

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## The Devil's Sinkhole by Joel Shelton

**In 1983 the residents of a Florida apartment building awoke to a terrifying sight outside their windows. The ground beneath the street in front of their apartment building had collapsed, creating a massive depression that Floridians call a sinkhole. Tumbling into the ever-deepening pit were automobiles, sidewalks, and lawn furniture. The apartment building was obviously the next thing to go. Sinkholes occur when the under ground rock and sediment is drained away by the forces of erosion. When this happens, the crust of the earth no longer has a supporting structure. When the external forces exceed the limits of the underneath support, the ground collapses and a sinkhole is formed.**

**In Rock Springs, TX, there is a place called The Devil's Sinkhole because it is the proverbial "bottomless pit." If you look in, all you will see is about 400 feet of straight down, deep and utter darkness. It has a long, narrow shaft at the surface that leads to a large lower chamber at the bottom.**

**There is a different kind of Devil's Sinkhole that is far more aggressive, for it constantly threatens to open underneath your feet. The Devil is at work, right now, in an attempt to erode the foundations of your heart, your mind, your character, your integrity, your resolve, your purpose, and your very soul. At the same time, he is working to apply pressure on the surface of your life by trying to overwhelm your time, your energy, your finances, your family, your friendships, your health, and your job. His goal is to cause as much pain, sorrow, and despair as possible. He wants to destroy your faith in God because he wants you to surrender.**

**While Satan is trying to create sinkholes in your life, remember the encouraging words of Eph. 6:10-11, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."**

### Dates to Remember

★ Ladies will meet 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in June @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food

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

- Donnie Vest's back surgery was successful. Please keep him in your prayers as he recovers.
- Larry Young will be at Scout Camp during the month of June.
- Contribution made in memory of Loy McCollum by Connie Jackson.
- There was a total of \$300 for the Children's Home in the foyer. Thank you for your continued support!
- Tori Tate has breast cancer. She had surgery last week and upcoming radiation and chemo treatments. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

\* Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
<b>SONG LEADER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>OPENING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>	TBA	TBA



**Self-Served**

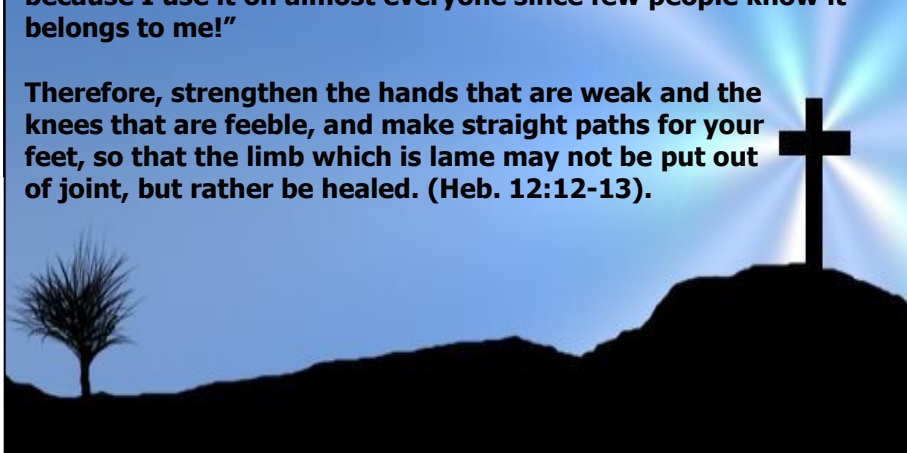
**One day Satan was selling some of his tools. He had many and figured others might as well get some use out of them. Each tool was marked with its sale price. The list of implements to be sold was horrifying and unnerving: Hatred, Envy, Jealousy, Deceit, Lying, and Pride, just to name a few.**

**Off to itself was a harmless-looking tool, well-worn and priced very high. "What's the name of this tool?" one shopper asked.**

**"That is Discouragement," the Devil tersely replied. "Why is it priced so high?" inquired the would-be purchaser.**

**"Because," said the Devil smugly, "It's more useful to me than all the others. I can pry open hearts and get inside. I can make them do—or neglect to do—whatever I choose. It is badly worn because I use it on almost everyone since few people know it belongs to me!"**

**Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed. (Heb. 12:12-13).**



### Prayer List

**Military:** Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington

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

<b>Health:</b> Ted Kidd	Joyce Newbrey	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 Haagenson
Mary Kosmitis	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Shirley Lewis
Diane Owens	Ivy Jo Slade	Jeff Young	Lynn Hicks
Justin Teague	Charlotte Cooper	Cecilia Broughton	Sue Campbell
Bob & Arlene Davidson	Chip & Regina Master		Deborah Halcom
Dorothy Teague	Ted & Sanyia Austin	Richard Gunter	J.B. & Wanda Dill

**Nursing Home:** Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Emma Jean Cooper

### June Birthdays

Brett Haney 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sheilla Wammack 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Cash Fowler 7 <sup>th</sup>
Lisa Cooper 7 <sup>th</sup>	Natalie Brightwell 8 <sup>th</sup>	Jeff Young 9 <sup>th</sup>
Melba Fulbright 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sutton Morehead 11 <sup>th</sup>	Jeanie Yancey 14 <sup>th</sup>
Jim Cooper 14 <sup>th</sup>	Whitney Worlow 14 <sup>th</sup>	Kenny Moser 15 <sup>th</sup>
Wilma Cooper 16 <sup>th</sup>	Wyatt Fowler 16 <sup>th</sup>	Hayden Wyatt 19 <sup>th</sup>
Tom Phipps 20 <sup>th</sup>	Stacy Dale 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Mary Hannah Bryant 26 <sup>th</sup>
Melba Bryant 26 <sup>th</sup>	Abigale Gilbert 29 <sup>th</sup>	Diana Wyatt 30 <sup>th</sup>

### June Anniversaries

Aaron & Kimberly Hoskinds 3rd	Randy & Christie Haney 4th
Doc & Linda Taylor 11th	Roger & Trena Humphrey 11th
Bryan & Cindy Phillips 12th	Alan & Anita Love 16th
Al & Francis Gillihan 25th	Jimmie & Melba Fulbright 27th

### **Psalm 34:17-19,**

**"The righteous cry, and the Lord hears  
And delivers them out of all their troubles.  
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
And saves those who are crushed in spirit.  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
But the Lord delivers him out of them all."**