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Melbourne Church of Christ

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

All Authority

by David A. Sargent

A friend offered me a ride in his custom Corvette. That machine was beautiful and impressive. Riding a few inches off the ground, my friend put that contraption through its paces.

In first gear I was thrown back into the seat. In second gear it felt like the g-force was stretching my face, during an astronaut's blastoff. In third gear we blew by an 18-wheeler like it was standing still. It was fantastic!

Then we flew a parked police vehicle at well over 100 mph. The 'Vette slowed down. The 18-wheeler slowed down. Everybody slowed down. And that's the point. That 'Vette had POWER! That 18-wheeler, with a big diesel engine, had POWER! But that officer had AUTHORITY!

In this world are many groups, individuals and organizations that have POWER. They have the financial or political clout to impress, seduce, and intimidate. But when it comes to AUTHORITY, that's different.

Satan has power. As Rob Chaffart once said, "His power lies in his ability to deceive. When we fall for his deceptions, we give him authority over our lives, and he takes us captive." Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin" (John 8:34). And, "the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23).

But Christ has power AND authority! He demonstrated these attributes throughout His earthly ministry by His miracles. His most astounding expression of power and authority was demonstrated when He died on the cross for our sins and was resurrected from the dead three days later.

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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

- Wedding shower for Halle Jo Cooper and Gage Guest on Sunday, November 10th @ 2pm at the Fellowship Hall.
- Martha Peters has been moved to Pioneer for rehab.
- Keep Steve Davidson and his family in prayer as he recovers.
- The Melbourne CoC will host the workshop: **"Moving Through Grief"** Date: Saturday, November 16th 10am-3pm at the Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be provided. More details to come.
- The Sunset Singing at the Cross was a wonderful time last Sunday! Over 110 people came out to fellowship with one another as we sang and glorified the Lord in unity.
- Football team cookout on Friday, Oct. 25 at 3:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring cookies, brownies, or chips. All volunteers welcome.
- Congregational devo with Fall Festival games and hayride on Oct. 30th from 5:30-7:00pm. We're grilling hot dogs. Please bring chili, Fritos, chips, or deserts.

Opening Prayer.....Danny Runion
Communion Reading.....Shelby Qualls
Closing Prayer.....Dalton Grigg



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JOE COOPER
BRITAN TREAT

RUSTY TREAT
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TYLER WEBB

RANDY HANEY
KELLEY DON WEBB

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By His death, burial, and resurrection, Jesus defeated Satan (cf. Hebrews 2:14) and made our redemption possible! "For God has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:13-14).

In order to receive salvation and the gift of eternal life, we must submit our lives to the authority of Christ by placing our faith and trust in Him (Acts 16:30-31), turning from our sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing Him before men (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Then as we continue to submit to His authority in obedience to His will, His blood will continue to cleanse us from sin (1 John 1:7).

There is power, but then there is power and authority! Jesus has both! In fact, He has "ALL authority" (Matthew 28:18) and He is "the head over every power and authority" (Colossians 2:10). Therefore, Jesus—and only Jesus—has the power and authority to give you victory over sin *and* death!

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

Boyde Martin	Wilma Cooper	Phyllis Gilbreath	Dorothy Teague
Bill Roland	Joe Guiltner	Debbie Crow	Cornelia Summers
Christie Haney	Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin
Toby Weatherford	Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young
Regenia Gillihan	Regina Master	Shawna Teegarden	John Ward
Joe Anne Hendrix	Gage Barns	Ruby Patillo	Vance & Kaicey Little

October Birthdays

Charlotte Treat	2 nd	Rory Weston	2 nd	Trena Humphrey	5 th
Anna Parrish	7 th	Lolly Engles	7 th	Chad Lawrence	10 th
David Brightwell	12 th	Tyler Wammack	15 th	Rylee Hoskinds	19 th
Ava Bolfa	19 th	Wayne Langston	21 st	Julie Qualls	22 nd
Melanie Crosby	25 th	Hadleigh Grigg	25 th	Rita Hoskinds	26 th
Brooke Pritchard	26 th	Thomas Lamb	27 th	Heather Elms	30 th

October Anniversaries

Mary & Ken Bone 14th
Lance & Maggie Cannon 21st

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.
*Family game night will resume at a later time.
Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

**Matthew 15:25-28, "She began to bow down before Jesus, saying, "Lord, help me!" And He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." But she said, "Yes, Lord; but even the dogs feed on the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus said, "Your faith is great; it shall be done for you as you wish."
And her daughter was healed at once."**