

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Peter's Final Words

by Edd Sterchi

Peter preached the first sermon after Jesus' resurrection and ascension. Over 3,000 repented, were baptized into Christ, and forgiven of sins! Peter continued preaching after being arrested, beaten, and threatened with death if he kept preaching Christ's DBR.

After Acts 15 where Peter meets with other servants of God, we know very little of his activities. I believe that as the years went by he was mentioned less frequently in the sacred writings because he was away from Jerusalem preaching in distant places.

Peter, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, wrote two letters to encourage Christians, especially new converts, to withstand the trials and persecutions that they were about to go through. It is believed that 2nd Peter was written shortly before his death. If that's the case, they are his final words of encouragement.

Peter's last words in chapter 3 of his second letter are a reminder for all Christians to be diligent and intentional to be found by God...

...spotless and blameless (v.14)

...reading God's word (v.15-16)

...in steadfastness (v.17)

Christians, make sure that you are washed and cleansed by the blood of Christ, living pure righteous lives, and studying the Scriptures, as you remain faithful to God.

Peter's last words: "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen"

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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Family News

- If you have questions about online giving, please see David Brightwell.
- Phyllis Gilbreath's back surgery went well on Tuesday, she is sore but doing good. Please keep her in prayer as she heals and begins treatment for Multiple Myeloma.
- Debbie Crow is on hospice care at home. Please keep Debbie, Chuck, and their family in prayer.
- Brad Teague is scheduled for a heart ablation on October 2. Please keep Brad and Julie in prayer.
- Bill Roland broke his foot and is WRMC in Batesville, room #4110. Please keep Bill and Lavonia in your prayers.
- Leslie and Dianna Morrow's daughter passed away. Vance and Kaicey Little's son also passed away. Please keep the Morrow and Little families in prayer.

Opening Prayer.....Chip Master
Communion Reading.....Rusty Treat
Closing Prayer.....Kelley Don Webb



SEPTEMBER

DAVID BRIGHTWELL **DAYLEE BRIGHTWELL**
DANNY RUNION **DANNY BRIGHTWELL**

OCTOBER

JOE COOPER **RUSTY TREAT**
BRITAN TREAT **BRAD SIPE**

Refiners Fire
by Brian Doerksen

**Purify my heart, let me be as gold
And precious silver
Purify my heart, let me be as gold
Pure gold**

**Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for you Lord
I choose to be holy
Set apart for You my Master
Ready to do Your will**

**Purify my heart, cleanse me from within
And make me holy
Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin
Deep within**

**Ready to worship
Ready to follow
Ready to do Your will**

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	Audrey Everett 9 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.

1 John 2:15-17, "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. The world is passing away, and *also* its lusts; but the one who does the will of God lives forever."