

**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 8<sup>th</sup>
- There will be a meeting to discuss VBS on Sunday, January 18 @ 5pm in the Fellowship Hall
- Lavonia Roland is home sick. Please keep her in prayer as she recovers.
- Evan Ballard's father, Thomas Ballard, is still in the hospital with fluid on his chest. Please keep Thomas, Evan and their family in prayer.

January 4, 2026

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## **Fear God**

by Evan Butler

**"I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more they can do. But I will warn you who to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him!" (Luke 12:4-5)**

**In Jesus' parables we learn of those who did not give God the proper place in their lives. We are reminded of the rich fool in Luke 12. His life consisted of what he wanted to do for himself. He had been successful in his farming ventures. He was out of room to store his crops.**

**He developed a plan based on his thought that his life consisted of the abundance of his possessions (Luke 12:15). He did not give God the respect due Him and was told, "Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" (Luke 12:20).**

**Our pursuits should lead us to be rich toward God and His kingdom. To miss this point is to miss a life well lived in the sight and presence of God.**

**Proper recognition of God should bring about humility like the tax collector in Luke 18, who prayed to God as one in need of God's mercy. We need God's mercy, grace, and kindness. We will draw closer to the goal of seeing ourselves as God would have us to when we fear Him.**

**"The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).**

**Commitment and Application: Today I will look to develop riches toward eternal things.**

Opening Prayer.....Alan Love  
 Communion Reading.....Shelby Qualls  
 Closing Prayer.....Daylee Brightwell



**JANUARY**

**Kelley Don Webb  
 Danny Brightwell**

**Randy Haney  
 Brad Sipe**

**FEBRUARY**

**Sanders Lee Wyatt  
 Brent Qualls**

**Shelby Qualls  
 Robert Hartgrave**

**Sunday Morning Bible Classes at 9:15 am**

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|--------------------------------------|---|
| <b>2-4 Yr Old</b>                    | <b>Sandra in Toddler Classroom #1</b>   |
| <b>K-3<sup>rd</sup></b>              | <b>Jasmine in Classroom #5 &amp; #6</b> |
| <b>4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Sally in Classroom #3</b>            |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup>-College</b>        | <b>Ryan in Classroom #7</b>             |
| <b>Adults</b>                        | <b>David in the Auditorium</b>          |

**Children's Bible Class During the Sermon for 2026**

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

**Matthew 13:33, "He spoke another parable to them,  
 "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took  
 and hid in three pecks of flour until it was all leavened."**

**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

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

**January Birthdays**

Eula Faye Fulbright 1<sup>st</sup> Shayann Caraway 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Caraway 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Anthony Weston 7<sup>th</sup> Emmitt Weston 8<sup>th</sup> Julie Teague 10<sup>th</sup>  
 Kimberly Hoskinds 12<sup>th</sup> Harper Cotter 13<sup>th</sup> Melissa Lamb 14<sup>th</sup>  
 Kiley Carter 14<sup>th</sup> Arlene Davidson 15<sup>th</sup> Lance Cannon 17<sup>th</sup>  
 Esme' Marie Love 18<sup>th</sup> Charles Everett 19<sup>th</sup> Ken Bone 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Wayne Crosby 20<sup>th</sup> Rusty Treat 20<sup>th</sup> Hannah Lamb 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 David Hoskinds 23<sup>rd</sup> Sharon Watson 23<sup>rd</sup> Rhetha Lamb 24<sup>th</sup>  
 Jeanette Everett 24<sup>th</sup> Trey Lamb 25<sup>th</sup> Daylee Brightwell 25<sup>th</sup>  
 Zori Brightwell 25<sup>th</sup> Joe Paul Smith 28<sup>th</sup> Adam Hoskinds 31<sup>st</sup> Caleb Gross 31<sup>st</sup>

**January Anniversaries**

John & Marilyn Smith 18<sup>th</sup> & Jack & Lisa Hendrix 24<sup>th</sup>

**Dates to Remember**

Ladies Bible Study will resume in the spring.  
 Men meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.  
 Potluck every 5<sup>th</sup> 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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