

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.



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Family News

- We are gathering school supplies to help our teachers and children. Supplies needed: Hand Sanitizer, Antibacterial Wipes & Kleenex.
- Wanda Dill's cell number is 870-847-3699
- Dwight Lawrence passed away. Please keep Toni and the Lawrence family in your prayers.
- Brad Teague is doing better and scheduled to see the doctor about his heart on July 26. Please keep Brad and Julie in your prayers.
- Paul Womack passed away. Please keep Paul, Regina, and all of their family in your prayers.
- Rick Ramsey passed away. Please keep the Ramsey family in prayer.
- Troy Gaston is on Hospice. Please pray for him and the Gaston family.
- Lolly Engles had shoulder surgery and is home recovering well.
- Sermons and bulletins available at Melbournechurchofchrist.com

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

God is the God of Peace

by Andy Baker

God told Moses to tell the priests how to bless God's people in Numbers 6:23-27. The blessing we know, "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; The Lord lift His countenance upon you, and give you peace."

The Jewish commentary says that the priests performed this blessing daily in the temple. The blessing was the priest performing it (v. 23), but it was God who was doing the blessing (v. 27). God delights to provide peace, and He delights to surround us with peace, even when all the world is going mad. That was an Old Testament blessing.

We look to the New Testament and ask, "is the promise for the surrounding blessing of peace is still present for His people?" The answer is an emphatic, "YES!" Consider:

God is described as the "God of peace" no less than six times in the New Testament (1 Cor. 14:33; Phil. 4:6-7; Rom. 15:33, 16:20; 1 Thess. 5:23; Heb. 13:20).

Jesus is described as the "Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9:6). A reality of Isaiah that we didn't fully understand until the appearance of the Messiah Jesus. Ephesians 2:14 tells us that "He Himself is our peace."

His word is called, "the Gospel of peace" (Eph. 6:15). When we study God's word, we put ourselves in direct contact with the life-giving message that is able to see us through the storms of life.

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OPENING PRAYER Joe Cooper
CLOSING PRAYER Chipper Lamb



JULY

SHELBY QUALLS **BRENT QUALLS**
SHAWN WORTHAM **ROGER HUMPHREY**

AUGUST

ANTHONY WESTON **DALTON GRIGG**
BRENT QUALLS **CHIPPER LAMB**

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The Kingdom of God is, "righteousness, joy, and peace in the Holy Spirit" (Rom. 14:17).

In fact, Christians should desire to keep "the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:1-3).

***Everything* about God longs for the absence of hostility and the presence of friendly, harmonious relationships.**

In a book to Christians being hostile and abrasive to each other, Paul reiterates the fact that, "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace as in all the churches of the saints" (1 Cor. 14:33).

When we use the wisdom from above, we will bear the fruit of righteousness which is "sown in peace, by those who make peace" (Jas. 3:18).

We do that because we're following the God of Peace!

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

Paul Womack	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
Boyde Martin	Gage Barns	Ruby Patillo	Vance & Kaicey Little
Joe Anne Hendrix			

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	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

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.

Romans 15:13, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

