

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

**The Fear of the Lord**  
by Paul Mowrer

**I read a devotional thought earlier this week that made me stop to consider for a little while longer (Selah).**

**It is a thought I have struggled with for a time now and a thought I share with you in the hopes that it will cause each of us to consider more deeply the awesome God we serve. A God who is truly filled with mercy and lovingkindness, yet still a God to be feared.**

**We all remember the story of Uzzah (2 Sam. 6:1-11), struck dead for touching the ark of the covenant while it was being transported to Jerusalem. All Uzzah was trying to do was stabilize the ark to keep it from falling off the cart when the oxen stumbled.**

**No doubt, the crowd that day was shocked at God's punishment of such a "minor" discrepancy. Continue the narrative and we read that "David became angry because of the Lord's outburst against Uzzah...So David was afraid of the Lord that day" (2 Sam. 6:8-9).**

**I am pretty sure it was the same fear experienced at the dedication of the tabernacle during the days of Moses. Nadab and Abihu were responsible for the incense before the Lord, but "offered strange fire" (Lev. 10:1).**

**The people must have been shocked at the response of God for such a seemingly "insignificant" mistake. And the Lord spoke, "By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, and before all the people I will be honored" (Lev. 10:3).**

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**Dates to Remember**

- ★ Ladies meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food
- Men meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.

Sermons and bulletins available @  
[Melbournechurchofchrist.com](http://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

- Memorial contribution for Charlene Langston: Shelby & Ramona Qualls Danny & Betty Brightwell, Bonnie Wyatt
- Congratulations to Daylee Brightwell! He was selected to attend Governor's School in Russellville at Arkansas Tech University. This will start July 5<sup>th</sup> and last the entire month of July. We congratulate him on this accomplishment and wish him well during his time there!
- There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for any men who would like to serve during the Lord's Supper.

**OPENING PRAYER** Alan Love

**CLOSING PRAYER** Brent Qualls



**JULY**

**ANTHONY WESTON  
DALTON GRIGG**

**DANNY BRIGHTWELL  
CHIPPER LAMB**

**AUGUST**

**ALAN LOVE  
BRADLEY SIPE**

**DAVIS LOVE  
CHIP MASTER**

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**But why such a harsh punishment? Why did Nadab and Abihu have to die? Why was Uzzah punished with death, he was just trying to "save" the ark? Perhaps the better question to consider is "Why does God allow us to live?" How often do we ignore God for opinion's sake or for convenience.**

**Nadab and Abihu may well have been just a little "over enthusiastic" as they offered incense to God. Uzzah treated the ark as a common piece of furniture and did not revere it, as it was intended. How often do we treat laws and commands of God as a "common thing"? How often do we select convenience over commandment?**

**You see, the lesson really is quite simple: God means business. Let's make sure we make Him our priority and never treat Him as something common, but with great love, admiration, and respect.**

***"By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, and before all the people I will be honored" (Lev. 10:3).***

**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

<b>Health:</b> Ted Kidd	Richard Gunter	Donnie Vest	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Dan Clark	Wilma Cooper	Wayne Crosby
Tracy Thomas	Brooke Pritchard	Connie Wheeler	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	Treva Voyles
Ted & Sanyia Austin		John Ward	Nevin Hart
Dwain Welch	Jerry Roland	Christie Haney	Gary Fulbright
Michael Washington		Al Gillihan	Shawna Teegarden

**July Birthdays**

Sam Cooper 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tommy Washington 10 <sup>th</sup>	Ryan Lloyd 14 <sup>th</sup>
Davis Love 19 <sup>th</sup>	Dalton Grigg 19 <sup>th</sup>	Steve Davidson 21 <sup>st</sup>
Landon Kimble 21 <sup>st</sup>	Barbara Watson 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Bryan Phillips 25 <sup>th</sup>
Larry Young 25 <sup>th</sup>	Regina Master 25 <sup>th</sup>	Katie Gilbert 27 <sup>th</sup>
Drew Love 27 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Treat 28 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Bone 31 <sup>st</sup>

**July Anniversaries**

Chip & Regina Master 5<sup>th</sup>  
Jim & Lisa Cooper 10<sup>th</sup>  
Jerry & Dianna Owens 11<sup>th</sup>

**Deuteronomy 10:12-13, "Now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the Lord's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good? Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it."**