

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## The Fulfillment of the Law

by Rob Toornstra

**Matthew 5:17, "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill."**

**Two spiritual poisons are deadly to the soul. The first is the belief that God loves and accepts us because of our performance. We ingest this toxin when we look at our own history of good behavior and think that's why God loves us.**

**The second spiritual poison says we are free to live however we wish because God's love is not based on our good works. We ingest this toxin anytime we brush aside the importance of obedience or minimize some sin in our life.**

**Jesus warns against both. To those who insist that God's law is unimportant, Jesus says he has come to obey God's law perfectly. Obedience to God matters so much that Jesus had to keep God's commandments perfectly, fulfilling the law, so that we might have salvation.**

**At the same time, Jesus warns in Matthew 5:20, that if we try to gain God's approval based on our moral performance, our righteousness must surpass that of the scribes and Pharisees. They were religious experts famous for obedience to the law, yet they could not enter the kingdom of heaven.**

**The good news is that although we cannot obey God's law, Jesus fulfilled it for us. Then he was punished for our sake as a law-breaker so that God might view us as law-keepers! As the gospel lives in us, may we live a life of obedience that flows from gratitude to Jesus.**

### Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in Jan. @ 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  
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Box 267  
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## Family News

- Ted Wammack had shoulder surgery and is at home recovering well. Please keep him in your prayers as he heals.
- Today after services any family picture can be taken here at the building for the 2022 Church Directory. On Saturday, January 15, from 10am – 12pm, pictures will be taken for last names A-M. On Saturday January 22, from 10am – 12pm, pictures will be taken for last names N-Z. If you have any questions, please call Chip @ 559-326-3888
- \* 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**

**Nothing Can Stop Jesus**

by Edd Sterchi

**History could not forget Him.**

**Temptation could not distract Him.**

**Circumstances could not deter Him.**

**His enemies could not prevent Him.**

**Death could not contain Him.**

**Satan could not defeat Him.**

**Modern thinking cannot cancel Him.**

**And when it comes time for Jesus to come again,  
nothing will be able to stop Him.**

**Are you ready?**



**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 Partin	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	Andrew Weaver
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master	Earl Stephens	
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Richard Gunter	J.B. & Wanda Dill
Deborah Halcom			

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

**January Birthdays**

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

**January Anniversaries**

John & Marilyn Smith 18<sup>th</sup>

Randy & Diane Zook 21<sup>st</sup>

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