

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

What is Bearing Fruit?

Author Unknown

Bearing fruit describes behavior that results from spiritual maturity. Gal. 5:6-24 contrasts the fruit of the flesh and the fruit of the Holy Spirit. In sin, we bear the fruit of jealousy, conflicts, and anger. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, self-control. Christians are to cultivate a meaningful relationship with God and demonstrate being made new in Christ.

Jesus said to abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. Bearing fruit requires abiding in Jesus.

When connected and intentional about our relationship with God, we produce the fruit God cultivates within us. As God works on us and in us, our fruit-bearing is a result of what He does. How do we build our relationship with God? We do things like spend time in His Word, pray and listen, worship God alone and with others, as we give of our time, money, and abilities. We actively pursue God and flee from sin.

Our focus is not the fruit we produce, but our connection with God. When we focus outwardly, we can become wrapped up in pretense. It's easy to live a Christian routine apart from a genuine connection to God. We can fall into the trap of putting on a holy facade without real heart transformation that is continual.

Bearing fruit is about intentionally growing in our walk with Christ, inviting the Holy Spirit's work of transformation in us, and actively obeying God in everything. As we seek Him and lay down our own fleshly desires for His kingdom ways, we will bear lasting fruit and serve as salt and light to a world in need of Jesus, as we encourage and lift up our brothers and sisters in Christ.

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.

Sermons and bulletins available @
Melbournechurchofchrist.com

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

- Wedding shower for Chipper & Hannah, Sunday, August 6th at 2pm. They are registered at The Home Place, Wal-Mart, Dillard's, & Target.
- There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for any men who would like to serve during the Lord's Supper.

OPENING PRAYER Joe Cooper

CLOSING PRAYER Alan Love



JULY

**ANTHONY WESTON
DALTON GRIGG**

**DANNY BRIGHTWELL
CHIPPER LAMB**

AUGUST

**ALAN LOVE
BRADLEY SIPE**

**DAVIS LOVE
CHIP MASTER**

Today, we are starting a new class for adults on Sunday mornings. The course is called "Basic Principles of Christianity." It is designed for new Christians, as well as any adult wishing to review basic Christian teachings such as salvation, Church structure, and the practices that are unique to our body of faith. Paul Rowland will be teaching the class and it will meet at the back of the auditorium in the computer room. The regular Sunday morning adult class will continue as well.

We will also be starting a group for those of us who want to be more active in a visitation program. We plan to meet each Tuesday, starting this Tuesday, August 1, at 9am in the fellowship building. If you can't meet on Tuesday mornings, but want to be more involved in visiting others, please let Danny or Betty Brightwell know.

1 Thessalonians 2:8, "Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well."

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, A.J. Talkington **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Harsie Gaston, Troy Gaston

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
Al Gillihan	Christie Haney	Jerry Roland	Arlene Davidson
Natasha Lesko			

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	Bryan Phillips 25 th
Larry Young 25 th	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

Matthew 3:1-10, "John the Baptist came preaching, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." They were baptized by him in the Jordan River, as they confessed their sins. John said, "Bear fruit in keeping with repentance...every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

The Gospel is the DBR:

