

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

- Zayd Cub Wortham was born on August 10 and weighs 7lbs. 15oz and 20 3/4" long. Congrats to Shawn and Zoe!
- Nicole Barnes was baptized recently and Madelyn Bohmfalk was baptized last Sunday! Please welcome them to the family in Christ that meets here!
- Frances Gillihan is in Pioneer Therapy and Living for physical therapy following a broken femur. Her room is 213 and she appreciates visitors.
- Rhett Carter is in ICU at UAMS in Little Rock. Please keep the Carter and Webb families in prayer.
- Sarena Young's back surgery went well and she is at home recovering.
- Donations for tissue and hand sanitizer are being collected for local schools until September 6th. Money can be given to Dalton or Jamie Grigg to go to Sams to buy these items.
- Back to school bash on August 30th! Where? Batesville Community Center and Aquatics at 6:30pm. See David or Tamra Brightwell for more details.

August 23, 2026

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

Remaining Faithful

by Bobby Stafford

The Call to Persevere: Remaining faithful to the Lord is a constant theme in Scripture. The Christian life is not a short sprint but a lifelong race. God's word repeatedly calls His people to endure, to stand firm, and to hold fast to their commitment in Christ. This requires daily dedication, a heart focused on His promises, and a determination to resist temptation and remain true to faith in God.

Faithfulness in Trials: James 1:12 promises a crown of life to those who persevere under trial, for they will receive the reward the Lord has promised to those who love Him. Faithfulness is proven in adversity. When life is difficult, our resolve is tested. These moments reveal whether our devotion is genuine or superficial. Remaining faithful means trusting God with the outcome when we can't see it.

Guarding Against Falling Away: Hebrews 3:12 warns us of an evil heart of unbelief that departs from the living God. Falling away does not happen instantly, it often begins with neglecting prayer, worship, and study of God's word. We must guard our hearts by keeping Christ at the center of our thoughts and decisions. Staying close to Christ, His word, and His people strengthens us against spiritual decline.

Encouraging One Another: The church plays a crucial role in helping us remain faithful. Hebrews 10:24-25 instructs us to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. Fellowship and mutual encouragement help keep our faith strong. God designed His people to grow together, supporting one another through trials, and rejoicing together in victories.

A Promise for the Faithful: Revelation 2:10 offers God's assurance: "Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life." This promise motivates us to persevere no matter the cost. Remaining faithful is not just about avoiding sin — it is about finishing the race with a steadfast devotion to Christ that endures to the very end.

Opening Prayer.....Joe Cooper
 Communion Reading.....Alan Love
 Closing Prayer.....Danny Runion



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-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

Colossians 1:22-23, "Christ reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, to present you before Him holy, blameless, and beyond reproach—if you continue in the faith steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel that you have heard."

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

August Anniversaries

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