

May 3, 2026

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Our Team Name

by Edd Sterchi

Well football season is in full swing! If you were granted a new team to join the National Football League, what team name would you choose? Have you ever noticed that when teams choose an animal for a team name it is usually a ferocious one?

For example, in the NFL, we have the Bears, the Panthers, the Jaguars, the Bengals, and the Lions. Why isn't there a team named the Squirrels, the Chipmunks, or the Bunny Rabbits? Because it doesn't strike fear into an opponent. Fans like team names that sound like they could maul the opposition.

When Jesus sent out the seventy disciples on a mission trip in Luke 10, He gave them a team name, if you will. Do you know what it was? In verse 3 He told them this, "Go your way; behold I send you out as lambs among wolves." The "Jesus Christ Lambs" – what a team name! Lambs are helpless creatures. Why lambs?

Lambs are sheep, and sheep exist in a flock. And a shepherd feeds, guides, and protects the flock. If the sheep follow a good shepherd, then they will be successful. Jesus Christ is our Shepherd (John 10:14) and if we will completely trust in and follow Him, we will never be led astray. He will always see us through and He assures our victory.

When the disciples came back to Jesus and reported on their mission trip, they were excited and had not only defeated the wolves, but also reported, "even the demons are subject to us in Your name" (v.17).

You want to defeat the lions, the tigers, the bears, and the demons in your life? Then be a dutiful lamb of Jesus and keep your eyes focused on The Good Shepherd of our lives, as well as our eternal souls.

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

- Imodean Webb passed away. Her funeral will be Monday at 10am here at the building. Please keep the Webb family in prayer.
- Sr. Graduation on Sunday, May 3 @ 2pm in the gym.
- Adam & Jaclyn Cooper's baby shower is Sunday, May 17 @ 2pm in F.H.
- 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.
- Nick Servon was baptized into Christ on Monday. Please welcome Nick, his wife Jessica, and their children Blake, Lilly, & Easton to our church family!
- Raye Smith benefit on Saturday, May 9th at the Izard County Fairgrounds.
- 5th Sunday Potluck on May 31st. We will have a fish fry after worship and Chuck Crow will be our guest speaker.

Opening Prayer.....Shelby Qualls
 Communion Reading.....Alan Love
 Closing Prayer.....Chip Master



MAY

Joe Cooper
Cash Fowler

Dalton Grigg
Rusty Treat

JUNE

Daylee Brightwell
Alan Love

Brittan Treat
Brad Sipe

Sunday Morning Bible Classes at 9:15 am

2-4 Yr Old	Sandra in Toddler Classroom #1
K-3 rd	Jasmine in Classroom #5 & #6
4 th -8 th	Sally in Classroom #3
9 th -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

Hebrews 13:20-21, "Now may the God of peace—who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and ratified an eternal covenant with His blood—may He equip you with all you need for doing His will. May He produce in you, through the power of Jesus Christ, every good thing that is pleasing to Him. All glory to Him forever and ever! Amen."

Prayer List

Military: Derek & Allison Love **Officers:** Steve & Sherry Davidson, Jamie Irvin, Tyler Webb, Caeden Wolfe, Blake Johnson

Nursing Home: Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, 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	Regenia Gillihan	Regina Master	

May Birthdays

Carolyn Younger 3 rd	Peyton Love 5 th	Sonia Estes 5 th
Lydia Sipe 10 th	Levi Taylor 12 th	Kollin Hoskinds 12 th
Jeff Engles 13 th	Lisa Hendrix 14 th	Hudson Hartgraves 15 th
Tristan Elms 15 th	Ashton Curtis 18 th	Whitney Morehead 19 th
Doyle Wyatt 22 nd	Britan Treat 27 th	Marty Webb 28 th
Linda Taylor 31 st		

May Anniversaries

David & Tamra Brightwell 10 th	Joe & Holly Cooper 17 th
Clint & Abby Everett	Shelby & Ramona Qualls 25 th
Charles & Jeanette Everette 27 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.

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