

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Dying Well by Steven Cole

Dying words are significant. They often reveal a man's true values. Some of my favorite last words are from Hugh Latimer. He was tied back to back with Nicolas Ridley as the two were burned at the stake. He called out as the flames were lit, "Be of good comfort, brother Ridley, and play the man; we shall this day light such a candle, by God's grace, in England, as I trust never shall be put out." As the fire was kindled, Ridley cried out, "Lord, into Thy hands I commend my spirit: Lord, receive my spirit!" He repeated the latter phrase often. Latimer cried out, "Father of heaven, receive my soul!"

Another martyr, John Bradford, turned to a young man who suffered with him and said, "Be of good comfort, brother; for we shall have a merry supper with the Lord this night." His final words as the flames licked around him were, "Strait is the way, and narrow is the gate, that leadeth to eternal salvation, and few there be that find it"

As Christians, we all desire, in Paul's words, that "Christ shall even now, as always, be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death" (Phil. 1:20). We want not only to live to His glory, but also to die to His glory. We want to die well.

Our greatest example of dying well is the Lord Jesus Christ. From the cross, as His life was ebbing out of Him, Jesus' first words were the cry of forgiveness, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing" (Luke 23:34). It shows us His forgiving spirit and teaches us how we should forgive those who have wronged us.

Jesus' final words were, "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit." We see Jesus dying even as He lived, in total dependence upon the Father, submissive to His will. With these final words, Jesus shows us how to die well: *To die well, you must live and die by trusting in God.*

Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4th Monday in May @ 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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Family News

- Donnie Vest's back surgery is scheduled for May 31. Please keep him in your prayers.
- Sherry Williams had a total hip replacement. Please keep her in your prayers as she continues to heal.
- Larry Young will be at Scout Camp during the month of June.
- Contribution made in memory of David Clark by Connie Jackson.
- * 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

The Endurance Test
via Nettleton church of Christ

1. "He that endureth to the end shall be saved." (Matthew 10:22)

2. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not." (Galatians 6:9)

3. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." (1 Corinthians 15:58)



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 Haagenon
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master	Richard Gunter	Deborah Halcom
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	J.B. & Wanda Dill	

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

May Birthdays

Carolyn Younger 3 rd	Lydia Sipe 10 th	Levi Taylor 12 th
Kollin Hoskinds 12 th	Tristan Elms 15 th	Whitney Morehead 19 th
Ellie Fowler 22 nd	Doyle Wyatt 22 nd	Marty Webb 28 th
Will Ingram 28 th	Linda Taylor 31 st	

May Anniversaries

David & Tamra Brightwell 10 th	Joe & Holly Cooper 17 th
Shelby & Ramona Qualls 25 th	Charles & Jeanette Everette 27 th
Billy & Peggy Beebe 30 th	

1 Peter 4:17-19, "For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if *it begins* with us first, what *will be* the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And if it is with difficulty that the righteous is saved, what will become of the godless man and the sinner? Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right."