

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

The Importance of Integrity

by Bart Warren

The term integrity has been defined in various ways. Some would say it is the quality of being honest and having strong moral principals. Others would say it is doing the right thing all the time simply because it is the right thing—doing the right thing knowing no one will know whether you did it or not.

A life of integrity makes us like Jesus. "...Jesus Christ...went about doing good..." (Acts 10:38).

A life of integrity protects our reputation. "Show yourself in all respects to be a model of good works, and in your teaching show integrity, dignity, and sound speech that cannot be condemned, so that an opponent may be put to shame, having nothing evil to say about us" (Titus 2:7-8).

A life of integrity gives us confidence to face eternity. "Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run or labor in vain" (Phil. 2:14-16).

A life of integrity strengthens the message we share with others. "Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation" (1 Peter 2:11-12).

Doing the right thing—doing what Jesus Christ would do—will have a huge impact on our own lives and on the lives of others. Are we known as people of integrity?

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.
- Potluck every 5th Sunday after services.

The Encouragement Group meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

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

- Homecoming is on Sunday, October 29. Chuck Crow will be our speaker and a meal will be served after worship.
- Kori Minick broke her leg. Please keep her and her family in your prayers as she continues to recover.
- Emma Jones (Sharon Watson's great granddaughter) and Macy Brantley were in an ATV accident. Both were injured and recovering from home. Please keep both girls in your prayers as well as their families.
- Robby Qualls (Shelby Quall's brother) is in the hospital at WRMC in Batesville. Please keep Robby and his family in your prayers.
- Sermons and bulletins available at Melbournechurchofchrist.com

OPENING PRAYER David Brightwell

CLOSING PRAYER Jim Usery



SEPTEMBER

**JOE COOPER
SANDERS LEE WYATT**

**BRENT QUALLS
SHAWN WORTHAM**

OCTOBER

**SHELBY QUALLS
ROBERT LANGSTON**

**DANNY RUNION
KELLY DON WEBB**

Integrity and The Great Wall

by Gary Herridge

In ancient China the people desired security from the barbaric hordes to the north, so they built the Great Wall of China. It was so high and thick the Chinese thought no one could break through it. But, during the first 100 years of the wall's existence, China was invaded three times! Not once did the hordes break down the wall or climb over the top. They found another way to get across. Each time the enemy bribed a gatekeeper and then marched right through the gates. The Chinese were so busy relying upon the walls of stone that they forgot to teach their children integrity.

Are you teaching your children integrity? Could they become trusted gatekeepers? Ethical behavior must first be modeled by parents. The writer of Proverbs states, "The righteous man walks in his integrity; his children are blessed after him" (Proverbs 20:6).

When we as parents are models of integrity for our children, then we have the responsibility to teach them the same and to expect the same in return.

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson **Nursing Home:** Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Troy Gaston, Eula Fulbright

Health: Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Connie Wheeler	Bill Roland
Hayden Phillips	Donny Smith	Joanne Weston	Nevin Hart
Bill Wiseman	Debbie Nicholson	Helen King	Phil Haagenson
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
Chip & Regina Master	Ted & Sanyia Austin		Treva Voyles
John Ward	Michael Washington	Dwain Welch	Shawna Teegarden
Natasha Lesko	Christie Haney	Jerry Roland	Arlene Davidson
Regenia Gillihan	Cornelia Summers		

September Birthdays

Alan Love 1 st	Sandra Taylor 6 th	Marilyn Smith 6 th
Brad Sipe 8 th	Aaron Hoskinds 8 th	Randy Haney 13 th
Ann Lawrence 15 th	Sally Adkisson 19 th	James Phillips 20 th
Landon Taylor 25 th	Halle Jo Cooper 26 th	Christie Haney 26 th
Robert Langston 27 th	Stephanie Gillihan 28 th	

September Anniversaries

Trey & Melissa Lamb 2 nd	Brad & Julie Teague 20 th
Brad & Laura Sipe 22 nd	Wayne & Melanie Crosby 23 rd

**Psalm 15:1-2, "O Lord, who may abide in Your tent?
Who may dwell on Your holy hill? He who walks with integrity,
and works righteousness, and speaks truth in his heart."**

The Gospel is the DBR:

