

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## Growing in Prayer

by Bart Warren

**Most of us would like to be "better" at prayer. We'd like to do it more often and with more power. Just like the disciples of Jesus who came to Him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray" (Luke 11:1), we long for divine guidance in this area.**

**Colossians 4:2-4, is a great passage, "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison—that I may make it clear, which is how I ought to speak."**

**Continue Steadfast. Don't give up! Be persistent! Don't quit!**

**Be Watchful. Be specific in requests, petitions, confessions, and admissions of struggles. Vague generalities simply do not work well. This becomes extremely helpful in our ongoing quest to avoid temptation. (Mark 14:38)**

**Be Thankful. Giving careful thought to the blessings that have come our way helps us to avoid being selfish. (James 4:1-3)**

**Think of Others. Paul said, in effect, "In addition to praying for yourself, pray for us too." A mature faith is demonstrated that one will not only include others in their prayers, but one will pour out heart and soul on behalf of others. It was said that Epaphras was "always struggling on your behalf in his prayers, that you may stand mature and fully assured in all the will of God" (Col. 4:12).**

**Be Spiritually Minded. It is righteous and good to pray for the physically sick, but our prayers for others must not be limited. We must pray for Gospel opportunities. We must pray for open doors for the word to be spread. We must pray for the sin-sick and lost.**

### Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in Nov. @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

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**

#### Elders

Danny Brightwell  
291-3439

Shelby Qualls  
346-5255

#### Deacons

Bryan Phillips 373-0546  
David Brightwell 291-1122

Alan Love 243-4608  
Joe Cooper 291-4653

#### Minister

Ryan Lloyd 368-7886  
Melbourne CoC  
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## Family News

- Heather Melton, Roger and Trena's daughter, continues to recover well. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Brock Wheeler is in UAMS. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.
- A Memorial Service will be held for Danny Beebe this afternoon at 2 p.m. here at the Melbourne CoC building.
- \* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA



**Self-Served**

### What Prayer Does

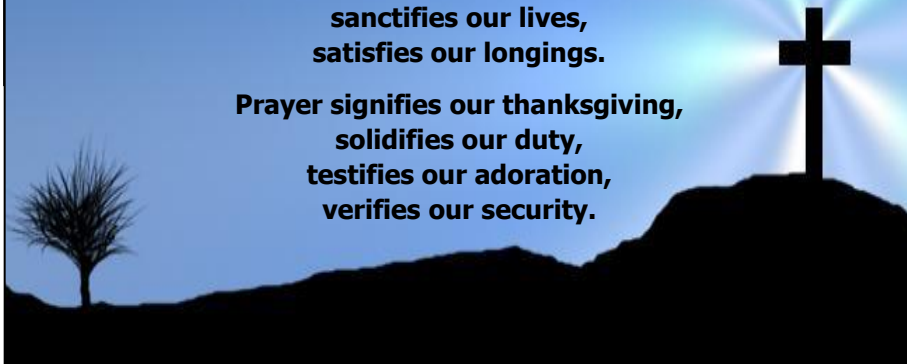
**Prayer amplifies our feelings,  
certifies our relationship,  
clarifies our desires,  
dignifies our Christianity.**

**Prayer exemplifies our commitment,  
fortifies our faith,  
identifies our needs,  
intensifies our emotions.**

**Prayer justifies our belief,  
magnifies our hopes,  
notifies our Father,  
nullifies our fears.**

**Prayer pacifies our worries,  
ratifies our conviction,  
sanctifies our lives,  
satisfies our longings.**

**Prayer signifies our thanksgiving,  
solidifies our duty,  
testifies our adoration,  
verifies our security.**



### Prayer List

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

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

<b>Health:</b>	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	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master		Earl Stephens
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter
J.B. & Wanda Dill	Justin Teague		

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

### November Birthdays

Kelly Webb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Sherry Davidson 5 <sup>th</sup>	Maggie Cannon 5 <sup>th</sup>
Joe Cooper 5 <sup>th</sup>	Lori Grisham 8 <sup>th</sup>	Al Gillihan 11 <sup>th</sup>
Laura Sipe 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sophie Wyatt 11 <sup>th</sup>	Ted Wammack 13 <sup>th</sup>
Addyson Hoskinds 13 <sup>th</sup>	Daniel Brightwell 25 <sup>th</sup>	Peyton Elms 28 <sup>th</sup>
Doug Yancey 30 <sup>th</sup>		

### November Anniversaries

Doug & Jeannie Yancey 4<sup>th</sup>  
Bill & Carolyn Younger 10<sup>th</sup>

**Psalm 143:10, "Teach me to do Your will for You are my God; let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground."**

**1 Chronicles 29:11, "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all."**