

The McLish Avenue Messenger

This is the message we have heard from Him... God is Light

(1 John 1:5).

April 11, 2010

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This New Testament passage quotes an Old Testament passage. Where is the Old Testament passage found?

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams.”

Acts 2:17 (NKJV)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 am

Worship10:30 am

Worship6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 pm

Gospel Meeting April 18-21

Buy the Truth

“Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.” Proverbs 23:23

The Value & Need for Truth
Ben Bailey Sunday class

God’s Word is Truth
Floyd Johnson Sunday morning services

The Truth About Morality
Cole Tidwell Sunday evening services

The Truth About Heaven & Hell
Kevin Pendergrass Monday evening at 7:00

The Truth About Baptism
Larry Jones Tuesday evening at 7:00

The Truth About the Kingdom
James Gravelle Wednesday evening at 7:00

Stand Up for Truth!

Ben Bailey

In our world of all-acceptance, it is easy for Christians to be tempted to bow at the altar of compromise. Instead of standing up for the Lord and His Word, too often we give in to the mentality to “go along to get along.” All of us must admit that times of conflict and confrontation are not at all enjoyable. Yet, when we compromise the truth or remain silent on biblical issues, are we doing anyone a favor? Let’s look at a few biblical examples where it would have been easier to compromise and determine who that would have ultimately helped.

It sure would have been a lot easier if Noah would have told the people that everything was “A-okay” with God instead of preaching a message of repentance and destruction (Gen. 6). However, if Noah would have compromised the truth or simply remained silent who would that have helped when the flood came? No one. Noah himself would have been lost for not preaching the word as God commanded. It would have been much more in line with popular view for Caleb and Joshua to give in to the “grasshopper-complex” rather than to put their trust in God. However, these men spoke an unpopular truth because they were trying to please God not men. John the Baptist could have very easily saved his head by compromising his views on marriage, divorce and remarriage to evil King Herod. Yet, John boldly stated, “It is not lawful for you to have your brother’s wife” (Mark 6:18). Was John trying to hurt Herod’s feelings or did he have Herod’s best interest at heart? John was more concerned about Herod’s soul than making him happy for the moment. I wonder if God was pleased with what John said, or should he simply have “kept his nose in his own business”? I know God was pleased with John when our Lord said, “Among those born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist” (Matt 11:11). Our Lord would have lived a lot longer and been a lot more popular if he had accepted the hypocritical Pharisees as they were, overlooked the sin of the Scribes and tax collectors, and viewed life with the “I’m okay, you’re

okay” philosophy. Had Jesus done these things, would He be our Savior and would He have been pleasing to God? No! Jesus was the great Teacher and King of Israel because of His willingness to put God’s will before human feeling and emotion. From these great men of the Bible we learn that bowing at the altar of compromise will not do anyone, including ourselves, a favor now or in eternity.

Christians today must follow the same example of these great men of the Bible and stand up for the truth. We will not do anyone a favor by compromising or not standing up for the truth of God’s word. In fact, won’t it be a sad day when we stand at the Judgment bar of God and have to give an account for not teaching and standing up for the truth (Ezek 3). Stop and think about it friend. If you tell someone the truth of God’s word and they don’t obey it, who is to blame and who will give an account for their soul? The Bible teaches they alone will (Read Ezek 33:2-5). If they hear the truth and decide not to obey it, they will have to give an account for that not you. You did what you could by speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15). However, if we compromise God’s truth or we suddenly become the Lord’s silent partner on biblical issues, who will give an account for those who are lost by our lack of courage? The Bible teaches both parties will give an account on the day of Judgment (Read Ezek 33:6). Dear friend, the Bible pleads with you to stand up for the truth of God’s word and be a person of courage! May we be encouraged by the words of the Lord to Joshua: “Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success” (Joshua 1:7-8).



