

Melbourne Church of Christ

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

You Are Valuable To God

by Michael Foresha

Because of our keen awareness to our own imperfections, we are made to wonder, as did the Psalmist, "What is man, that You are mindful of him" (Psalm 8:4)? I wonder, just as you do, how God could still love us after all our sins?

The answer to this great question came in the form of a crimson and gray scarf. Let me explain. You may have noticed the colors of the scarf, crimson and gray, are Ohio State's colors. My wife, son and I moved from West Virginia to Ohio. We enjoyed great blessings while we lived there, especially our two daughters who were born in Elyria, Ohio. They have remained faithful to their place of birth, at least by the college team they cheer for. With their love for Ohio, they enjoy wearing Ohio State clothing.

My wife made each daughter a scarf in their favorite team's colors. They wore them to school every day. Then one day, they decided to play in the snow after school. They played until they were too cold to argue anymore, and they came inside. We noticed only our youngest daughter Mackenzie still had her scarf on.

So, I took a walk outside to look for Michaela's scarf. I retraced their steps, but could not find the scarf. I was not worried, I figured she might have left it at school. We thought she had it on when she came home, but we didn't know for sure. We reassured Michaela that it was probably at school, and she would be able to get it the following day. The next day came and no scarf at school. A few more trips around the house and no scarf. We searched inside and outside the house, but no scarf. This went on for a while and Michaela, though saddened, hoped it would be found.

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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.**



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Family News

- The sign-up sheet for food for Ladies Day is on the table in the foyer. Salads and desserts are needed.
- Fellowship hall cleanup for Ladies Day is on May 30th at 9 a.m.
- Ladies Day is on June 1st. The theme this year is: Stress & Anxiety and Joy in the Lord. Registration is from 9-9:30 a.m. Sandra Taylor and Betty Brightwell are the speakers.
- Corey Trotter (Ryan's cousin) has a brain tumor wrapped around optical nerves and the carotid artery. Surgery is being scheduled. Please keep Corey and his family in your prayers.
- Memorial contribution for Ronnie Adkisson: Bill & Carolyn Younger
- Sermons and bulletins available at Melbournechurchofchrist.com

OPENING PRAYER Chip Master

CLOSING PRAYER Kelly Don Webb



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ALAN LOVE

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DAVIS LOVE

JUNE

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ALAN LOVE

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DAVIS LOVE

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It was about a month and a half that the scarf was lost. Then one day as I made my way across the parking lot, I noticed something crimson and gray lying in the ditch. I picked it up, and it was wet and dirty, so I put it on the small concrete wall in the corner of the lot, hoping it would dry out a little. I went about my task and returned about fifteen minutes later and the scarf was gone. I looked around and saw Michaela walking towards me. Her smile was bigger than the scarf. There it was around her neck, dirt, water, and all. It was lost and now was found, though dirty and stained (and stinky) it was loved just the same.

Likewise, it matters not to God how dirty we get along the way, God still sees our value and wants to possess us. We are God's creation—His offspring—and He will never stop loving us. Are you valuable? Absolutley! Stop selling yourself short. Do you feel guilty for your sins? Good! The next step is to do something about it.

"Sorrow that is according to the will of God produces repentance without regret, leading to salvation" (2 Cor 7:10). "God is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).

Prayer List

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

Nursing Home: Al Gillihan, Debbie Hoskinds, Imodean Webb, Troy Gaston, Sue Campbell, Barbara Watson, Bill Wiseman

Ted Kidd	Wilma Cooper	Peggy Hall	Dorothy Teague
Bill Roland	Joe Guiltner	Debbie Crow	Cornelia Summers
Christie Haney	Joanna Smith	Wayne Crosby	Brooke Partin
Gary Brown	Sanyia Austin	Charlotte Cooper	John Young
Regenia Gillihan	Regina Master	Shawna Teegarden	John Ward
Boyde Martin	Gage Barns	Toby Weatherford	Ruby Patillo

May Birthdays

Carolyn Younger 3 rd	Peyton Love 5 th	Lydia Sipe 10 th
Levi Taylor 12 th	Kollin Hoskinds 12 th	Tristan Elms 15 th
Whitney Morehead 19 th	Doyle Wyatt 22 nd	Marty Webb 28 th
Linda Taylor 31 st		

May Anniversaries

David & Tamra Brightwell 10 th	Joe & Holly Cooper 17 th
Shelby & Ramona Qualls 25 th	Charles & Jeanette Everette 27 th
Billy & Peggy Beebe 30 th	

Dates to Remember

Ladies Night Out 4th Monday of every month @ 6 p.m. bring a finger food.
Ladies Bible Study 1st, 2nd, 3rd Monday @ 6 p.m.
Men meet 3rd Sunday of every month for breakfast @ 8 a.m.
Family game night every 4th Sunday from 5-7 p.m. bring a finger food.
Potluck every 5th Sunday after services, please bring a dish.

Philippians 3:13-14, "One thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."