

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

The Hug Heard Around the World

by Matt Clifton

Having been convicted of murdering Botham Jean, a member of the Dallas West church of Christ, the last thing Amber Guyger probably expected to hear at her sentencing were the words "I forgive you" from a member of the victim's family.

After reading a statement expressing forgiveness and even a wish that she wouldn't have to go to jail, Jean's brother Brandt asked the judge for permission to give Guyger a hug. The dramatic scene was recorded on video and shared via television and internet.

"I wasn't going to say this in front of my family or anyone, but I don't even want you to go to jail," Brandt said. "I want the best for you, because I know that's what Botham would want ... and the best would be to give your life to Christ. I love you as a person, and I don't wish anything bad on you."

In an era of sensationalism, exaggeration, and drama, this genuine act of selflessness and forgiveness cut through all of the political turmoil and self-aggrandizing celebrity crosstalk, and for one shining moment the focus was on what Christ can do in a person's life. All of this because a Christian, even from the depths of despair, was able to forgive a person who seriously wronged them.

We don't know what domino effect this act of forgiveness will have. The judge reacted to the scene by going to her chambers and returning with a Bible, giving it to Guyger. Will Guyger turn to the Lord? That's something that remains to be seen. But the example Brandt Jean leaves should change and encourage us all, and for a moment the world was able to see true Christian forgiveness.

Christians often express a desire to have an impact on this world. There is no need for a grand gesture, however. Simple forgiveness will do, and it will send shockwaves throughout the world. Christians, forgive others.

Dates to Remember

- October 6th **Homecoming with Chuck Crow, Fish Fry** after services
- October 20th **Men's Breakfast** @ 8am
- October 28th **Ladies Night Out** @ 6pm, bring item for Manna House



- Sunday Bible Class 9:15 a.m.
- Sunday Worship 10:15 a.m.
- Sunday Bible Class 11:15 a.m.
- Wednesday Evening 6:00 p.m.
- Nursing Home 3rd Sunday 2 p.m.

Please bring money or items for the Children's Homes

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| Tuna | Ivarest | Gatorate | Canned Chicken | Bottled Water |
| Diapers (Newborn & Size 1) | Rotel | Velveeta | Cereal | Flour |
| Granola Bars | Pringles | Vienna Sausage | Healthy Snacks | |

Elders

Danny Brightwell
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Alan Love 243-4608

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Family News

- Martha Yvette Young's funeral will be held Monday, October 7th @ Memphis Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens 3700 North Germantown Parkway, Bartlett, TN 1pm Visitation and 2pm Funeral Service.
- Yvette's memorial service will be held Tuesday, October 15th @ the Melbourne Church of Christ. 12pm Memorial Service and 1pm Meal.
- * Communion is gluten-free and travel communion is available.

	TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
SONG LEADER	Doyle Wyatt	David Brightwell
OPENING PRAYER	Ted Wammack	Brent Qualls
CLOSING PRAYER	Wyatt Fowler	Bryan Phillips



Randy Haney
Shelby Qualls

Joe Cooper
Kelly Webb

Brad Sipe
Dale Byler

DOOR GREETERS

OCTOBER 6TH **ALAN & ANITA LOVE**

OCTOBER 13TH **FRANK, ELLIE, WYATT & CASH FOWLER**

CHILDREN'S GATHERING TEACHERS FOR OCTOBER

HOLLY, HALLE & LISA COOPER

Nursery

October 6th **Trena Humphrey**

October 13th **Abby Everett**

Communion for Shut-In

October 6th **Frank Fowler**

October 13th **Danny Brightwell**

Power in Prayer Project

To You, O Lord, I lift up my soul. I put all of my trust in You. Make me know Your ways and teach me Your paths. Make me walk in Your truth and teach me, for You are the God of my salvation.

Prayer List

Military: Derek Love, Tyler Talkington, A.J. Talkington, Blake Johnson

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

Health: Dot Sanders	Joyce Newbrey	Cal Gillihan	Joanna Smith
Joe Guiltner	Jane Sullivan	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 Haagenon
Eutha Vest	Tommy Washington	Jim Fowler	Dale Smith
Andrew Pearson	Ivy Jo Slade	Toni Lawrence	Andrew Weaver
Sue Washington	Johnny Guthrie	Charlotte Cooper	Dan Clark
Nick & Mary Kosmitis		Earnie Blackwell	

Nursing Home: Lucille Linn, Audrey Eddings, Debbie Hoskinds, Holly Stroud, Jimmy Gillihan, Emma Jean Cooper

October Birthdays

Trena Humphrey 5 th	Ronnie Adkisson 6 th	Ethan Phillips 8 th
Chad Lawrence 10 th	David Brightwell 12 th	Tyler Wammack 15 th
Joe Washington 18 th	Toni Lawrence 20 th	Julie Qualls 22 nd
Sue Campbell 22 nd	Melanie Crosby 25 th	Rita Hoskinds 26 th
Brooke Pritchard 26 th	Thomas Lamb 27 th	Heather Elms 30 th

October Anniversaries

Mary & Ken Bone 14th

Nick & Mary Kosmitis 16th

Clifton & Melba Gillihan 18th

Haggai 1:5, "Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways."

