

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Ready or Not
by Tom Moore

In a cemetery in Hanover, Germany, is a grave covered with huge slabs of granite and marble, fastened with heavy steel clasps. It belongs to a woman who did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. Yet she directed in her will that her grave be made so secure that if there were a resurrection, it could not reach her. In time, however, a seed began to grow and push its way out from beneath the slabs. As the trunk enlarged, the stones were gradually shifted and the steel clasps were wrenched from their sockets.

The dynamic life force contained in that little seed is only a faint reflection of the tremendous power of God's creative word that someday will call to life the bodies of all who are in their graves. Willing or not, all will be resurrected (John 5:28-29).

A messenger from God revealed this truth to Daniel. As this angelic messenger opened the door to the hallway of time, he revealed to the prophet many things: the rise and fall of various kingdoms, the invasion of the army from the North, and, ultimately, the resurrection of the dead. For those who are prepared—whose names are written in the Book of Life—it is a resurrection to everlasting life. For those unprepared, it is a resurrection to everlasting damnation.

In the New Testament the apostle Paul declared that "the dead in Christ will rise first" (1 Thessalonians 4:16), while the apostle John saw the dead, who were "judged every man according to their works" (Revelation 20:13). There is no way you can avoid the resurrection, but you can be ready for it. Make sure that your name is written in the Book of Life and prepare well. Have you believed in Christ (John 3:16), repented of your sins (Luke 13:3), confessed the name of Christ (Romans 10:9-10), and been baptized for the forgiveness of sins? (Acts 2:38). If not, now is the time to prepare well for your grave to be opened one day.

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.

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

Elders

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Family News

- Tim Wooldridge will teach the Sunday morning adult class and be our guest speaker on April 30.
- Ladies Day will be June 3rd Registration is from 9-9:30am and the program ends with a salad luncheon. Kitty Smith is our speaker.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

OPENING PRAYER Alan Love

CLOSING PRAYER Kelly Don Webb



RUSTY TREAT

Bible Quiz
Revelation 21:1-8

1. The first heaven and the first earth had _____.
2. "Then I, John, saw the holy city, New _____, coming down out of _____ from God, prepared as a bride _____ for her husband."
3. God will wipe away every _____ from their _____.
4. "Then He who sat on the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things _____.' And He said to me, 'Write, for these words are _____ and _____.'"
5. The sinful will have their part in the _____ of fire which burns with fire and _____, which is the second death.

Prayer List

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

Nursing Home: Debbie Hoskinds, Emma Jean Cooper

Health: Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	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	Dorothy Teague	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Arlene Davidson		Chip & Regina Master	Deborah Halcom
Ted & Sanyia Austin		J.B. & Wanda Dill	Nevin Hart
Dwain Welch	Jerry Roland	Christie Haney	Gary Fulbright
Treva Voyles	John Ward		

April Birthdays

Betty Brightwell 2 nd	Bill Younger 3 rd	Tyler Kelly 4 th
Donna Hill 7 th	Derek Love 8 th	Imodean Webb 9 th
Lacey Weston 9 th	Cleve Weaver 12 th	Melissa Morrison 14 th
Nancy Richardson 15 th	Jack Hendrix 15 th	Rhett Morrison 17 th
Torrey Bishop 18 th	Francis Gillihan 22 nd	Doug Sipe 25 th
Michelle Smith 26 th	Kenya Wyatt 29 th	Dana Ingram 30 th

April Anniversaries

Joe & Dana Ingram 17th

Philippians 3:18-21, "For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is *their* appetite, and *whose* glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself."