

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?*

“And should I not pity Nineveh,
that great city, in which are more than
one hundred and twenty thousand
persons who cannot discern between
their right hand and their left—and
much livestock!”

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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

Is Children's Bible Hour Authorized?

Ben Bailey

In the past few years the practice known as Children's Bible Hour or Children's Church has become increasingly popular among churches of Christ. This practice takes the young children and a few adults into another room for a Bible class or separate worship during the Sunday morning or evening worship of the church. Those who promote this practice do so with the intention of teaching our children the Bible in a way that is more conducive to their learning. Many of those who promote this practice affirm that the worship environment is not a proper place for a child to learn and it would be better for them and the rest of the congregation if they had their own time of study during the assembly. The question each faithful child of God must ask himself is "Do the Scriptures authorize children's Bible hour during the worship assembly?"

To understand the importance of this subject we must be reminded of the need to have the authority of Scripture for all we say and do. On the matter of authority for all we do Paul said, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him" (Col. 3:17). The Holy Spirit teaches us "not to go beyond what is written" in the Scriptures (1 Cor. 4:6). To emphasize the importance of staying true to God's word John said, "For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book" (Rev. 22:18-19). Even in what we might consider small matters, like the lighting of the incense during Old Testament

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Children's Hour

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worship, God is concerned with men and women doing only what He specified (Lev. 10:1-2). With these principles of authority in mind, let us consider whether or not the practice of children's Bible hour is acceptable to God.

Children's Bible hour is not acceptable to God because it cannot be authorized by Scripture. Remember, the Bible says we must have authority for everything we do (Col. 3:17; 1 Pet. 4:11). With the denominational trends that are creeping into worship in some congregations, we need to look very carefully to the Scriptures for authority. Where is the authority from God for children's Bible hour? There is no command authorizing children's Bible hour. A biblical example for it is not found anywhere in the New Testament. And, one could not support a necessary inference authorizing this practice. Thus, the strongest reason we should not be involved in children's Bible hour is very simple—there is not one shred of Bible authority for it!

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KSBI The Gospel of Christ can now be seen on KSBI, cable channel 76, at 8:30 am on Sundays.

Outreach Groups

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
Lovell & Mary Hughes
Lonnie Harris
Rick & Suzanne Tidwell
Tom Matlock
Sharlene Wallis & Rebecca

Camp forms Camp forms have been distributed in the upper school age classes. Additional forms are available in the office. Please get these completed and turned into the office as soon as possible. Our elders are offering to pay the registration fees for all our campers.



Children's homes Hope Harbor will be here in May and is requesting: bottled 100% fruit juice (no apple or vegetable), bottle water, Gatorade, flavored water, chocolate chips, Dream Whip, dry onion soup mix, tomato sauce and paste, sweetened condensed fat-free milk, cream of mushroom and cream of potato soups, low-fat cheddar cheese soup, sweet potatoes, individually packaged snack items (but not sandwich style crackers), antibacterial spray cleaner, liquid laundry soap, antibacterial liquid hand soap refills, paper towels, bathroom tissues, napkins, shower gel, 8 oz cups, paper plates, female sanitary protection, 33 gallon trash bags and lemon or orange liquid cleaner. Westview will be back in July and is requesting: Rotel, Velveeta, 100% juice, canned fruit, sweetened cereal, canned chicken, potato/tortilla chips, canned soda, bottled water, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, peanut butter/cheese crackers, Pine Sol, AA and AAA batteries, shampoo, conditioner, 13/39 gallon trash bags, paper towels, bathroom tissue, Spray & Wash and dryer sheets.



Judy Grammer had a good report from her last scan and won't have another scan for four months. JW Hobbs' brother had a heart attack last week. Marty Stinson is back at home. Please continue to remember:

- Betty Higgins • Darlene Tibbs, friend of the Willinghams • Rebecca Stafford • Donald Moyers • Pat Morrison, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • Jaccie Pirtle • Sue Mann • Jean Parker • Virgie Burchfield • Mary Ann Ashley • Marie Williams • Harold & Martha Dillard's daughter Carole Grammer • Norma Perkins' friend, Jerry Lover • Ben Tomlinson's mother Nita • Dorthea Phillips • Madeline Minyard • Jerry & Glenda Vinson • Harry Phipps • Sharon Ryan's mother, Mary Griffeth • Larry Ryan's mother, Lorraine • 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.



Our sympathy is extended to Norma Perkins in the passing for her sister, Nelda Hamilton, last week. Services were yesterday at Craddock's. Please remember sis. Norma and others who recently lost loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

Gospel meeting If you would like a copy of the lessons from our recent meeting with Darwin Hunter, please add your name to the list on the back bulletin board. If you would like a copy of a single lesson, please add either the name of the lesson or the date it was delivered to the list.



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.

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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

April

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 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
Earl & Sue Mann '56
- 2 Olga Stinson
- 4 Lance Coffman
Zachary Bugbee
- 5 Lonnie & Louise Harris '93
- 7 Joseph & Betty Tipton '68
Nathan Bailey
- 11 Robbie Boutte
- 12 Terry & Melissa Waller
- 13 Clarine Wainscott
Beverly Sadler

Next Sunday at noon we will come together for a fellowship meal. Please plan to attend and bring a little extra for any visitors we might have. This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers and sisters a little better.

Pantry Teachers, please encourage your Bible students to bring one pantry item each week. This will help each student develop a giving spirit.

Debate June 5th here at the building, there will be a debate on the topic of one cup between Johnny Elmore and Kevin Pendergrass. Mark your calendars now so you can attend.

Calendar updates If you see that your name, or the name of a family member has been left off the calendar, please let Tina know.

Contacts for TGOc 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*.

Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....	Ron Jones		
Lord's Table.....	Harold Dillard	Randy Scott	David Johnson
	F.A. Shellenberger	Robert McClanahan	Bobby Wallace
Song Leader.....	Terry Waller	PM Opening Prayer.....	Ronnie Byrd
AM Opening Prayer.....	James Gravelle	PM Closing Prayer.....	Lonnie Harris
AM Scripture.....	Alex Vinson	PM Lord's Supper.....	F.A. Shellenberger
AM Closing Prayer.....	Scott Saner		
Greeters April 26 & 29.....	Randy & Adela Scott, Ronnie Byrd		

Elders

Charles Aldridge
710 15th NW
223-4602

Vernon Castleman
3533 Dogwood Road
223-0983

James Meece
909 Davis
223-7637

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
226-2920

Jerry Vinson
223-3865



April 29

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



Seventh anniversary McLish Avenue congregation

May 2

Duncan Teacher's workshop

May 3

12 noon Fellowship Meal

May 6

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class
7:00 pm Barton Pettit gives devotional

May 20

7:00 pm Scott Saner gives devotional

May 21

6:00 pm 39 & Over

May 27

7:00 pm Ben Bailey gives devotional

Scripture from front page:
(NKJV) Isaiah 4:11