

April 19, 2026

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## Jesus is a Priest Forever

by Glen Elliott

Jesus is "a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek (Heb. 7:17). Melchizedek is described earlier in the chapter as the "king of righteousness," the "king of Salem," and the "king of peace" (vs. 2). He is the one to whom Abraham paid tithes following his victory in rescuing Lot (Gen. 14:18-20). Due to the brevity of the historical record, of particular interest to the author of Hebrews is the fact that he is given neither beginning of days nor end of life (Heb. 7:3).

Hebrews stresses the superiority of Christianity over Judaism by drawing comparisons between the two covenants. One striking difference is seen by comparing the Levitical priesthood to the priesthood of Jesus Christ. In this regard, Jesus is compared to Melchizedek to show that Christ's priesthood is perpetual while to the Levitical priests were hindered both by death and human frailty. Since there is no record of the birth or death of Melchizedek, to the Jewish mind, he fulfills the image of a perpetual priesthood.

Those who claim Jesus as their priest today need to understand that such a priesthood would have been entirely impossible under the Levitical system. Hebrews 7:12 says, "when the priesthood is changed, of necessity there takes place a change of law also." Why a change of law? Because Jesus "descended from Judah, a tribe with reference to which Moses spoke nothing concerning priests" (Heb. 7:14). The Law of Moses specified that priests come from the tribe of Levi. Jesus was from the tribe of Judah. Therefore, Jesus could not be a priest unless there was a change of law. So, Jesus is a priest forever, not after the order of Aaron, but after the order of Melchizedek.

Today, Jesus is our great high priest. There is only "one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus..." (1 Tim. 2:5). Why turn to the false hope of human mediation when Jesus sits at the right hand of God and lives to intercede for His people? (Heb. 7:25).

**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

Sr. Citizens call Anthony Weston for mowing or home repairs (870) 919-3236

- Sr. Graduation party on Wednesday, April 29 @ 6pm. Meal provided.
- Sr. Graduation on Sunday, May 3 @ 2pm in the gym.
- Retta Lamb, Sharon Walker's sister, passed away. Please keep Sharon and her family in prayer.
- 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.
- Evan and Lexi Ballard's baby shower is this afternoon at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- Raye Smith benefit on Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at the Izard County Fairgrounds. Raye is the 4-year-old daughter of Garrett and Kayla Smith. Raye has been battling Retinoblastoma, and recently had her eye removed. This benefit can help to ease the burden of the many trips they have made and will continue to make to St. Jude in Memphis.

Opening Prayer.....Dalton Grigg  
 Communion Reading.....Rusty Treat  
 Closing Prayer.....Robert Hartgraves



**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>

**2 Corinthians 3:6-10, "God made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. But if the ministry of death, in letters engraved on stones, came with glory, how will the ministry of the Spirit fail to be even more with glory? For if the ministry of condemnation has glory, much more does the ministry of righteousness abound in glory. For indeed what had glory, in this case has no glory because of the glory that surpasses it."**

**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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