

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

The God of the Storm

by Kerry Duke

A storm spells trouble if you work outside. But not for God. He is the Master of bringing good out of chaos. The first book of the Bible shows that the conflict and confusion we cause cannot hinder Him.

We talk about family troubles today. But this is as old as mankind. The first home had strife.

Cain killed his brother out of envy and spite (Gen. 4:1-10). What good could possibly come from this tragedy? Abel obeyed God but the Bible does not record one word he said. That may not seem fair since it devotes several verses to what his jealous brother said. Yet we find these remarkable words in Hebrews 11:4: "By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks." God and good had the last word.

Abraham's workers and his nephew Lot's herdsmen had a disagreement in Genesis 13. That could have soured their relationship if they had been lesser men. But they peaceably parted and Lot moved to the infamous city of Sodom.

The next thing we read is that war broke out and Lot was taken prisoner (Gen. 14). It seems at first that this is just a story of a bad end to an unwise decision. But because of this war Abraham rescued his nephew and met one of the key figures in the Bible—Melchizedek. Imagine the book of Hebrews without Mechizedek. And all this started with an argument!

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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!

Elders

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- If you have questions about online giving, please see David Brightwell.
- Phyllis Gilbreath's 3rd back surgery will be on Tuesday. Please keep Phyllis and her family in prayer as her vertebrae heals and as she enters into treatment for Multiple Myeloma that is located in her back.
- Lindle Blevins passed away. Please keep Carolyn and the Blevins family in your prayers.
- Debbie Crow is on hospice care at home. Please keep Debbie, Chuck, and their family in prayer.
- Ken Cannady passed away. Please keep Mary and the Cannady family in prayer.
- Joe Anne Hendrix's kidney surgery went well. She is recovering at home and waiting for further test results.

Opening Prayer.....Sanders Lee Wyatt
Communion Reading.....Dalton Grigg
Closing Prayer.....Alan Love



SEPTEMBER

DAVID BRIGHTWELL	DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL
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OCTOBER

JOE COOPER	RUSTY TREAT
BRITAN TREAT	BRAD SIPE

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Jacob and Esau were filled with strife. The moment they entered this world there was a conflict to come when Jacob grabbed Esau’s heel. When Jacob later took advantage of his brother the second time by deceiving his father Isaac, Esau vowed to kill him. But the Bible says we reap what we sow, and Jacob met his match when he encountered his father-in-law Laban.

Then there was the jealousy of his sons toward their brother Joseph and the awful crime they committed against him. But Joseph himself saw the hand of God in all this confusion. He told his brothers years later, “You meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive” (Gen. 50:20).

It is easy to get discouraged if we look at a bad situation without faith in the hand of God. It may seem that any good outcome is impossible. But the storms of life like marriage troubles, church divisions, or the shooting of a President are not the end of the world. It will always be true that “all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28).

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, Troy Gaston, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman, Shirley Hill

Boyde Martin	Wilma Cooper	Peggy Hall	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

September Birthdays

Alan Love 1 st	Sandra Taylor 6 th	Marilyn Smith 6 th
Brad Sipe 8 th	Aaron Hoskinds 8 th	Randy Haney 13 th
Sally Adkisson 19 th	Landon Taylor 25 th	Halle Jo Cooper 26 th
Christie Haney 26 th	Robert Langston 27 th	Stephanie Gillihan 28 th

September Anniversaries

Trey & Melissa Lamb 2 nd	Brad & Julie Teague 20 th
Brad & Laura Sipe 22 nd	Wayne & Melanie Crosby 23 rd
Brent & Lis Qualls 24 th	Rusty & Brandy Treat 29 th
Dalton & Jamie Grigg 29 th	

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.

Psalm 27:7-9, “The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in Him, and I am helped; therefore my heart exults, And with my song I shall thank Him. The Lord is their strength, and He is a saving defense to His anointed. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance; be their shepherd also, and carry them forever.”