

# The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

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

“The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD.”

Acts 2:20 (NKJV)

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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

Part one

## Can We Really Live For Jesus?

Johnny Ramsey

There are those who teach that it is not possible for human beings to live up to the standard of godliness that Christianity demands. The devil would like for us to accept that heresy so as to discourage us from even trying to live for God. Do we have certain propensities within us that prohibit a closer walk with God? Did our Creator make us with an in-built spiritual deficiency that makes it certain that we shall fail in our pursuit of holiness? Or, are there helps along the way that enable us to glorify the Savior? In the language of Romans 4:3 we sincerely ask: "What saith the Scriptures?"

In the beauty of Psalm 119:76-80, we find some wonderful sources of consolation and joy (Take time to read this passage). From this we take comfort in the following:

1. God's judgments are right.
2. God's merciful kindness comforts.
3. God's law is my delight.
4. God's precepts are my meditation.
5. My heart rejoices in His statutes.

Jesus taught, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt 6:33).

Do you know why most of the world is lost? It hinges on Matthew 6:33. Instead of seeking first the kingdom of God, the vast majority of

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# Really Live For Jesus

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people all over the world are seeking food, clothing and shelter first and putting God last. As a result, they don't come up very well on food, clothing and shelter! Jesus challenges us and gives us the best insurance policy ever issued, now or to the end of time, in Matthew 6:33. Not many people take the Lord seriously on that promise. It is a tragedy how that high ethical standard is ignored!

## We Have The Promise Of Help From Heaven

It is challenging to live a life of purity and spiritual integrity, but we get substantial help from the God of heaven. When we live such a life we receive many benefits and blessings: God's promises, provisions, protection, providence, power, prayer and propitiation. Once these matters are explored in the sacred text, we can fully see that Jehovah has not asked us to do the impossible, but rather enables us to follow in the footprints of our Redeemer!

## Children's homes

**Hope Harbor** will be here May 4th and is requesting chopped green chilies, green chili enchilada sauce, breakfast muffin mix, sliced black olives, corn muffin mix, wild rice mixes, pecans, bbq sauce, fat-free sweetened condensed milk, canola oil, sweetened breakfast cereal, individually packaged snack items (but no sandwich style crackers please), dish towels, dryer sheets, liquid laundry soap, tall kitchen trash bags, plastic or styrofoam divided plates, rectangle foam plates and paper plates.

**Westview** will be back in July and is requesting: 100% juice, canned fruit, sweetened cereal, baked beans, Tang/Kool-aid, olive and vegetable oils, sliced jalapenos, evaporated milk, Eagle Brand milk, tabasco/Louisiana hot sauces, Clorox wipes, liquid Cascade, foil, toilet paper and paper towels.



**Promises:** The wonderful promises of the gospel age surround us. Peter writes, "Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue" (2 Pet 1:2,3). These promises encourage us to know that the Lord will never forsake us (Heb 13:5) and will bless us with all spiritual blessings in Christ (Eph 1:3) as long as we continue to walk with Him.

**Provisions:** When our lives are lives of purity and spiritual integrity, the Lord will provide us with all of our needs. James wrote, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights" (Jas 1:17), and the apostle Paul added, "And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19).

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**Directory update** Ben Tomlinson has a new home phone number: 580.224.0725. Please update this in your directory.

**Prayer request** Darrell Johnson has asked that we pray for all of his family to attend services and become strong in the Lord.

**The Gospel of Christ** The website continues to be a source of information for many who are searching on the internet. If you have a friend or relative in another congregation, please jot down their name and phone number and give it to Kevin. He'd like to use these contacts to help open doors for him to speak about *The Gospel of Christ*.



### Remember Our Sick

Sue Mann has found out that her cancer has come back in her bladder. She has been admitted to St. Anthony's in OKC. Mildred Pennington is in ICU here at Mercy Memorial. Jean Cary will have a procedure on her back tomorrow morning. Kevin Pendergrass had additional tests run last week. Please continue to remember: Arlene Castelman's brother-in-law, Klaus Gruenfeldt • Carla Evans • Ginger Waller's father • Darrellyn Phillips' brother Dawson • Dora Hector • Betty Higgins • Esther Godwin • Hattie Williams • Laci Sandefur's grandfather, Dale Hougland • Ben Tomlinson • Brenda Anderson • Gracie Smith • Jamie Feroli • Mary Ann Ashley • Bessie Childress • Ruth Minyard • 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.

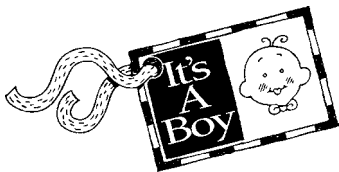
**Welcome** Ronnie Tollette will give our lessons today while Ben travels to Hydro for their gospel meeting through the 28th. Please keep both in your prayers for safe travels.



**Our sympathy** Jennifer Johnson's grandfather Joe Burton passed away last week. Services will be tomorrow at 1:00 at Johnson Street church of Christ in

Greenville, TX. Please remember this family during their time of sorrow and loss.

**Request forms** are available on the table in the foyer if you would like a copy of any of the lessons from last week's meeting or any Sunday worship service.



**Baby Shower** Everyone is invited to a shower for Leah Smith, daughter-in-law of Andy and Melody Smith, next Sunday, May

2nd after evening services. Please bring finger foods to share. She is registered at Target, Wal-Mart, and KiddieLand, or if you prefer, Jennifer Johnson is collecting funds for a money tree.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### 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

### June

- 1 Colton Feroli  
Earl & Sue Mann '56
- 2 Olga Stinson
- 4 Zachary Bugbee
- 5 Lonnie & Louise Harris '93
- 6 Deborah & Billy Williams '87
- 7 Joseph & Betty Tipton '68  
Nathan Bailey
- 11 Robbie Boutte
- 12 Terry & Melissa Waller
- 13 Clarine Wainscott  
Beverly Sadler  
Deborah Willaims
- 14 Patti Culpepper

