

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?

*“They have all turned aside;
They have together become
unprofitable; There is none who
does good, no, not one”*

Romans 3:12 (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

Preach the Preaching That I Bid Thee

B.C. Goodpasture

God does not commission men to preach without telling them what to say. He does not leave them free to select anything which a passing whim might suggest. Men, in light of their own limited wisdom, are incapable of formulating a system of dependable teaching. "Oh Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10:23 ASV). Men, apart from the leadership of divine revelation, have ever gone farther and farther into the meshes of sin and paganism.

When the Lord sent Jonah, the son of Ammitai, to Nineveh, He commanded him to "preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee" (Jonah 3:2). The prophet was not left to his own will and resources to originate a message for the Ninevites. His instructions were specific. The Lord did not, in a general, indefinite way, tell him to "preach" to Nineveh. Rather, He said specifically, "preach... the preaching that I bid thee."

Jonah was limited to what God said. He could not add; he could not subtract; he could not devalue his message by "toning it down." He must thunder into the ears of the Ninevites the severe and startling message, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown" (Jonah 3:4). This very thing he did on reaching "that great city." His preaching produced results.

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The messengers of God, whether human or divine, or both, have always been limited to the will of God. They have had, and have, freedom to speak only within the will of God. Of Jesus it was written, "Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me), to do thy will, O God" (Heb 10:7).

Jesus said, "I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me" (John 5:30). Again, "My doctrine is not mine, but His that sent me" (John 7:16). "As my Father hath taught me, I speak these things" (John 8:28). "I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, He gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak" (John 12:49).

These Scriptures show conclusively that Jesus spoke and did only those things which the Father commanded. His freedom of action to do and teach was limited by God's will. The Spirit of the Lord was upon Him, because the Lord had anointed

Him to preach. But He, even though He was the only begotten Son of God, could preach only the good tidings the Father authorized Him to proclaim. God was the Author of His message.

The Holy Spirit is limited in His teaching to the will of the Father. In giving the promise of the coming of the Spirit, Jesus said of Him, "The Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you... He shall guide you into all the truth; for he shall not speak from himself; but what things so ever he shall hear, these shall he speak: and he shall declare unto you the things that are to come" (John 14:26; 16:13 ASV).

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Visitation program We are restarting our visitation program which consists of three groups (10–15 people per group). Our first meeting will be tonight after evening services for all group members. If you have not already been contacted to be part of this and would like to join a group or find out more information, please plan on staying a few minutes after evening services.

Over 39ers will go to Rick's Red Onion Grill in Madill on Thursday, August 19th. We will leave the building at 5:30 pm. Or meet the group at the grill at 6 pm!



Children's homes Westview Boys' Home will be back in November and is requesting: ravioli, Kool-Aid/Tang, canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, flour/corn tortillas, blueberry muffin mix, ready made cake frosting, tub or stick margarine/squeeze Parkay, grated cheddar/american sliced cheese, toilet paper, paper towels, batteries-all sizes 9-volt/AA/AAA/C/D, non-drowsy cold medications (pill form).

Youth The Youth Group will be going to Frank Buck Zoo in Gainesville on Saturday, August 14th. Tickets for adults are \$6, children's tickets are \$4. Say a magic word (Safari, Ride, Swim) at the gate and receive a \$1 off. Bring a sack lunch for a picnic after the zoo. We will leave the building at 9 am.





Remember Our Sick

Betty Higgins will have back surgery on the 5th. Hospice has been called in for Peggy Scott, Randy's mother. Nita Padgett is back in the hospital. Marie Cornish is having knee problems. Marcella Kester's mother, Anna Benham, will have one of her legs amputated.

She recently had all but 12 inches of intestine removed. Nelda Grant recently went through gamma ray treatment. Please continue to remember: Bill Burchfield • Bessie Childress • Cecil Hargrove's sister Loise • Jerry Beavers • Esther Godwin • Joyce Gilliam and Sylvia Thompson's friend, Delores Studeman • Rebecca Stafford • Jean Cary • Ruth Parker's friends, Dorothy Beavers and Mrs. McDow • Beth Shelton • Nancy McClanahan • Kathleen Clifton, Kathie's mother • Christie Bailey • Sue Mann • Joyce Gilliam's sister, Flo Brown • John Parton, Norma Perkins' grandson • Gracie Smith • Jamie Feroli • Mary Ann Ashley • Ruth Minyard • Patti Culpepper • Jerry & Glenda Vinson • Murray Goforth • Deborah Thomas' mother • Pat Ballard's mother • Madeline Minyard • and those shut in/nursing home members.

Response Last Sunday, Darrelyn Phillips came forward stating that she has not been serving God fully and asked for prayers for strength. Please encourage Darrelyn and keep her in your prayers.

Today at noon we will gather for a fellowship meal. If you are visiting with us, we would love to have you as our guest. There is always an abundance of food and we'd like to get you know you better!



Bible classes Today is the start of a new quarter. Parents, take time to talk to your children and their teachers to see what can be done at home to reinforce learning.

Prayer requests Darrell Johnson asks for prayers on his behalf to overcome sin. The Manns ask for prayer for the family of Ryan Duke, who was killed in the medivac accident.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August

- 2 Alyssa Pearson
Kevin & Chelsea Pendergrass '08
Kathie Clifton
- 3 W.O. & Gloria Clark '62
- 4 Paul Giles
- 6 Shelly Hicks
Ashley Castleman
- 10 Clayton Austin
- 11 Ashley Grant
Andy & Melody Smith '73
- 12 Judy Grammer
- 14 Craig Anderson
- 15 Melissa Waller
Randy & Adela Scott '98
Todd & Shelly Hicks
- 17 Kenneth Parker
- 18 Doris Mobley
- 19 F.A. Shellenberger
- 20 Larry & Sharon Ryan
- 21 Jean Parker
- 24 Roslyn Dotson
- 25 Andy Smith
Gavin Lewis
- 29 Jerry Vinson
Martin & Roslyn Dotson

September

- 2 Sharlene Wallis
- 5 Aaron Mann
Bill & Virgie Burchfield '74
- 6 Allison Hicks
- 8 Sylvia Thompson
- 9 Zaylon Boyd
- 10 Joseph Tipton

