

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

What is Growing in Your Garden?

by Logan Summers

Change takes time. Peter's life displays a man who developed spiritually over years with ups and downs. Yet time was not the only factor in Peter's development. Left to time without proper care and nourishment, stagnation comes, and life that once was present will die out. Peter grew because his lifetime was spent cultivating his relationship with God.

Foundational to that goal is seeking to understand who God has revealed Himself to be through His word. Peter affirms his belief in the importance of knowing God through scripture in places like Matthew 16:16; Acts 2:14-36, 3:13-26, and 10:43. In fact, his final recorded charge is about the connection between knowing Jesus and knowing Scripture. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

Jesus taught the importance of the word of God in the parable of the sower (Luke 8:4-15). The best gardens begin with good soil. But without something to plant, it is just some nice dirt. The seed is where life begins. In Jesus' parable, the soil is the heart of a person (Luke 8:15). The seed—that which gives life—is the word of God (Luke 8:11).

Three of the four soil types—pathway, rocky, weedy—all represented different reasons to end up with the same end: no final crop. The seed never produced and the plants eventually died. Yet, the word of God planted in a good heart can yield "a hundredfold." Any farmer would love a soil like that! That is the kind of soil that you KEEP putting seed into. Planting God's word is never a one-and-done concept in our lives.

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The Encouragement Group meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come serve with us as we reach into our community!

**Sunday Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wed. Services 6:00 p.m.**

Visitors, please take a card from the back of the pew, fill it out, and put it in the offering tray. We are glad you're here and want you to know that you're welcome in the family of Christ that meets here!

Elders

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Family News

- If you have questions about online giving, please see David Brightwell.
- We had enough school supplies to assist every elementary teacher! Thank you, Melbourne church, for always helping meet needs in our community!
- We will have our annual Back to School Bash on Wednesday, August 24, at 6pm in the fellowship hall. A meal will be served. We need a few people to bring drinks, chips, and desserts. Please invite your friends to come with you!
- Lindle Blevins is on hospice care at home. Please keep him, Carolyn and the Blevins family in your prayers.
- Phyllis Gilbreath has been diagnosed with Multiple Myeloma Cancer. She went to UAMS for three days of testing to determine course of treatment.
- Shirley Hill's surgery went well. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to recover.

Opening Prayer.....David Brightwell

Communion Reading.....Alan Love

Closing Prayer.....Shelby Qualls



AUGUST

**ANTHONY WESTON
BRENT QUALLS**

**DALTON GRIGG
CHIPPER LAMB**

SEPTEMBER

**DAVID BRIGHTWELL
DANNY RUNION**

**DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL
DANNY BRIGHTWELL**

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It is God’s word, constantly planted within us, that makes proper change possible. The Psalmist’s blessing to the one who delights in the law of the Lord is a lasting, fruitful life (Psalm 1).

James’ command to receive the implanted word has the effect of salvation (James 1:21). We learn to love from a pure heart because we have been born of imperishable seed (1 Peter 1:22-23).

Change takes time. But it is only through a constant planting of God’s word in our lives that will produce healthy change. Change that is able to “discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable, and perfect” (Romans 12:2).

Is the word of God growing in your life and mine? Or are there some other seeds that have been sown that are unnecessarily taking the place of His word? What is growing in your garden?

Prayer List

Military: Derek & Allison Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Troy Gaston, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman, Shirley Hill

Boyde Martin	Wilma Cooper	Peggy Hall	Dorothy Teague
Bill Roland	Joe Guiltner	Debbie Crow	Cornelia Summers
Christie Haney	Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin
Toby Weatherford	Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young
Regenia Gillihan	Regina Master	Shawna Teegarden	John Ward
Joe Anne Hendrix	Gage Barns	Ruby Patillo	Vance & Kaicey Little

August Birthdays

Ashlyn Beebe 3 rd	Melba Gillihan 4 th	Geryl Taylor 5 th
John Smith 8 th	Tiffany Webb 10 th	Holly Cooper 12 th
Billy Beebe 13 th	Brent Qualls 15 th	Abe Cooper 15 th
Anita Love 17 th	Tim Vest 20 th	Diane Zook 20 th
Jimmie Young 22 nd	Dottie McWherter 23 rd	Jordan Kimble 23 rd
Ramona Qualls 26 th	Roby Cooper 26 th	Laine Wagoner 27 th
Sarena Young 28 th	Shawn Wortham 28 th	Shawna Teegarden 29 th
Sanders Lee Wyatt 31 st		

August Anniversaries

Tommy & Sandra Taylor 10 th	Danny & Betty Brightwell 12 th
Kelly & Tiffany Webb 13 th	Cleve & Darla Weaver 21 st
Joe & Shirley Guiltner 23 rd	Doyle & Diana Wyatt 29 th

Dates to Remember

Ladies Night Out 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
 Ladies Bible Study 1st, 2nd, 3rd Monday @ 6 p.m.
 Men meet 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
 *Family game night will resume at a later time.
 Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

Luke 6:44-45, “Each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil *man* out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.”