

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Roots in the Bible (and in Our Lives) by Edd Sterchi

Roots are a very important part of plants – they bring up nutrients from the soil and help to support the plant. In the Bible we can see human lives compared to roots (both bad and good). Some are...

...Dried up roots because of wickedness and evil deeds (Hosea 9:13-17).

...Rotten roots because the word of God was neglected, despised, and rejected (Isaiah 5:24).

...Underdeveloped roots from the temptations and cares of the world (Matthew 13:5-6; 20-21).

...Roots about to be chopped off because of unfruitfulness (Matthew 3:8-10).

...Roots of bitterness which spring up and cause much trouble (Hebrews 12:15).

...Dead roots from false religion, pulled up and discarded (Matthew 15:13; Jude 12).

...Roots of righteousness and love which are well established in Christ, well watered, and aid in producing fruit (Proverbs 12:3, 12; Jeremiah 17:7-8; Ephesians 3:17; Colossians 2:17).

Our "roots" have a lot to do with who we are and how we live. What do your roots look like?

"As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving" (Col. 2:6-7).

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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A Place to Belong

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Family News

- Shawn Wortham's grandfather, Steve Wortham, passed away. Please keep Shawn and his family in your prayers. The funeral will be at Caney Springs Cemetery at 2pm tomorrow afternoon.
- Justin Cooper, Brandy Kelly's cousin, is in the hospital with a gall bladder infection, RSV, and low blood pressure. He is doing better. Please keep Justin and his family in your prayers as he recovers.
- Wedding shower on Sunday, January 15 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall for Emilie Booker and Justin Teague. They are registered on Amazon. Congratulations Emilie and Justin!

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

OPENING PRAYER Clay Goad

CLOSING PRAYER Alan Love



DAVID BRIGHTWELL

New Year Reminder

by Andy Baker

The New Year always brings to mind new goals, new expectations, new plans, and fresh starts. As we enter into this year, remember the greatest of these never change.

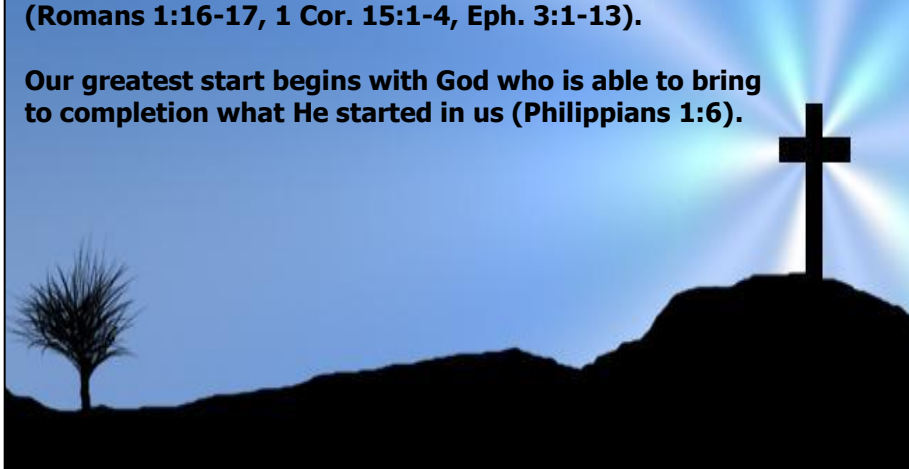
Our number one goal is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:29-30).

The second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself. There are no greater commandments than these two. (Mk. 12:31).

Our greatest expectation is the Lord's return (1 Peter 1:3-9).

Our greatest plan is the unchanging gospel of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:16-17, 1 Cor. 15:1-4, Eph. 3:1-13).

Our greatest start begins with God who is able to bring to completion what He started in us (Philippians 1:6).



Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington

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

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	Margaret Downing

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Emma Jean Cooper

January Birthdays

Emma Marie Cooper 3 rd	Randy Zook 5 th	Julie Teague 10 th
Kimbery Hoskinds 12 th	Melissa Lamb 14 th	Kiley Webb 14 th
Arlene Davidson 15 th	Luke Vest 17 th	Mary Kosmitis 17 th
Charles Everett 19 th	Ken Bone 20 th	Wayne Crosby 20 th
Emma Jean Cooper 22 nd	Iris Beebe 22 nd	David Hoskinds 23 rd
Rhetha Lamb 24 th	Jeanette Everett 24 th	Trey Lamb 25 th
Daylee Brightwell 25 th	Zori Brightwell 25 th	Kyler McLaughlin 25 th
Eastyn Teegarden 25 th	Joe Paul Smith 28 th	Adam Hoskinds 31 st
Joe Ingram 31 st		

January Anniversaries

John & Marilyn Smith 18th

Randy & Diane Zook 21st

Jeremiah 17:7-8, "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose trust is the Lord. "For he will be like a tree planted by the water, that extends its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought nor cease to yield fruit."