

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Patience and Praise
by Edd Sterchi

David wrote Psalm 59 while he was holed up in a house and Saul's men were waiting outside to get the opportunity to kill him. We can only imagine the tense situation and what all David was going through. He begins the Psalm with a plea to God: "Deliver me from my enemies, O my God." He then mentions how they are workers of iniquity (v.3), lie in wait for Him (v.3), and growl like dogs (v.6).

But then David mentions two phrases that start the same, but reveal two different things that He did. In verse 9, He states, "O my Strength, I will watch for you" and then in verse 17 he proclaims "O my Strength, I will sing praises to you" (both renderings from the ESV). David knew that God had the power to deliver him and would at the right time. And until that moment came, David would be patient and use his time to praise God.

What a great example for us. We often find ourselves in situations where we would like to be delivered, but it is obvious that it will not come for some time. Following David's example, we should trust in God and wait patiently for Him.

But also we should spend time in praising God. He is God, He is good, He knows what's best for us, and He will do His work at the proper time.

That's what David did and he was delivered. That's what Paul and Silas did while in prison waiting to be freed (Acts 16:23-26). And that's what we are to do. Rather than getting mad or giving up on God, try a little more patience and praise.

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

- Dale "Bucksey" Harmon passed away. Please keep Dennis, Phyllis and all their family in your prayers.
- Brad Teague is scheduled to have his heart shocked to prevent him from going back into AFib. Please keep Brad and Julie in your prayers.
- Francis Gillihan's surgery went well and she is at home. Stephanie is staying with her as she recovers. Please keep Al, Francis, and Stephanie in your prayers.
- Phyllis Gilbreath's second back surgery was successful, and she is at home recovering well. Please keep her in your continued prayers.
- Shirley Hill, Tommy Taylor's mother, is in Pioneer and not doing well. Please keep Shirley, Tommy, and their family in prayer.
- Paul Womack is on hospice care. Please keep Paul, Regina, and all of their family in your prayers.
- Troy Gaston is on Hospice. Please pray for him and the Gaston family.

OPENING PRAYER Anthony Weston
CLOSING PRAYER Sanders Lee Wyatt



JULY

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

AUGUST

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

Are You a Hero of Patience?
by Matt Clifton

Everyone loves a hero! We marvel at the mighty deeds of brave folks around us, and we wonder what it would take to be just like them.

Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "A man is a hero, not because he is braver than anyone else, but because he is brave for ten minutes longer."

How applicable this quote is to so many situations in life, especially the life of a Christian. James tells us that patience (perseverance) comes from enduring tests of our faith, which in turn leads to a complete faith (James 1:3-4).

From a biblical perspective, being a "hero" is not about being impervious to harm and temptation, but rather enduring those trials with patience and deep trust in the Lord.

You can be a hero, dear Christian! Remember that whatever comes your way today, you can endure it through Christ's strength (Phil. 4:13), and this is developed through practicing patience and waiting well, as we place our faith and trust in God.

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.

Isaiah 55:8-11, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, and your ways are not My ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, My ways and thoughts are higher than your ways and thoughts.

As the rain and snow come down from heaven, they do not return without watering the earth, making it bear fruit, giving seed to the sower, and bread to the eater; so will My word be and it will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing My desire, it will succeed in the matter for which I sent it."