

# The McLish Avenue Messenger

This is the message we have heard from Him... God is Light (1 John 1:5).

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Who made this quote and where is it found in Scripture?

“Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it.”

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study ..... 9:30 am

Worship ..... 10:30 am

Worship ..... 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study ..... 7:00 pm

## Whither thou goest, I will go

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The book of Ruth is a story of love and loyalty that transcends the hands of time. When Naomi lost her husband and her two sons in the gentile land of Moab, sorrow overwhelmed her and she determined to return home. In her time of difficulty her heart stayed true and she pleaded with her two daughters in law, Orpah and Ruth, to remain behind in their homeland, and to start their lives anew. While Orpah gladly took advantage of the opportunity, Ruth refused to depart from Naomi's side. Her beautiful statement of loyalty and devotion resonates clearly even today—"...Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God" (Ruth 1:16). Ruth's example of loyalty gives us a beautiful pattern to follow.

We must be loyal to Jehovah our God. There is not a man or woman alive who has ever endured the travesty that Job did. Yet, his faithfulness to God stood firm. "Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him: but I will maintain mine own ways before him" (Job 13:15). Circumstances do not always make it easy to maintain our commitments. But God has always kept His commitments to us even when we have disappointed Him. The children of Israel were

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constantly going to and fro between Jehovah and Baal. Because of their disloyalty God punished them. We need to learn from their example and personify the statement of Habbakuk—"Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation" (Hab 3:17-18).

Our loyalty must also extend to our friends and family members. When David tried to cover his sin with Bathsheba by calling her husband Uriah home from battle, Uriah's loyalty trumped David's evil plot. Instead of going home to be with his wife, Uriah slept at the door of the King's house because he refused to enjoy the pleasures of home while his men were on the battle field (2 Sam.11:6-13). A good friend is a loyal friend. In fact, loyalty should be a requirement for friendship. When our friends and family members need us to help them through a difficult situation, we need to stand beside them and help them the way Christ would want us too!

We must also be loyal to ourselves. Proverbs

## Children's homes Westview Boys'

Home will be here in November and requests the following items. Foods: sugar, canned pumpkin, Velveeta, bacon bits, 100% juice, canned chicken, chocolate chips, hamburger pickle slices, green/red enchilada sauce, peanut butter or cheese crackers. Other: deodorant, toilet paper, Pledge, black dress socks, men's boxers.



11:3 says, "The integrity of the upright shall guide them. ..." When temptation arises we must be true to ourselves and maintain our commitment to holiness. This lesson is especially important for young people who struggle with indescribable peer pressure on a daily basis. When we are loyal to who we are as the people of God, we can rest assured that no one can bring any charge against us. In 1 Samuel 12 the prophet testified to his integrity. "Behold, here I am: witness against me before the Lord, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or of whose hand have I received any bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you. And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken ought of any man's hand" (1 Sam.12:3-4). Samuel knew that he had been loyal to himself, his God, and his friends and family. If we are loyal like Ruth was to Naomi, we will be able to stand in our integrity just like Samuel!



## Annual Fish Fry Thursday,

October 20th the Over 39ers will host a fish fry for the congregation. Please bring side dishes and desserts. Plan to be at the building at 6 pm for plenty of fish and fellowship.

## Wedding shower

After evening services on Sunday, October 23rd, there will be a wedding shower for **Sherrita Jenkins and Jody Bright** in the fellowship area. They are registered at both Wal-Mart and Target. Please bring finger foods to share as we celebrate their up-coming marriage.



## Prayer List



**Huberta Fore** is recovering from a cornea transplant last Thursday. **Tomi Harness** had outpatient surgery on her back last week. Betty Higgins asks for prayers for a co-worker, **Robert Lynn**, who had a pacemaker put in and is on the waiting list for a transplant. Please continue to remember: **Ken Lewis • Amy Padgett • Vernie Jones • Sue Mann • Scott Saner's father, Ken • MaryAnn Ashley • Frankie Duncan • Sherrita Jenkins and Jamie Plymale's grandmother, Billie Barnes • Jean Parker • Sharon Chamberlin's mother • Joyce Gilliams's sister • Kay Reed's granddaughter, Allison • Bill Minyard • Lois Cochran • Nancy Austin • Jamie Feroli • Lucy Hagan • Mary Hughes • Virgie Birchfield • Steve Mann • Raymond Green, a neighbor of the Denisons • Jerry Beavers • Madeline Minyard • Jeanine Phipps • Guyn Waddle • Jimmye Jacobson • Eva Mae Gibbs • Murray Goforth • Jerry & Glenda Vinson • Vernon Padgett • and those shut in/nursing home members.**

**Congratulations!** September 26th saw the birth of the latest in the Aldridge clan. **Brandy Jacob Rosen** was born weighing 7 lbs 10 oz and was 20 inches long. Her grandparents are David and Liz Aldridge and great-grandparents are Chock and Mary Aldridge. October 5th saw the addition of **Laura Ashlynn Feroli** to the Feroli family. She made her appearance weighing 6 lbs 13 oz and was also 20 inches long. Her grandparents are John and Jami Feroli.



