

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

- Baby shower for Shawn & Zoe Wortham this afternoon at 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. It's a boy!
- VBS will be July 20th – 22nd from 5:45pm – 7:45 pm. Our theme this year is, "Jesus is the Light." There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer to bring snacks. There is also a stack of fliers in the foyer and we encourage you to invite kids ages preschool – 6th grade. Please take a flier and help us get the word out.
- Harrison Perry had a 48-hour test at Children's Hospital and got good news! Jessica Wortham had a recent doctor's appointment and is asking for prayers for no hysterectomy in the future.
- Elizabeth Taylor's brother-in-law, Robert Musser, passed away. Please keep Elizabeth's sister, Sarah Musser, in prayer as well as all their family.

July 12, 2026

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Light

by Ryan Driskill

History records for us an interesting footnote. It was during the dark winter of 1864. At Petersburg, Virginia, the Confederate army of Robert E. Lee faced the Union divisions of General Ulysses S. Grant.

The war was now three and a half years old and the glorious charge had long since given way to the muck and mud of trench warfare. Late one evening one of Lee's generals, Major General George Pickett, received word that his wife had given birth to a beautiful baby boy. Up and down the line the Southerners beg an building huge bonfires in celebration of the event. These fires did not go unnoticed in the Northern camps and soon a nervous Grant sent out a reconnaissance patrol to see what was going on.

The scouts returned with the message that Pickett had had a son and these were celebratory fires. It so happened that Grant and Pickett had been contemporaries at West Point and knew one another well, so to honor the occasion Grant, too, ordered that bonfires should be built.

What a peculiar sight it was. For miles on both sides of the lines fires burned. No shots fired. No yelling back and forth. No war fought. Only light, celebrating the birth of a child. But it didn't last forever. Soon the fires burned down and once again the darkness took over. The darkness of the night and the darkness of war.

Light is comforting. Light is warming. Light is inviting. Light brings people together in the darkest of circumstances. I suppose that is why Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life" (John 8:12).

In a world where we perceive so much darkness, we can find comfort in the promises of Jesus. No matter how dark it seems around us, I am blessed to walk in the path lit by my Savior Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer.....Sanders Lee Wyatt
 Communion Reading.....Alan Love
 Closing Prayer.....Joe Cooper



JULY

Kelley Don Webb
Shelby Qualls

Dalton Grigg
Robert Hartgraves

AUGUST

Danny Brightwell
David Brightwell

Brent Qualls
Daylee Brightwell

Sunday Morning Bible Classes at 9:15 am

2-4 Yr Old	Natalie 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	Charlotte	Valerie
June	Brittany & Charlotte	Christie
July	Charlotte	Lacey
August	Anita	Trena
September	Lacey	Shayann
October	Carly & Tiffany	Abby
November	Holly & Missy	Natalie
December	Zori & Harris	Diana

Proverbs 6:23, "The commandment is a lamp and the teaching is light; and corrective discipline is the way of life."

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 Coooper, Dottie McWherter, Nancy Richardson

Boyde Martin	Deena Shipley	Phyllis Gilbreath	Dorothy Teague
Ruby Patillo	Joe Guiltner	Cornelia Summers	Asher Vickery
Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin	Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper
Regenia Gillihan	Regina Master	Tim Massey	Seth Wortham

July Birthdays

Reid Runyan 1 st	Allison Love 3 rd	Kohl Caraway 4 th
Jennie Young 8 th	Jaxson Friend 9 th	Sam Cooper 9 th
Gunner Curtis 9 th	Ryan Lloyd 14 th	Robert Hargraves 15 th
Whitlee Everett 18 th	Davis Love 19 th	Dalton Grigg 19 th
Korey Caraway 20 th	Steve Davidson 21 st	Landon Kimble 21 st
Barbara Watson 22 nd	Bristol Smith 25 th	Regina Master 25 th
Valerie Ragsdell 27 th	Drew Love 27 th	Jack Treat 28 th
Mary Bone 31 st		

July Anniversaries

James & Renee' Parnell 4 th	Chip & Regina Master 5 th
Danny & Sue Condrey 6 th	Jim & Lisa Cooper 10 th
Sanders Lee & Melissa Wyatt 27 th	Zach & Jessica Harber 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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