

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

What God Has Given, Man Must Receive
by Andy Baker

Joshua 6 is where Israel "fights" the battle of Jericho. In reality, even though Israel took the city, there would be no taking if God had not first given. Hebrews 11 tells us that the faith that took the city of Jericho was the faith that caused the walls to fall down (Heb. 11:30). Notice some principles of God giving and man receiving that carry over today:

God speaks about Jericho's defeat as a foregone conclusion (Jos. 6:2). The Commander of the Lord's army speaks for God and as God and says, "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and its mighty men of valor." Wait! They were still looking at the city at this point. The walls were still standing. The king still secure. The mighty men of valor still alive. Yet, our God is the God who looks at things in terms of His power. He is the God who "calls the things that are not, as though they were" (Rom. 4:17).

God shows Israel what they MUST do to receive the city (Josh. 6:3-5). Notice and underline the command words (i.e. "you shall"). They occur eight times in three verses. God is not unclear with His instructions. Joshua might have been scratching his head about the means by which God would grant victory (yet, see point #1, but the instructions to receive victory were crystal clear).

God expected Israel to be completely obedient (Josh. 6:6-16). God did not give Joshua a voice to be able to provide input into His plan to take the city. Joshua's responsibility as God's leader was to be submissive and obedient and to faithfully carry that message to the people so they receive the city that God gave them.

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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 @
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Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.



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Family News

- Memorial contribution for Charlene Langston: Shelby & Ramona Qualls Danny & Betty Brightwell, Bonnie Wyatt
- Please keep Ima Jean James, Jeralene Love's sister, in your prayers as she battles health concerns.
- Congratulations to Daylee Brightwell! He was selected to attend Governor's School in Russellville at Arkansas Tech University. This will start July 5th and last the entire month of July. We congratulate him on this accomplishment and wish him well during his time there!
- There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for any men who would like to serve during the Lord's Supper.

OPENING PRAYER Jim Usery

CLOSING PRAYER David Brightwell



JULY

**ANTHONY WESTON
DALTON GRIGG**

**DANNY BRIGHTWELL
CHIPPER LAMB**

AUGUST

**ALAN LOVE
BRADLEY SIPE**

**DAVIS LOVE
CHIP MASTER**

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God gave them the city by grace and man received it by faith (Josh. 6:16; Heb. 11:30). The recipe for faith: "God speaks in His power + man believes and obeys in his faith = man receives the promise of God." This stands true no matter what the interaction with God. Man cannot please God if he does not have the faith to obey (Heb. 11:6).

As a single application, realize we can talk till we are blue in the face with people about the importance of baptism. God has purposed removal of sins, sanctification, justification, and salvation through baptism (Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:37-28; Acts 22:16; Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Pet. 3:21).

It is what MUST be done in obedience (Acts 9:6; 22:16). God gives salvation by grace, but man will never receive it until he follows the command by faith (Rom. 6:17). God grant us people who are ready by faith to take Him at His word.

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds

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		Treva Voyles
Ted & Sanyia Austin		John Ward	Nevin Hart
Dwain Welch	Jerry Roland	Christie Haney	Gary Fulbright
Michael Washington			

July Birthdays

Sam Cooper 9 th	Tommy Washington 10 th	Ryan Lloyd 14 th
Davis Love 19 th	Dalton Grigg 19 th	Steve Davidson 21 st
Landon Kimble 21 st	Barbara Watson 22 nd	Bryan Phillips 25 th
Larry Young 25 th	Regina Master 25 th	Katie Gilbert 27 th
Drew Love 27 th	Jack Treat 28 th	Mary Bone 31 st

July Anniversaries

Chip & Regina Master 5th
Jim & Lisa Cooper 10th
Jerry & Dianna Owens 11th

Galatians 3:10-13, "For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, to perform them." Now that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, "The righteous man shall live by faith." However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, "He who practices them shall live by them." Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us."