

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

- Tim Vest's back surgery went well. He is now at Pioneer for physical therapy and would love to have visitors stop in and say hi. He's in room #313.
- The Encouragement Group will resume meeting on Thursday, January 8th
- There will be a New Year's Eve party at the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, December 31st from 6pm to 12am. Not everyone will make it to midnight so bring a finger food and go home when you're ready :)
- There will be a meeting to discuss VBS on Sunday, January 18 @ 5pm in the Fellowship Hall

December 28, 2025

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Take the Harder Road

by Doug Wells

Building godly character is hard work. "Make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love" (2 Peter 1:5-7). It takes disciplined training to make these qualities a part of our lives. Breaking bad habits and creating new godly ones requires a daily focus for a long time. It takes the help of other Christians and accepting that help takes humility. There are many who would much rather focus on the flaws of someone else.

There is more than one way to build up confidence in who you are. You can work, grow, and daily reflect the light of Christ. Or you can focus on the shortcomings of those around you. "Well, I know I need to change but at least I'm not as bad as ol so and so." "Yes, I know I don't know my Bible well enough but at least I'm doing better than ol so and so over there who doesn't even know about repentance!"

Yes, that's certainly one way to feel better about yourself but unfortunately, cutting someone else's legs off doesn't make you one inch taller. Looking down on others doesn't make you a better person.

It is better to take the harder road. Take a moment today and examine your own life. (Matthew 7:1-5; 2 Corinthians 13:5). What are some areas that you can improve? What in the 2 Peter 1 list do you need to add to your character? What are you currently doing that God would like you to change? Are your prayer and reading habits what they should be? Do the hard work of asking yourselves these kind of questions and seek to improve the answers. Then you can have the confidence of knowing that you are doing what you can to be the person God wants you to be. That's a much more satisfying way of being happy about who you are.

Opening Prayer.....David Brightwell
Communion Reading.....Alan Love
Closing Prayer.....Chip Master



DECEMBER

Joe Cooper
Britan Treat

Rusty Treat
Zach Harber

JANUARY

Kelley Don Webb
Danny Brightwell

Randy Haney
Brad Sipe

Sunday Morning Bible Classes at 9:15 am

2-4 Yr Old	Sandra in Toddler Classroom #1
K-3rd	Jasmine in Classroom #5 & #6
4th-8th	Sally in Classroom #3
9th-College	Ryan in Classroom #7
Adults	David in the Auditorium

Children's Bible Class During the Sermon for 2026

Month	2-5 Yr Old Rm #2	6-8 Yr Old Rm #5&6
January	Lexi & Shayann	Betty
February	Diana	Tamra
March	Rory & Zori	Jamie
April	Zori & Harris	Natalie
May	Brittany	Valerie
June	Brittany	Christie
July	Brittany	Lacey
August	Anita	Trena
September	Lacey	
October		Abby
November		
December	Zori & Harris	Diana

Titus 2:11-12, "The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age."

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

Boyd Martin	Wilma Cooper	Phyllis Gilbreath	Dorothy Teague
Ruby Patillo	Joe Guiltner	Cornelia Summers	Tim Smith
Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin	Joe Anne Hendrix
Sanya Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young	Regenia Gillihan
			Regina Master

December Birthdays

Danny Brightwell 3 rd	Danny Runion 6 th	Callen Cooper 6 th
Roger Humphrey 10 th	Earlene Martz 11 th	Brad Teague 11 th
Kylea Morgan 14 th	Minnie Dutton 14 th	Shelby Qualls 14 th
Paulette Jubela 14 th	Kaden Williams 16 th	Tamra Brightwell 20 th
Shirley Guiltner 22 nd	Wanda Dill 23 rd	Rose Irvin 24 th
Darla Weaver 24 th	Deedra Watts 28 th	Abby Everett 28 th
Lavonia Roland 28 th	Brandy Kelly 29 th	

December Anniversaries

Rhett & Kiley Carter 16th

Dates to Remember

Ladies Bible Study will resume in the spring.
Men meet the 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

Manna House Items Needed Year Round

Canned Tuna and Canned Chicken
Items can be placed in the foyer in the green and blue plastic tubs.

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