

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

The Wicked Never Learn

by Kerry Duke

A willing heart can learn the Truth and be saved. Jesus said, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine" (John 7:17). John wrote, "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely" (Rev. 22:17). Anyone with a truly good and honest heart will learn when they are wrong and have room to keep growing in Christ.

That same honest person will learn from his mistakes. He will sincerely and earnestly strive to correct them. Like the prodigal son, he will learn from experience (Luke 15:11-32). Like Moses, he will listen to good advice (Exod. 18:13-26). Solomon said, "...rebuke a wise man, and he will love thee. Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be yet wiser: teach a just man, and he will increase in learning" (Prov. 9:8-9).

The attitude of the wicked is much different, they cannot learn from experience because they are too stubborn to change their ways. Isaiah said, "Let favour be shewed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness" (Isa. 26:10).

The wicked refuse to listen to words of correction. Solomon spoke often about such an attitude. He wrote, "He that reproveth a scorner getteth to himself shame: and he that rebuketh a wicked man getteth himself a blot" (Prov. 9:7). Some are so foolish, severe correction will not awaken them: "Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar among wheat with a pestle, yet will not his foolishness depart from him" (Prov. 27:22).

A wicked man, of course, can change his ways, but only if he changes his attitude at the heart level. As long as he has a rebellious heart, he will not turn to God, even in spite of Words and experiences that should change him.

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Family News

➤ Diane Owens is struggling with blood clots and having further tests ran. She is not doing well at this time. Please keep her and Jerry in your prayers.

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

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	TBA	TBA
OPENING PRAYER	TBA	TBA
CLOSING PRAYER	TBA	TBA



Self-Served

What to do With Evil

- **Hate evil (Rom. 12:9)**
- **Pray that evil not overtake you (Matt. 6:13)**
- **Keep your heart from evil (Heb. 3:12)**
- **Resist evil (1 Thess. 5:22)**
- **Do not walk in the way of evil (Pro . 4:14)**
- **Depart from evil (Psa. 34:14)**
- **Overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21)**



Prayer List

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

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

Health:	Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	Troy Gaston	James Nicholson
Bill Roland	Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenson
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Buddy James	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Masters		Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter
Diane Owens			

Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

April Birthdays

Betty Brightwell 2 nd	Tyler Kelly 4 th	Donna Hill 7 th
Derek Love 8 th	Imodean Webb 9 th	Cleve Weaver 12 th
Melissa Morrison 14 th	Nancy Richardson 15 th	Rhett Morrison 17 th
Son Lamb 18 th	Francis Gillihan 22 nd	Doug Sipe 25 th
Michelle Smith 26 th	Kenya Wyatt 29 th	Dana Ingram 30 th

April Anniversaries

Joe & Dana Ingram 17th

Proverbs 11:1-2, "A false balance is an abomination to the Lord, but a just weight is His delight. When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom."