weaver
Sue Washington	Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Dan Clark
Nick & Mary Kosmitis		Earnie Blackwell	
Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Audrey Eddings, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Jimmy Gillihan, Emma Jean Cooper			
<u>October Birthdays</u>			
Trena Humphrey 5 th	Ronnie Adkisson 6 th	Ethan Phillips 8 th	
Chad Lawrence 10 th	David Brightwell 12 th	Tyler Wammack 15 th	
Joe Washington 18 th	Toni Lawrence 20 th	Julie Qualls 22 nd	
Sue Campbell 22 nd	Melanie Crosby 25 th	Rita Hoskinds 26 th	
Brooke Pritchard 26 th	Thomas Lamb 27 th	Heather Elms 30 th	
<u>October Anniversaries</u>			
Mary & Ken Bone 14 th			
Nick & Mary Kosmitis 16 th			
Clifton & Melba Gillihan 18 th			
 <p>Psalm 31:24, "Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord."</p>			