

# The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

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*The following is the last verse of  
what book of the Bible?*

“Who is wise? Let him understand  
these things. Who is prudent? Let him  
know them. For the ways of the LORD  
are right; The righteous walk in them,  
But transgressors stumble in them.”

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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

## TGOC Announces New Short Videos

James Gravelle

For some time now those of us at *The Gospel Of Christ* have been working quietly behind the scenes to produce what we are referring to as “short videos” that we can post on various Websites such as YouTube and Tangle. Ben, Kevin, and James have each contributed to this effort. We now are happy to announce that the first eight lessons (ranging in length from four to eight minutes) are online.

We believe that these short video lessons represent valuable teaching tools, especially since the videos are located on Websites other than our own. The location of these videos also increases the chances that people will learn about *The Gospel Of Christ* and visit our Website to see what else we have available. In fact, we already have heard from several people who discovered us for the first time through these short videos. One Christian in Canada wrote:

“I just stumbled onto your website through Tangle.com, and want to give you a huge compliment on the content. I watched a 7-minute video with the young fellow sharing the entire plan of salvation. Excellent! I am a member of the church of Christ in Ontario, Canada. We are a small (some would say struggling) congregation of the Lord’s people that could use some prayers. We (as far as I know) are the only congregation in the area that preaches the whole counsel of God, especially as it pertains to salvation. To hear the Gospel on your Website was most, most refreshing. Thank you, and God bless.”

While there are numerous religious videos on YouTube, and while Tangle is a religiously based Website, there are not many videos on either site that actually teach the Truth. Those of us at TGOC do not

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claim to be “a lone voice crying in the wilderness,” but we would like the Gospel message to be found in as many places as possible, which is in keeping with the motto that describes our mission and goal: “Taking the WHOLE gospel to the WHOLE world!”

In just the few short weeks our first short videos have been online, over 1,700 people have viewed them on the Tangle site alone. Currently, our short-video offerings include the following titles:

- “Are You A Faithful Christian?”
- “Are You Sure You Are Saved?”
- “Bible Authority”
- “Did You Know that The Bible Says Satan is Real?”
- “Did You Know that The Bible Says There is Only One Church?”
- “Did You Know that The Bible Says We Can Know We Are Saved?”
- “Did You Know that The Bible Says We Should Go To Church?”
- “The Thief on the Cross”

We invite all McLish members to view each of these videos, which are available at the following Web addresses:

[www.tangle.com/thegospelofchrist](http://www.tangle.com/thegospelofchrist)  
[www.youtube.com/thegospelofchrist](http://www.youtube.com/thegospelofchrist)

We also would like to encourage you to log onto either or both of the above Websites in order to help us “spread the news” about our latest video offerings. Feel free to rate the videos, leave comments, link to them, add the two Websites to your bookmarks or favorites, and tell your friends, acquaintances, relatives, and coworkers about them. We do not necessarily expect any of our videos to become “viral” (a term used for those top videos that are watched millions of times), but the more activity our videos receive, the greater the likelihood will be that word will spread throughout both the Tangle and YouTube communities about the important, life-changing message that the videos are offering.

As time allows, we plan to produce additional short videos, which we will be announcing in our bi-weekly electronic newsletter as well as on the home page of our Website.

**Response** Sunday sis **Jaccie Pirtle** asked for prayers for herself and her family to put God first in their lives. Please take each opportunity given you to encourage others as we all strive to live a life pleasing to God.

## Outreach Groups

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### Group 1

Chock & Mary Aldridge  
Ron & Peggy Jones  
Ray & Tomi Harness  
James & Tammy Gravelle  
Ronnie Byrd  
Steve Mann  
Scott & Tina Saner  
Jaccie Pirtle

### Group 2

James & Dana Meece  
David & Linda Johnson  
Ben & Christie Bailey  
Betty Higgins  
Harold & Martha Dillard  
Pat Ballard & Vickie Fletcher  
Bill & Gail Stewart  
Earl & Sue Mann

### Group 3

Vernon & Arlene Castleman  
Sharon Ryan & Christy Murray  
Cecil Hargrove  
Lovel & Mary Hughes  
Lonnie Harris  
Rick & Suzanne Tidwell  
Tom Matlock  
Sharlene Wallis & Rebecca

## Prayer List



Betty Higgins had a car accident and broke an ankle in two places. The last report was that she will need to have surgery on that ankle. She has also been diagnosed with stage 3 fibrosis of the liver. Right now they hope to start a 12 week treatment in May. Rebecca Stafford needs one more chemo treatment before they can perform the surgery to remove a rib. Donald Moyers, a relative to the Manns, had half his stomach removed last week. Pat Morrison, Olga

