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Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Mediator and Intercessor

by Sam Willcut

Mediator means "one who intervenes between two parties, to make or restore peace, for ratifying a covenant." In Gal. 3:20, a mediator belongs to both parties, not one. In Galatians 3:19 Moses is a mediator. He brought God's Law to Israel, as the sole go-between for the nation of Israel and God. Deuteronomy 5:5, "I stood between the Lord and you at that time, to show you the word of the Lord."

Who is our mediator today? 1 Timothy 2:5, "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus". Jesus is our mediator today. Human sin broke relationship between God and man, and He restored harmony through His death on Calvary (Heb. 9:15). Only Jesus can relate both to God and to humanity, because He is not only divine, but He also "became flesh" (John 1:14); thus, only Jesus can identify with both parties as mediator.

Jesus serves as our Great High Priest perpetually (Heb. 9:24-28). What does "intercessor" mean? To encounter with request, to make entreaty. Jesus is not only our mediator, but also our intercessor (Heb. 7:25). However, Jesus is not alone in making intercession. Abraham interceded with God on behalf of Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 18:17-33). The Jews tried to intercede with Festus that Paul should be killed (Acts 25:24-25). Elijah interceded to God for the Israelites (Rom. 11:2; cf. 1 Kings 19:10). James stated that other Christians might intercede for us: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (5:16).

While many may intercede on our behalf, the Kingly High Priest role of mediator and intercessor belongs only to one—Jesus Christ who became our blood sacrifice and was victorious over death. Thanks be to all who intercede for us, especially Jesus Christ who saves!

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

- Senior Citizens, if you need help with changing a light bulb or even cleaning up your yard, you can call Anthony Weston at (870) 919-3236. If anyone in the church wants to help get in touch with Anthony.
- Michael Gillihan will have shoulder surgery on Tuesday at WRMC. Please keep him, Roy, and Lou in your prayers.
- We are in the process of building an online directory. Please text Ryan a family photo that has a pixel count of at least 1000 x 2000. If you need a picture taken, get in touch with Ryan to set up a time to meet him at the building.
- Please save the closest parking spots in the front for the elderly and make sure to not park in the fire lane directly in front of the building.

Opening Prayer.....Dalton Grigg
 Communion Reading.....Joe Cooper
 Closing Prayer.....Chip Master



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**Alan Love
Brent Qualls**

**Davis Love
Zach Harber**

APRIL

**Anthony Weston
Danny Runion**

**David Brightwell
Tyler Webb**

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 & Charlotte	Valerie
June	Brittany & Charlotte	Christie
July	Brittany & Charlotte	Lacey
August	Anita	Trena
September	Lacey	Shayann
October	Carly & Tiffany	Abby
November	Holly & Missy	Natalie
December	Zori & Harris	Diana

John 14:3-6, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself, that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way where I am going... I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but *through Me.*"

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, Wilma Cooper

Boyd Martin	Deena Shipley	Phyllis Gilbreath	Dorothy Teague
Ruby Patillo	Joe Guiltner	Cornelia Summers	Tim Smith
Asher Vickery	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin	Sanyia Austin
Charlotte Cooper	John Young	Regenia Gillihan	Regina Master

March Birthdays

Tyler Webb 1 st	Jamie Grigg 1 st	Joyce Clark 2 nd
Kim Rush 5 th	Justin Teague 5 th	Dorothy Teague 9 th
Beverly Barnes 9 th	Nova Tate 13 th	Tommy Taylor 21 st
Joe Guiltner 22 nd	Debbie Lord 23 rd	James Parnell 25 th
Jodie Sandoval 26 th	Mandy Haney Thomas 28 th	Chip Master 30 th
Andrea Martz 31 st		

March Anniversaries

David & Rita Hoskinds 3 rd	Jeff & Sarena Young 5 th
Dale & Anna Parish 9 th	Robert & Jasmine Hartgraves 28 th

Dates to Remember

Ladies meet on Monday's at 6p.m.
 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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