

**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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- 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.
- Ian Hammond had an appendectomy yesterday at Baxter. Please keep him, Nathan, and Lesa in prayer as he recovers.
- We are 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.
- We are booked at Let's Roll Roller Rink tonight from 4-6pm. We can come in at 3:30pm to set up for food and drinks. We start skating at 4pm. All ages are encouraged to come! Even if you don't skate come out to visit or shoot pool!
- 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.

April 12, 2026

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

**Parables**

by Raymond Sieg

**In Scripture, parables are used to convey messages. Some are short stories that illustrate a spiritual lesson. In the parable of the lost sheep, Jesus showed how a sinner's repentance produces joy in heaven. Other parables are comparisons, one of which is recorded in Matthew 13:44. In this particular parable, Jesus emphasized the value of the kingdom of heaven by comparing it to a treasure hidden in a field. When a man found the treasure and realized its great value, he sold everything he had and purchased the field.**

**Parables are also found in the Old Testament. For example, Jotham used an interesting parable involving trees to illustrate the folly of selecting Abimelech as king (Judges 9:6-20). Also, Nathan used a heart touching parable about a rich man's ruthless actions against a poor man to convict David of adultery and murder (2 Sam. 12:1-12). Although parables are found in the Old Testament, we are probably more familiar with Jesus' parables recorded in the New Testament.**

**As Jesus traveled throughout Palestine teaching, He often used parables. By doing so, He fulfilled a prophecy made years earlier (Matthew 13:34-35; Psalm 78:2). This fulfillment was important, but Jesus had another reason for teaching through parables.**

**In Matthew 13:10-13, "The disciples said to Him, "Why do You speak in parables?" Jesus said, "To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. For whoever has, to him *more* shall be given, and he will have an abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him. I speak to them in parables; because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand."**

**By using parables, Jesus revealed His will to those who wanted to know it while concealing it from those lacking spiritual discernment.**

Opening Prayer.....Chipper Lamb  
 Communion Reading.....Alan Love  
 Closing Prayer.....Daylee Brightwell



**APRIL**

**Anthony Weston  
 Danny Runion**

**David Brightwell  
 Tyler Webb**

**MAY**

**Joe Cooper  
 Cash Fowler**

**Dalton Grigg  
 Rusty Treat**

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

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

**Mark 12:28-34, "A scribe asked Jesus, "What commandment is the foremost of all?" He answered, "The foremost is, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said, "Teacher; You have truly stated...(these things). When Jesus saw that he had answered intelligently, He said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that, no one would dare to ask Him any more questions."**

**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

Boyde 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

**April Birthdays**

Betty Brightwell 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Bill Younger 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jack Harber 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Tyler Kelly 4 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Hill 7 <sup>th</sup>	Nicole Barnes 8 <sup>th</sup>
Derek Love 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tim Grisham 8 <sup>th</sup>	Imodean Webb 9 <sup>th</sup>
Lacey Weston 9 <sup>th</sup>	Eli Parnell 10 <sup>th</sup>	Carly Webb 11 <sup>th</sup>
Cleve Weaver 12 <sup>th</sup>	Melissa Morrison 14 <sup>th</sup>	Nancy Richardson 15 <sup>th</sup>
Jack Hendrix 15 <sup>th</sup>	Rhett Morrison 17 <sup>th</sup>	Torrey Bishop 18 <sup>th</sup>
Jasmine Hartgraves 21 <sup>st</sup>	Francis Gillihan 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Clint Everett 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Doug Sipe 25 <sup>th</sup>	Michelle Smith 26 <sup>th</sup>	Kenya Wyatt 29 <sup>th</sup>

**April Anniversaries**

**Dates to Remember**

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

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