Sue Stinson's sister, has surgery last Monday. Please continue to remember: **Jaccie Pirtle • Sue Mann • Jean Parker • Virgie Burchfield • Frank Pennington • Tabitha Ray-Barton • Bo Fore • Mary Ann Ashley • Marie Williams • Harold & Martha Dillard's daughter Carole Grammer • Gloria Clark's father, KL Murphey • Marty Stinson • Norma Perkins' friend, Jerry Lover • Ben Tomlinson's mother Nita • Dorthea Phillips • Madeline Minyard • Jerry & Glenda Vinson • Harry Phipps • Nelda Hamilton, Norma Perkins' sister • Sharon Ryan's mother, Mary Griffith • Larry Ryan's mother, Lorraine • Judy Grammer • Peggy Jones' sister, Mary Warner • Pat Ballard's mother • Jamie Feroli • Jamie Feroli's mother, JoAnn Watson, and grandmother •** and those shut in/nursing home members.

**Gospel meeting** Please pick up and distribute the flyers for our meeting the week of April 19th with Darwin Hunter. Bro Hunter will be speaking on the theme of "Telling the Story of Jesus." We will also have a fellowship meal that Sunday noon.

**Outreach opportunity** Rick Popejoy and other members from the Lindsay congregation are planning a trip to Belle MO May 1-3 for a door knocking campaign. They are looking for help. If you can assist with this effort, please let James Gravelle know.

**Directory change** Please update Kathie Clifton's phone number to 319-1673. The Bugbees' street address should be changed to 2021 4th NW #40. Larry Jones' address should be changed to 703 A Street NW, here in Ardmore.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### April

- 12 Robert Schumacher
- 13 Dorothea Phillips  
Norma Perkins
- 15 Savanna Mann
- 16 Bessie Childress  
Melba Wallace  
Chock Aldridge  
Jerry Beavers
- 21 Scott & Tina Saner '84
- 25 J.W. Hobbs
- 26 Lowell Keeton  
Bea Atnip

### May

- 2 Kaitlin Aldridge
- 6 Sean Bugbee
- 7 Todd Hicks
- 8 Arlene Castleman  
Bo & Huberta Fore '51
- 11 Bo Fore
- 14 Claire Castleman  
Floyd Johnson
- 16 Rhenea Aldridge
- 18 Ben Bailey
- 19 Edith Hobbs
- 20 Christie Fredman
- 21 Gerald Beavers
- 23 Alex Vinson  
Brooke Murray  
Larry Waller
- 26 Chock & Mary Aldridge

### June

- 1 Colton Feroli

**Teachers** Todd Hicks is looking for additional teachers to rotate into our classes. If you have taught in the past, or would like to start teaching, please let Todd know. The new quarter is just around the corner.

**Cookout** The over 39ers will host a wiener roast at **JW & Edith Hobbs'** on May 23rd at 6 pm. Hot dogs and buns will be provided. Bring side dishes, desserts and lawn chairs. Please make plans to attend this time to share together.



**Seniors** If you have a graduating senior in your family this spring, please be sure to let Mary Aldridge, Arlene Castleman or Dana Meece know. They are starting to plan the annual banquet.

**Thank you** to Vicki Fletcher and all those that helped with the egg hunt yesterday.

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## Those to Serve Today

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Announcements.....Ron Jones

Lord's Table.....Harold Dillard	Randy Scott	David Johnson
F.A. Shellenberger	Robert McClanahan	Bobby Wallace

Song Leader.....Scott Saner	PM Opening Prayer.....Chock Aldridge	
AM Opening Prayer .....James Meece	PM Closing Prayer.....Alex Vinson	
AM Scripture .....Bill Stewart	PM Lord's Supper.....Randy Scott	
AM Closing Prayer .....John Johnson		

Greeters Apr 12 & 15..... FA Shellenberger, Earl & Sue Mann

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### *Elders*

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**Charles Aldridge**  
710 15th NW  
223-4602

**Vernon Castleman**  
3533 Dogwood Road  
223-0983

**James Meece**  
909 Davis  
223-7637

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### *Deacons*

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**Fred Bellomy**  
223-3240

**Martin Dotson**  
226-6450

**James Gravelle**  
223-7911

**Todd Hicks**  
504-2829

**Ron Jones**  
223-7268

**Steve Mann**  
223-7246

**Scott Saner**  
226-2920

**Jerry Vinson**  
223-3865



## April 15

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class  
7:00 pm Floyd Johnson gives devotional

## April 16

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet

## April 19

Our meeting with Darwin Hunter begins noon Fellowship meal

## April 22

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class  
7:00 pm James Meece gives devotional

## April 29

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class  
7:00 pm Vernon Castleman gives devotional



Seventh (2009) anniversary McLish Avenue congregation

## May 2

Duncan Teacher's workshop

## May 3

12 noon Fellowship Meal