

**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

- Frances Gillihan is in Pioneer Nursing Home room # 213.
- Joyce Clark's surgery went very well and she is at home recovering.
- Retha Miller passed away last week. Please keep Marc and the Miller family in prayer at this time.
- Tim Massey is almost done with chemo and radiation treatments. He is doing well at this time. Please keep him and Jennifer in prayer.

**August 9, 2026**

# Melbourne Church of Christ

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

## **You Can Make It Through!**

by Edd Sterchi

The trials and difficulties of life often seem overwhelming and heavy. Sadly, many Christians do not survive them with their faith intact. In 2 Corinthians 4, Paul gives us some encouragement that we can make it through with our faith stronger than ever. First, let's note that Paul himself was not immune to the burdens of life. In v.8 he admits, "We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed." What is it that caused him to be so optimistic and hopeful even in dark times? He gives a great list in the following verses:

Keep Jesus' sacrifice in mind (v.9-12). Paul was "always carrying about...the dying of the Lord Jesus." It was always on his heart and mind. Those thoughts guided the way he lived and spoke. Keep trusting in the Bible (v.13). Paul had faith in the things "according to what is written." He believed and relied upon the words and promises of God as recorded in His word.

Keep remembering that better things are coming (v.14). Paul knew God would "raise us up with Jesus." He knew that if his problems led to death, that would not be the end, but the beginning of a better life. Keep a right attitude (v.15). Paul kept on keeping on "for your sakes" and "to the glory of God." He knew that the right mindset would positively influence others and exalt God. Keep each day as a fresh start (v.16). Paul knew that "the inward man is being renewed day by day." He was certain that God would give him strength for the day.

What great reminders to us! We can make it through anything! Hang in there and remain eternally focused. "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal" (v.17-18).

Opening Prayer.....Anthony Weston  
 Communion Reading.....Dalton Grigg  
 Closing Prayer.....Alan Love



#### AUGUST

Danny Brightwell                      Brent Qualls  
 David Brightwell                      Daylee Brightwell

#### SEPTEMBER

Alan Love                                  Davis Love  
 Brent Qualls                              Sanders Lee Wyatt

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

|                                  |                                 |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 2-4 Yr Old                       | Natalie in Toddler Classroom #1 |
| K-3 <sup>rd</sup>                | Jasmine in Classroom #5 & #6    |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> | Sally in Classroom #3           |
| 9 <sup>th</sup> -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              |

**1 Timothy 4:9-10, "It is a trustworthy statement  
 deserving full acceptance. For it is for this we labor and  
 strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God."**

#### Prayer List

**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,  
 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     |

#### August Birthdays

|                                     |                                    |                                     |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Melissa Wyatt 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | Vicki Watson 3 <sup>rd</sup>       | John Walker 3 <sup>rd</sup>         |
| Melba Gillihan 4 <sup>th</sup>      | Geryl "Doc" Taylor 5 <sup>th</sup> | Destany Bruyette 6 <sup>th</sup>    |
| John Smith 8 <sup>th</sup>          | Tiffany Webb 10 <sup>th</sup>      | Holly Cooper 12 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Greyson Hartgraves 12 <sup>th</sup> | Alex Green 13 <sup>th</sup>        | Addy Kimble 14 <sup>th</sup>        |
| Brent Qualls 15 <sup>th</sup>       | Abe Cooper 15 <sup>th</sup>        | Anita Love 17 <sup>th</sup>         |
| Tim Vest 20 <sup>th</sup>           | Diane Zook 20 <sup>th</sup>        | Jimmie Young 22 <sup>nd</sup>       |
| Dottie McWherter 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | Jordan Kimble 23 <sup>rd</sup>     | Theodora Ballard 24 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Ashley Smith 26 <sup>th</sup>       | Rhonda Cooper 26 <sup>th</sup>     | Ramona Qualls 26 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Roby Cooper 26 <sup>th</sup>        | Jenna Harber 27 <sup>th</sup>      | Sarena Young 28 <sup>th</sup>       |
| Shawn Wortham 28 <sup>th</sup>      | Sanders Lee Wyatt 31 <sup>st</sup> | Annabell Pritchard 31 <sup>st</sup> |

#### August Anniversaries

|                                           |                                            |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Tommy & Sandra Taylor 10 <sup>th</sup>    | David & Debbie Rogers 11 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Danny & Betty Brightwell 12 <sup>th</sup> | Kelley Don & Tiffany Webb 13 <sup>th</sup> |
| Adam & Jaclyn Cooper 16 <sup>th</sup>     | Charley & Brandy Kelly 20 <sup>th</sup>    |
| Nick & Jessica Servon 21 <sup>st</sup>    | Cleve & Darla Weaver 21 <sup>st</sup>      |
| Joe & Shirley Guiltner 23 <sup>rd</sup>   | Doyle & Diana Wyatt 29 <sup>th</sup>       |

#### 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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