Remember Our Sick

Ginger Waller's father will have out patient surgery this week. Darrelyn Phillips' brother Dawson had surgery on his hand after a four wheeler accident. Please continue to remember:

Dora Hector • Loretta Willis, Marvin's mother • Betty Higgins • Christie Bailey • Esther Godwin • Nita Padgett • Hattie Williams • Laci Sandefur's grandfather, Dale Houglan • Jean Cary • Ben Tomlinson • Brenda Anderson • Gracie Smith • Jamie Feroli • Mary Ann Ashley • Bessie Childress • Ruth Minyard • Mildred Pennington's sister, Geneva Long and her sister-in-law Billie Gilliam • Patti Culpepper • Jerry & Glenda Vinson • Murray Goforth • Deborah Thomas' mother • Dorthea Phillips • Pat Ballard's mother • Madeline Minyard • and those shut in/nursing home members.

Celebration After our monthly fellowship meal on April 18th (notice the date change) we will have a celebration of

the recent marriage of **Joshua and Erika Gravelle**. A money tree will be presented to the couple. If you would like to make a monetary donation, please see Mary Aldridge, Arlene Castleman, Dana Meece or Christie Bailey.



Over 39ers The over 39ers will meet this Thursday, April 15 at 6:00 pm at the building. JW Hobbs and Lovel Hughes will furnish hot dogs and buns. Please bring sides, desserts and drinks.



Directory update sheets are on the table in the front foyer for Virgie Birchfield and Patti Culpepper.

Time change Sunday evening services during our meeting next week will be at 7:00 pm, not our usual 6:00 pm.

Congratulations Two of Mary Ann Ashley's grandsons have graduations this month. Cody Lake graduated from CLEET earlier this month and James Ashley will graduate from chiropractic school later this month.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

April

- 10 Brent Castleman
Michael Tipton
Brent & Gypsy Castleman '92
- 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

May

- 2 Kaitlin Aldridge
- 6 Sean Bugbee
- 7 Todd Hicks
- 8 Arlene Castleman
Bo & Huberta Fore '51
- 11 Bo Fore
- 14 Helen Walker
Claire Castleman
Floyd Johnson
- 16 Rhenea Aldridge
- 18 Ben Bailey
- 19 Edith Hobbs
- 21 Gerald Beavers
- 22 Jason & Leah Smith '04
- 23 Alex Vinson
Brooke Murray
Larry Waller
- 26 Chock & Mary Aldridge



In the first quarter of 2010, *The Gospel of Christ* has had 628 requests for media from 37 states and 12 foreign countries: Australia • England • India • Kuwait • Mexico • Nigeria • Panama

- Peru • Philippines • Zimbabwe • Cameroon
- Myanmar

Nine out of the last 10 months the website has had more than 1,000,000 page hits with a record breaking 1,306,736 hits in March.

James and Tammy are in Austin, Texas, at the Southwest church of Christ Lectures to setup the display and search for contacts. This congregation hosts the Southwest School of Bible Studies from where James graduated.

James has been selected to be a staff writer for the monthly publication *Christian Worker*--a publication of the Southwest church of Christ in Austin. There are copies of the last three issues on the table in the foyer. You can get this publication via email free of charge. To sign up, contact office@swcofc.org. The topic of the April issue is "Forgiveness" and James' article answers the question, "What if I cannot forget?"

Those to Serve Today

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| Announcements..... | Ron Jones | | |
| Lord's Table | Harold Dillard | Robert McClannahan | David Johnson |
| | Alex Vinson | Robert Schumacher | F.A. Shellenberger |
| Song Leader..... | Randy Scott | PM Opening Prayer..... | David Johnson |
| AM Opening Prayer: | James Meece | PM Closing Prayer..... | Cecil Hargrove |
| AM Scripture | Billie Waller | PM Lord's Supper..... | Alex Vinson |
| AM Closing Prayer | Larry Waller | | |
| Greeters Apr 11 & 14..... | FA Shellenberger, Earl & Sue Mann | | |

Elders

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Vernon Castleman
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223-0983

James Meece
909 Davis
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Deacons

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
465-5785

Jerry Vinson
223-3865



April 14

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

April 15

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet at the building

April 18

12 noon Fellowship Meal
Wedding Celebration for
Josh and Erika Gravelle

April 18-21

Gospel Meeting

April 21

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class

April 28

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



May 2

12 noon Fellowship Meal

May 5

7:00 pm James Gravelle gives devotional

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Scripture from front page: