

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Faith Check
by Edd Sterchi

It's good to do regular checkups on our lives. This is important physically, mentally, and even financially. But too often we neglect this spiritually. In Micah's day, there were questions of how to show one's faith in God. Was it just going through the motions of required sacrifices and offerings? No. Faith was to be more than an outward ritual, it was to be proper outward actions based on the proper inward attitude. The prophet summed it up with these words: "He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8). In this verse are three areas that each of us must check up on regularly in regard to our faith.

Check Your Righteousness: To do justly. Being just is being aligned with God and His will. It is living right, living morally, and living properly in our daily walk. It's conducting oneself in an upright manner. The internal attitude that creates this is a passion to please God. Is your life admirable according to God's standard?

Check Your Respect for Others: To love mercy. Properly respecting others is treating them as God treats us – with kindness, love, and forgiveness. It is selflessly giving to others what they need. The internal attitude, is joy of the mercy that God has given us. Is your life filled with eagerly being merciful and forgiving to others?

Check Your Relationship with God: Walk humbly with your God. Walking with God implies harmony and fellowship. This is attained through reading and studying the Scriptures, regular and fervent prayer, and heartfelt, proper worship. The internal attitude that strengthens this is a desire to grow closer to God.

So, Christian, check your life. Is it one that honors and involves God in every way?

Dates to Remember

- ★ Ladies meet the 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food
- Men meet the 4th Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.

Sermons and bulletins available @
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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Family News

- Paul Womack Fish Fry Benefit/Fundraiser April 22, 6pm at the Izard County Fairgrounds Building.
- Tim Wooldridge will teach the Sunday morning adult class and be our guest speaker on April 30.
- Ladies Day will be June 3rd 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 Alan Love

CLOSING PRAYER Danny Brightwell



SHELBY QUALLS

Staying Faithful in Daily Living

by Charles Box

The great challenge for Christians is to stay faithful to God in daily living. In Revelation 2:10 we read, "Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

These words provide motivation for godly living in every age or time. It is a great encouragement to hear the Lord say "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." Stephen understood the importance of faithfulness to God. He was faithful in his proclamation of God's word. He likewise remained faithful as he was stoned to death for his faith.

Paul is another example of one that stayed faithful. He wrote, "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:6-8).

Are you consistently faithful to God?

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

Health: 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	Jerry Roland	Christie Haney	Gary Fulbright

April Birthdays

Betty Brightwell 2 nd	Bill Younger 3 rd	Tyler Kelly 4 th
Donna Hill 7 th	Derek Love 8 th	Imodean Webb 9 th
Lacey Weston 9 th	Cleve Weaver 12 th	Melissa Morrison 14 th
Nancy Richardson 15 th	Jack Hendrix 15 th	Rhett Morrison 17 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

Ephesians 6:13-17, "Take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of *faith* with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."