

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Wisdom is Obeying God

by Doug Wells

Jonah heard the call of the Lord. "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me" (Jonah 1:2). Jonah, however, made an executive decision to ignore clear instructions. So he became one of the premier Biblical examples of what not to do. One storm and one large fish later we see how unwise it is to ignore the command of God, thinking we can outrun or outsmart Him. We can't. It's foolish to try.

Wisdom comes to a different conclusion regarding following the Word of the Lord. "Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). We all have some decisions to make when we hear from God, which we do every time we open up His Word. Are God's commands meant to be a burden, or are they given out of love? I think God's character answers that one. Also, are we wiser than God, thinking that we can come up with a better way to go? That one is also not difficult if we just take a moment to think about it. And do we believe, by faith, that there is reward for those servants who obey the Lord's call? The Bible clearly says "yes." Do you believe it?

I encourage you to be wise. Have the vision to see where the road you're on leads. If the destination stinks, you are certainly on the wrong road. Wisdom knows better. Wisdom knows "his commands are not burdensome, for everyone born of God overcomes the world" (1 John 5:3-4). Can't you see that obeying God now is better than obeying Him later (or not at all)? Can't you see that setting aside your objections and your own agendas is the best thing for you? Trust and obey friends. There is no other wise way.

Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4th Monday in Feb. @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

Sermons and bulletins available @
Melbournechurchofchrist.com

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



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A Place to Belong

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* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	TBA	TBA
OPENING PRAYER	TBA	TBA
CLOSING PRAYER	TBA	TBA



Self-Served

BIBLE WORD SEARCH!

Ninevah Repents (Jonah 3:5-10)

P	E	V	I	L	N	E	V	M
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C	C	C	N	S	N	S	C	S
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A	C	O	V	E	R	E	D	C
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M	O	I	H	E	N	S	E	L
E	T	U	R	N	H	T	V	G
D	H	M	B	T	L	A	C	M

BEAST	COVERED	EVIL
KING	NINEVEH	PROCLAIMED
RELENT	SACKCLOTH	TURN



Prayer List

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

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

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

January Anniversaries

John & Marilyn Smith 18th

Randy & Diane Zook 21st

Matthew 16:4, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah." So Jesus left them and departed."