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Melbourne Church of Christ

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

What's in a Name?

by Larry Fitzgerald

There was a time when the meaning of names was thought to be important. My name, for example means "laurel-crowned" meaning "a champion or a noted warrior." Or as someone observed, it means "the guy with weeds in his hair." Not quite so flattering!

A name is important and cannot be shed like a garment. And that's why parents work so hard to choose the right name for their newborns.

A good name, handed down from good parents, is a great asset.

Sometimes, people wearing the same (or similar) names can cause problems for us. A member of my family once had a difficult time leasing an apartment because someone using the same name had defaulted on a lease at another apartment. Both fellows had the same name but were unrelated.

On the other hand, I am proud to share the name of my father. He was well known as a good journalist and a good citizen in the area. There is a name that is above all names. "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

God the Father gave His Son a special name that every knee will bow" (Philippians 2:9-11).

When we become Christians, we are given his name. Let's live so as to give honor to the name of our Lord!

The Encouragement Group meets on Thursday's at 9 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Come serve with us as we reach into our community!

**Sunday Classes 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:10 a.m.
Wed. Services 6:00 p.m.**

Visitors, please take a card from the back of the pew, fill it out, and put it in the offering tray. We are glad you're here and want you to know that you're welcome in the family of Christ that meets here!

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Family News

- Introducing Esme' Marie Love | Born Jan. 18, 2025 | 8 lbs. 1 oz. 20.5 in. Welcomed with love by proud parents Derek and Allison.



- Jessica Wortham was baptized Wednesday night, Jan. 22nd. Congratulations Jessica! "We have been buried with Christ Jesus through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." Rom. 6:4
- Andrea Martz had a heart cath on Friday and no problems found.
- There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for opportunities to serve.
- CourtneyAnn Minick's grandfather, David Minick, passed away. Please keep CourtneyAnn and her family in prayer.

Opening Prayer.....David Brightwell

Communion Reading.....Alan Love

Closing Prayer.....Dalton Grigg



JANUARY

**JOE COOPER
CHIPPER LAMB**

**SHAWN WORTHAM
BRENT QUALLS**

FEBRUARY

**SHELBY QUALLS
SANDERS LEE WYATT**

**BRENT QUALLS
CHIP MASTER**

What's In A Nickname?

by Barry Haynes

Abraham Lincoln once served as a character witness, although it is doubtful he did much good. When asked about the word of a man named Peter Lukins, Lincoln responded honestly, "Well, he is called Lyin' Pete Lukins."

In the Scriptures, we get some insight into the nature of some biblical characters by the names they are given. For example, Jacob is called Israel or one who struggles with God, and Barnabas is called the "Son of Encouragement." Some of these names were imparted by Jesus Himself, like Simon Peter the Rock or the Sons of Thunder, James and John.

So, what might Jesus give you as a nickname? He knows our hearts and our ways better than anyone. Complainer? The Servant? Joy Killer? Learner? The Encourager? The Gossip? What trait is the one that defines us in the eyes of others? Is it one that is befitting of a Christian? *"Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name"* (1 Peter 4:15-16).

Prayer List

Military: Derek & Allison Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman, Shirley Hill, Imogene James, Bill Roland

Boyde Martin	Wilma Cooper	Phyllis Gilbreath	Dorothy Teague
Ruby Patillo	Joe Gultner	Cornelia Summers	Christie Haney
Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin	Joe Anne Hendrix
Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young	Regenia Gillihan
Regina Master	Shawna Teegarden	Gage Barns	John Ward

January Birthdays

Eula Faye Fulbright 1 st	Shayann Caraway 2 nd	Emma Caraway 3 rd
Marshall Branscum 3 rd	Anthony Weston 7 th	Emmitt Weston 8 th
Julie Teague 10 th	Kimberly Hoskinds 12 th	Harper Cotter 13 th
Melissa Lamb 14 th	Kiley Carter 14 th	Arlene Davidson 15 th
Lance Cannon 17 th	Charles Everett 19 th	Ken Bone 20 th
Wayne Crosby 20 th	Rusty Treat 20 th	Hannah Lamb 22 nd
David Hoskinds 23 rd	Sharon Watson 23 rd	Rhetha Lamb 24 th
Jeanette Everett 24 th	Trey Lamb 25 th	Daylee Brightwell 25 th
Zori Brightwell 25 th	Joe Paul Smith 28 th	Adam Hoskinds 31 st
		Caleb Gross 31 st

January Anniversaries

John & Marilyn Smith 18th
Jack & Lisa Hendrix 24th

Dates to Remember

Ladies Night Out 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
Ladies Bible Study 1st, 2nd, 3rd Monday @ 6 p.m.
Men meet 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

2 Thessalonians 1:11-12, "We pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ."

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