

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## Self-Examination and the Lord's Supper

by Eddie Parrish

**In the troubled Corinthian church, the Lord's Supper had not been protected from abuse. This mistreatment of the Supper was so serious that Paul bluntly told them that the way they were handling this memorial was actually a despising of the church (1 Corinthians 11:22) that invited God's judgment on them (11:29).**

**As he corrected their practice, he called their attention back to the inauguration of the Lord's Supper on the night of the Lord's betrayal (11:23-25). The apostle affirmed that Christians were to use that solemn observance as an opportunity to remember Jesus (11:24-25) and examine themselves (11:28).**

**I'd like to share with you one way that I focus my mind during this time of remembrance and reflection. It involves considering the wounds that Jesus endured in the process of his death and using them as a guide for assessing my own life.**

**Your Hands: Think about the nailed-scarred hands of Jesus and ask yourself, "What have my hands done this week?" Have your hands been used to sin? Have they been used to serve?**

**Your Feet: Think about the pierced feet of Jesus. Where have your feet taken you this week? Have they taken you to places that you should not have gone? Have they walked in the counsel of the wicked Psalm 1:1? Or have they been guided by the light of God's word (Psalm 119:105)?**

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### 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.**



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**A Place to Belong**

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## Family News

➤ Ladies Day will be June 3<sup>rd</sup> Registration is from 9-9:30am and the program ends with a salad luncheon. Kitty Smith is our speaker.

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

**OPENING PRAYER** Kelly Don Webb

**CLOSING PRAYER** Danny Brightwell



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**Your Mind:** Think of how the head of Jesus was pierced with thorns, then think about your own head – or more specifically, your mind. What thoughts have occupied your mind this week? Have you brought your thoughts captive to obey Jesus (2 Corinthians 10:5)? Or have your thoughts been corrupted by unholiness and lust?

**Your Side:** Consider how the side of our Lord was pierced, then think about the things that you have kept close to your own side over the past week. What has been important to you? Have you kept the Lord himself as your closest companion? Or did you allow something or someone else to be closer (Matthew 10:37)?

**Your Back:** Consider how the back of Jesus was beaten without mercy. What about your back? Have you turned your back on Jesus (John 6:65-67)

**Your Thankfulness:** With these questions thoughtfully considered, I will sometimes offer a prayer of confession that ends with praise and worship for the forgiveness that is mine because of what Jesus endured for me. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift" (2 Corinthians 9:15)!

### Prayer List

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

**Nursing Home:** Debbie Hoskinds, Emma Jean Cooper

<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	Nevin Hart
Dwain Welch			

### March Birthdays

Tyler Webb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Joyce Clark 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Justin Teague 9 <sup>th</sup>
Dorothy Teague 9 <sup>th</sup>	Jay Chaney 13 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Taylor 21 <sup>st</sup>
Joe Guiltner 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Mandy Haney Ward 28 <sup>th</sup>	Bill Roland 28 <sup>th</sup>

### March Anniversaries

David & Rita Hoskinds 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Jeff & Sarena Young 5<sup>th</sup>

**Lamentations 3:39-40, "Why should any living mortal, or any man, offer complaint in view of his sins? Let us examine and probe our ways, and let us return to the Lord."**

**Matthew 7:1-3, "Do not judge so that you will not be judged. For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"**