

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

You Sure Are Mean to Those That Love You

by Barry Haynes

Madge Wallace hated Harry Truman. Well, it was said she didn't care much for anyone in Independence, Missouri but she seemed to really have it in for Harry.

Harry lost his family farm and failed at two different businesses until he finally found his place in politics. But that wasn't good enough in the eyes of Madge. As a senator, she constantly criticized him, as vice president she scorned him. Even when he was elevated to the Presidency after Roosevelt's death people close to her said: "It galls her to see him in the White House running the country."

When Truman fired MacArthur she said: "Imagine a captain from the National Guard telling off a West Point general! Why didn't he let General MacArthur run the Korean War his own way?" When he ran against Governor Thomas Dewey in 1948, Madge stood firmly behind his opponent and wondered aloud, "I know dozens of men better qualified to be in Mr. Truman's place in the White House."

That's pretty bad criticism considering Harry was supporting Madge and she was living in his home since he came to Washington. Why would Harry do that for his biggest critic? She was Harry Truman's mother in law! The people closest to us can sometimes be our biggest detractors. Those that should support us are the ones that can nip at our heels the most. It might be that way in our families, but it should never be that way to our church family.

Jude says grumbling, and fault finding are ungodly ways (Jude 15-16). Paul tells us that we are to encourage and build up one another (1st Thessalonians 5:11) not tear each other down (Ephesians 4:29). Jesus warns us not to unfairly judge our brother (John 7:24). Scorn, ridicule, and backbiting are not to be the ways a Christian. If you can't say anything nice, the problem might be you.

Please bring money or items for the Children's Homes

**Velveeta Cheese Toaster Pastries (Brown Sugar/Chocoate)
Disinfectant Spray (i.e. Lysol) Bathroom Tissue Paper
Light Bulbs Peanuts/Cashews/Sunflower Seed Snacks**



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Family News

- Peyton Elms was baptized recently. Praise God for his commitment to Christ!
- We are buying for 67 residents at the nursing home for Christmas. If writing a check, please write "Nursing Home" on the memo. Cash can be given to Shelby or Danny. We need help as soon as possible. Thank you.
- Audrey Eddings passed away. Please keep Betty Brightwell and her family in your prayers.
- * 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 Quiz: 1 Peter 1:6-12

1. "In this you greatly _____, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been _____ by various trials,"
2. "...that the _____ of your _____, being much more precious than gold that perishes,"
3. "...though it is tested by _____, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the _ of Jesus Christ,"
4. What does Peter say is the end of your faith?
5. How was the gospel preached to them?



Prayer List

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

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

Health:	Joyce Newbrey	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Partin	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	Dale Smith
Buddy James	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Andrew Weaver
Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Masters		Donald Gillihan

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

December Birthdays

Danny Brightwell 3 rd	Acy Beebe 4 th	Danny Runion 6 th
Kathrean Phipps 7 th	David Clark 8 th	Peggy Beebe 8 th
Roger Humphrey 10 th	Katelyn Moser 12 th	Shelby Qualls 14 th
Paulette Jubela 14 th	Kaden Williams 16 th	Tamra Brightwell 20 th
Shirley Guiltner 22 nd	Rose Irvin 24 th	Darla Weaver 24 th
Deedra Adkisson 28 th	Abby Everett 28 th	Lavonia Roland 28 th
Brandy Kelly 29 th	Bob Davidson 31 st	

December Anniversaries

Bill & Lavonia Roland	2 nd
Tom & Kathrean Phipps	23 rd
Bob & Arlene Davidson	31 st

Romans 12:18; 21, "If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."