

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Cross For Me

by Bob Harrison

"There they crucified Him" (Luke 23:33). At the heart of the gospel is a cross. Three important events took place at the cross.

Jesus died there. Matthew says that Jesus "Yielded up His spirit" (27:50). Luke says "He breathed His last" (23:46), John said the soldiers who examined the body of Jesus at the cross "Saw He was already dead" (19:33). Mark says Pilate confirmed by asking a centurion if Jesus was already dead so he could release His body to Joseph to be buried and "He was already dead" (15:43-45).

Jesus poured out His blood there. Jesus had earlier said when He instituted the Lord's Supper in the upper room that His blood would be poured out (Matt.26:28). He gave His life on the cross and poured out His blood of the new covenant.

Jesus poured out His blood there for forgiveness of sins. Peter said that Jesus "Jesus bore our sins in His body on the cross" or literally, "He Himself carried our sins in His body up to the wood" (1 Peter 2:24). Paul said that God "Made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2 Cor 5:21).

How are we to respond to the cross? With faith (Romans 6:8), which includes conviction (Romans 6:11), trust (Romans 6:22) and obedience (Romans 6:17-18). Have you "become obedient from the heart to that form of teaching to which you were committed" (Romans 6: 17)? The form (the pattern or model) of teaching is dying, being buried, and raised with Christ.

The cross of Christ, His death, burial, and resurrection from the grave is the most important event of history. He did it all for you! How are you living for Him in return?

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

- 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 Anthony Weston

CLOSING PRAYER Chip Master



JOE COOPER

Crucified With Christ

by Doug Kashorek

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" Galatians 2:20.

If we replay the gospel backwards from the religious confusion we have today, we see that without the ascension the Holy Spirit could not come, Jesus could not be our High Priest, and the church could not be established. Jesus' resurrection means that we too can overcome the grave, but first we must be "buried with Him in baptism."

Moving back from there, Scripture tells us that His death on the cross opened a way for us to crucify our old sinful selves with Him, that when we truly die to sin and selfishness, it is no longer us who live. Christ sets up residence within us, so that the life we live is the one He, the perfect Lamb, should have lived. We must no longer dig up the dead corpse and seek to resuscitate it to please ourselves. The blood of Christ was the price for our forgiveness, so we must live by faith, seeking to please God. Unselfishly, He gave His life, so that we could unselfishly give ourselves back to Christ, as well as to others.

Have you been crucified with Christ to have your sins forgiven?

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	

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

2 Corinthians 13:4-8, "For indeed Christ was crucified because of weakness, yet He lives because of the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, yet we will live with Him because of the power of God directed toward you. Test yourselves *to see* if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test? But I trust that you will realize that we ourselves do not fail the test. Now we pray to God that you do no wrong; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but that you may do what is right, even though we may appear unapproved. For we can do nothing against the truth, but only for the truth."