

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 will be a meeting to discuss VBS tonight @ 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome, especially our young adults and anyone with kids!

January 18, 2026

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

To Catch a Thief

by Jay Launius

Marge Wilson had had enough! For the fourth morning in a row, she had gone to the chicken pen only to find feathers strewn about and one of her good laying hens gone.

She knew one thing for sure, the chicken-stealing varmint was consistent and it would surely be back for more. But this time she would be ready for him, waiting with shotgun in hand!

As Jesus spoke of His second coming and the final judgment of mankind, He compared the great event to a thief that comes in the night. Unlike Ms. Wilson's chicken-stealing varmint, the arrival of the Christ will be a total surprise.

"Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." (Matthew 24:42-44)

When the trumpet sounds and the voice of the archangel rumbles, every eye will see Christ and there will be surprise, shock, dismay, dread, and mourning by all non-believers. (1 Thes. 4:16; Rev. 1:7)

But for those of us who are watching, it will be a great and wonderful day!

"And now the prize awaits me—the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on the day of his return. And the prize is not just for me but for all who eagerly look forward to his appearing." (2 Tim. 4:8)

Opening Prayer.....Anthony Weston
Communion Reading.....David Brightwell
Closing Prayer.....Chip Master



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

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

Luke 12:39-40, "Understand this: If a homeowner knew exactly when a burglar was coming, he would not permit his house to be broken into. You also must be ready all the time, for the Son of Man will come when least expected."

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
Sanya Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young	Regenia Gillihan
			Regina Master

January Birthdays

Eula Faye Fulbright 1 st	Shayann Caraway 2 nd	Emma Caraway 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
Esme' Marie Love 18 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 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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