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Melbourne Church of Christ

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

No Fool like an Old Fool

by Larry Fitzgerald

I've heard this phrase all my life – There's no fool like an old fool. This usually refers to an older man who starts behaving like a child with no sense. Sometimes such fellows had more sense as a teenager than they exhibited in the later life.

In the Bible, Solomon began life as a wise king with a heart for God and his people (1 Kings 3:28; 4:29-34). However, as Solomon grew older, his mind and heart were distracted by many less noble things. He married 1000 women (free wives and slaves). Many of these women brought to the palace idols of false gods. These misled people of Israel into worshipping false Gods and breaking the first 4 of the Ten Commandments (1Kings 11:1-13).

Then, as Solomon entered the sunset of life, he looked back at all he's done and said that it was all emptiness, a vanity as if he was chasing the wind. Or, in other words, "There is no meaning in life." A very unsettling conclusion! (see Ecclesiastes 1:2-8).

Throughout Ecclesiastes, Solomon proved (by his own life) that the old saying is true: "There is no fool like an old fool!"

However, Solomon finally came to his senses. His conclusion wasn't so negative. What he finally understood in his old age is that anything without God is of no value whatsoever! What makes life wonderful and full is our relationship with God (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

If you want to be closer to God, you have to get closer to Jesus, for He is brightness of God's glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high (Hebrews 1:3).

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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

- There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for teachers for children's church for kids ages 2-5 and ages 6-11.
- Nancy Richardson is in Pioneer Nursing Home and would love for you to stop by and say hi.
- David Smith has been moved to Pioneer for physical therapy. Please keep him and Debbie Lord in prayer.
- CourtneyAnn Minick's grandfather, David Minick, has terminal cancer. Please keep David, CourtneyAnn, and their family in prayer.
- Andrea Martz has a heat cath this Friday, January 24th. Please keep her in prayer.
- Dennis Dobbs, Shelby Qualls brother in law, had a leg amputated. Please keep Dennis and his wife Gwenda in prayer.

Opening Prayer.....Danny Runion
 Communion Reading.....Shelby Qualls
 Closing Prayer.....Kelley Don Webb



JANUARY

JOE COOPER CHIPPER LAMB	SHAWN WORTHAM BRENT QUALLS
<u>FEBRUARY</u>	
SHELBY QUALLS SANDERS LEE WYATT	BRENT QUALLS CHIP MASTER

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Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father and He washes sin filled people, then gives them access to a greater relationship with God.

Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to God's mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life (Titus 3:5-7).

If you have faith that hasn't been washed in God's mercy, through the washing of regeneration in baptism, receiving deep spiritual renewal of God's Holy Spirit, would you consider being baptized into Christ today and putting Jesus on and wearing Him like clothing?

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Galatians 3:27).

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, Bill Roland

Boyde Martin	Wilma Cooper	Phyllis Gilbreath	Dorothy Teague
Ruby Patillo	Joe Gultner	Cornelia Summers	Christie Haney
Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin	Joe Anne Hendrix
Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young	Regenia Gillihan
Regina Master	Shawna Teegarden	Gage Barns	John Ward

January Birthdays

Eula Faye Fulbright 1 st	Shayann Caraway 2 nd	Emma Caraway 3 rd
Marshall Branscum 3 rd	Anthony Weston 7 th	Emmitt Weston 8 th
Julie Teague 10 th	Kimberly Hoskinds 12 th	Harper Cotter 13 th
Melissa Lamb 14 th	Kiley Carter 14 th	Arlene Davidson 15 th
Lance Cannon 17 th	Charles Everett 19 th	Ken Bone 20 th
Wayne Crosby 20 th	Rusty Treat 20 th	Hannah Lamb 22 nd
David Hoskinds 23 rd	Sharon Watson 23 rd	Rhetha Lamb 24 th
Jeanette Everett 24 th	Trey Lamb 25 th	Daylee Brightwell 25 th
Zori Brightwell 25 th	Joe Paul Smith 28 th	Adam Hoskinds 31 st
		Caleb Gross 31 st

January Anniversaries

John & Marilyn Smith 18th
 Jack & Lisa Hendrix 24th

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.
 Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

2 Corinthians 4:4-6, "The god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers so they do not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. We preach Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as slaves. God said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," He has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

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