

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## He is Our Only Hope

by Allen Jones

**At 8 years old I could not swim but I thought, "Just getting to tag along would be fun." Within a few minutes of arriving at the pool, I was easily talked into getting in the water while holding on to the sides. Within minutes I slipped into the water, gasping and fighting for air. No matter how hard I tried, I couldn't get my head above water. My peers didn't notice an I had no hope of receiving help. Thank goodness I grabbed the arm of another child, and he helped to get me back to the side of the pool. I, again, had hope. I went from being hopeless to having hope.**

**Regardless of the situation, challenges, or the news we receive, Christians have hope! Hebrews 6:19 says, "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which enters the Presence behind the veil." We clearly understand the imagery of an anchor. As Christians, we have a life of hope which is unshakeable in the face of obstacles in our path. When the waters crash into the ship, it will absorb the pressure and not drift. As the stormy waters of life push us in all directions, we too, will not drift so long as we are anchored in Christ...this is our hope.**

**As Christians, what is our hope? Our obedience allows us to have eternal hope. Titus 1:2 says, "...in hope of eternal life which God who cannot lie, promised before time began..." Colossians 1:5 paints a richer picture of what it means to have hope, "because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel..."**

**Do you, by your obedience and commitment to your Christian walk, have the hope of Heaven? If we are in Christ, we have hope of a future life with Him when He returns (Colossians 1:27). We can go from being hopeless to being full of hope because of God's promises (Hebrews 10:23). God is faithful, are we? He is our only hope!**

### Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in May @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

Sermons and bulletins available @  
[Melbournechurchofchrist.com](http://Melbournechurchofchrist.com)

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



**Melbourne Church of Christ**  
**A Place to Belong**

#### Elders

Danny Brightwell  
291-3439

Shelby Qualls  
346-5255

#### Deacons

Bryan Phillips 373-0546  
David Brightwell 291-1122

Alan Love 243-4608  
Joe Cooper 291-4653

#### Minister

Ryan Lloyd 368-7886  
Melbourne CoC  
Box 267  
Melbourne, AR 72556

## Family News

- Memorial contribution for David Clark made by Joyce, Kevin, James, and Ruth Ann Clark.
- Paul Rowland placed membership with us last week. Please welcome him to the Melbourne CoC family!
- \* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA



**Self-Served**

## BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

A Living Hope (1 Peter 1:3-5)

H	N	C	O	D	J	U	A	C
B	L	E	S	S	E	D	E	A
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A	S	S	T	S	I	A	A	I
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C	S	S	N	R	C	S	T	E

ABUNDANT	ACCORDING	AGAIN
AWAY	BEGOTTEN	BLESSED
CHRIST	DEAD	JESUS



## Prayer List

**Military:** Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington

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

<b>Health:</b> Ted Kidd	Joyce Newbrey	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 Haagenson
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master	Deborah Halcom	J.B. & Wanda Dill
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Richard Gunter	

**Nursing Home:** Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

## May Birthdays

Carolyn Younger 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Lydia Sipe 10 <sup>th</sup>	Levi Taylor 12 <sup>th</sup>
Kollin Hoskinds 12 <sup>th</sup>	Tristan Elms 15 <sup>th</sup>	Whitney Morehead 19 <sup>th</sup>
Ellie Fowler 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Doyle Wyatt 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Marty Webb 28 <sup>th</sup>
Will Ingram 28 <sup>th</sup>	Linda Taylor 31 <sup>st</sup>	

## May Anniversaries

David & Tamra Brightwell 10 <sup>th</sup>	Joe & Holly Cooper 17 <sup>th</sup>
Shelby & Ramona Qualls 25 <sup>th</sup>	Charles & Jeanette Everette 27 <sup>th</sup>
Billy & Peggy Beebe 30 <sup>th</sup>	

**1 Peter 1:3-5, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to obtain an inheritance *which is* imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."**