**Men's prayer breakfast** The next men's prayer breakfast will be Tuesday, October 11th here at the building at 7 am. Breakfast will be cooked on site. See Cody if you can help.

**Ladies' gathering** All the ladies are encouraged to be at the building this Thursday night at 6:30 for a time of fellowship. There is a sign-up list on the back bulletin board for dishes to bring.

**Service for the Savior** The next outreach meeting will be after evening services tonight. Bring finger foods to share.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### October

- 8 Mary Ashley
- 11 Chelsea Aldridge  
Vernon & Arlene Castleman '63
- 12 Randy Scott  
Darrelyn Phillips
- 14 Louise Harris
- 15 Mary Hughes
- 16 Harold Dillard  
Gracie Smith  
Kevin & Jennifer McGee '09
- 17 Austin Fletcher
- 18 Courtney Westbrook
- 20 Brenda Anderson
- 21 Earl Mann  
Kevin Pendergrass
- 22 Vicki Willingham  
Teen Stewart
- 23 Jimmye Jacobson
- 24 Clifford Bateman  
Ray & Tomi Harness '86
- 25 Ginger Waller
- 26 Ray Harness
- 29 Jazmin McGee
- 31 Marie Cornish

### November

- 2 Vernon Castleman
- 3 James Nix
- 6 Tomi Harness
- 7 Pam Schumacher  
Tamela Millhollon
- 9 Wanda Shellenberger
- 12 Murray Goforth
- 13 Jerry & Glenda Vinson  
Laura Austin

**Questions answered** Each fifth Sunday night Cody wants to answer Biblical questions from you! Please write down your question and place it in the box on Cody's study door.

**Pumpkin patch** A trip is being planned for the pumpkin patch on Saturday, October 22nd. More details to follow.

**Hobo stew / Fall festival** With the cooler weather comes plans for the annual hobo stew and fall festival. Bring a can or two of your favorite vegetable to add to the stew and leave it in the kitchen by Wednesday



the 26th. That night desserts are welcomed! There is still plenty to do for the festival. We are looking for folks without small children to come and help with the games. If you have an activity idea or can help, let Ron Jones know. Mark your calendars and keep Saturday, October 29th free!

**Ladies Bible class** Any of the ladies that are available for Bible class at 10 am on Wednesdays are encouraged to meet at the building.

**Kevin's speaking schedule**

- Oct 9-12 Lubbock Lectures, TX
- Oct 16-19 Gospel Meeting at Pottsboro church of Christ, Pottsboro TX



- October 11**  
7:00 am Men's prayer breakfast at the building
- October 12**  
10:00 am Ladies Bible class  
7:00 pm Ronnie Byrd gives devotional
- October 13**  
6:30 pm Ladies gathering at building
- October 19**  
10:00 am Ladies Bible class  
7:00 pm Ron Jones gives devotional

**Those to Serve Today**

Announcements.....	Ronnie Byrd		
Lord's Supper	Lovel Hughes	James Gravelle	Earl Mann
	Ray Harness	Scott Saner	Steve Mann
Song Leader.....	Randy Scott	PM Opening.....	F.A. Shellenberger
AM Scripture .....	James Nix	PM Closing .....	Alex Vinson
AM Opening.....	Vernon Castleman	PM Lord's Supper.....	James Gravelle
AM Closing.....	Larry Waller		
Greeters Oct 9 & 12 .....	Chock & Mary Aldridge, Ruth Parker		



**Broadcast Schedule**

- Dish Network Channel 262 / Angel One Network Channel 101 Wed 6 am CST & Thur 6 pm CST
- KSBI-TV 52 Sun 8:30 am
- KXII-TV / CableOne Channel 2 Sun 7 am
- Oct 9 How Do We Know the Bible is from God?
- Oct 16 The Importance of Church Order

*Quote from front page: (NKJV) Genesis 28:16*

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