

# 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?

“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’”

Matthew 5:43 (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 two

## The Mode of Baptism

Ben Bailey

In our religious world, there are three modes of baptism one can choose. A person can have water poured on him; he may be sprinkled with water, or he may be fully immersed. As we study this subject, we must ask, “What says the Scriptures?” (Rom. 5:4). Concerning the biblical mode of baptism, we noticed last week that Mark 1:9-10 and John 3:23 insisted that baptism was only by full body immersion. Let us notice two other passages that teach the proper mode of baptism is by immersion.

Romans 6:4 “We were buried with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.” In this passage, the Apostle Paul compares baptism to a burial. Let us think about this for a moment. When a person goes to a funeral the body is placed under the ground six feet and dirt is covering it on all sides. This is a perfect picture of the mode of baptism. When a person is baptized according to the Scriptures, he is placed all the way under the water and water must be covering him on each side. No one would ever say that a sprinkling or pouring of dirt on a body is a proper burial. Why then will we say that a person can be sprinkled or poured for baptism today? There is no authority in the New Testament for any mode of baptism except immersion.

Acts 8:30-39 In the example of Philip and the Ethiopian eunuch, the Eunuch requested to be baptized. Here is what happened in this divine example. “And he commanded the chariot to stop, and they both went down into the water, Philip and the Eunuch, and he baptized him (Acts 8:38).” When studying this example, one must wonder why both the Eunuch and Philip had to go down into the water. This man is

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# Baptism

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traveling on a long journey from Jerusalem to Egypt. Surely, he would have some drinking water with him. Why did they not just use it? Why did Philip not go down to the water and bring a handful back? In this example, both men went down into the water and both came up out of the water. This is a clear picture of baptism by full body immersion. From this lesson, we can learn that first century baptism was performed by immersion.

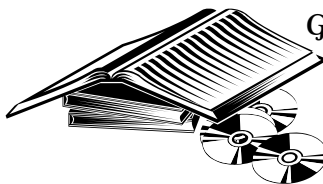
Dear friend, was your baptism performed by the proper biblical mode? If you have been sprinkled or poured as your mode of baptism, I challenge you to search the Scriptures and find one example where this is acceptable.



**Wedding shower** Everyone is invited to attend a wedding shower for **Matt Jackson and Cindy**

**Shellenberger** after evening services Sunday, September 20. They are registered at The Brown Paper Bag, Target and Dillards. Shelly Hicks will have a print out of the on-line registries if you would like to see them. Please bring finger foods to share. If you have questions, please see Shelly, Christie Bailey, Doneta Carter or Tina Saner.

**Media available** *There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board if you would like to have a complete set of Ben's lessons on Revelation.* If you'd like a copy of another specific lesson taught from the pulpit, please write down your name and which lesson(s) you are interested in and give to Melba Wallace. Don't forget that tracts are available in the tract racks at the back of the auditorium and in the hallway to the offices. These can be used in discussing religious matters with friends and neighbors. **The Gospel of Christ** CDs and DVDs are available at the back of the auditorium for use in your own Bible study or in evangelistic efforts. If there is a CD or DVD that is not out that you'd like copies of, please use the order forms in the tract rack on the right side as you are facing the back. Also available are transcripts of **The Gospel of Christ** media. Don't



forget to check out [www.thegospelofchrist.com](http://www.thegospelofchrist.com) to access all the media available through that effort.

**Need a ride to services?** If you need the van to pick you up for services, please see **Steve Mann, Scott Saner**, or one of the elders. **A van driver is needed for Wednesday nights. If you can help drive, please talk to Steve Mann today.**

## Outreach Groups

### Group 1

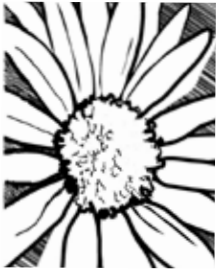
Chock & Mary Aldridge  
Ron & Peggy Jones  
Ray & Tomi Harness  
James & Tammy Gravelle  
Ronnie Byrd  
Steve Mann  
Scott & Tina Saner  
Jaccie Pirtle

### 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



**Judy Grammer** will have follow-up testing this week. Jerry Vinson will be going to the Veteran's Center in OKC regarding the infection in his leg. Mildred Pennington is asking for prayers for her sister **Geneva Long** and sister-in-law **Billie Gilliam**. **Carrie Leonard**, Earl Mann's 30 year-old cousin, is believed to have had a stroke. **Jan Barlow**,

Sue Creecy's daughter and Tammy Gravelle's sister, will have additional tests this week. **Lisa Brown**, friend of the Gravelles who lives in Ryan, will have testing done on a nodule found on her thyroid. **A.L. Hargrove**, Cecil's brother, may have surgery on his stomach on the 24th. Please continue to remember: **Dana Meece • Debra Thomas • Betty Higgins • Olga Stinson • Nancy McClanahan • Gary Dillard**, Harold's son, • **James Johnson**, an employee of the Manns • **Kenneth Overby • Lois Beavers • Jamie Feroli's sister, Dara Robison • Harvey Grant**, Glenda Vinson's brother • **James Harris**, friend of the Aldridges' • **Wayne Price**, Jennifer Johnson's uncle • **W. O. Clark • Darlene Pennington's brother, A.W. Roberts • Melba Wallace's sister, Wanda Barnum • Joanne Craft**, April Willis' mother • **Mona Blanton • Murray Goforth • Tabitha Ray-Barton**, Rick & Mary Ray's daughter • **Tom Matlock's two brothers-in-law • Jean Cary's nephew • Rebecca Stafford • Glenda Vinson's sister, Marie Daube • Jim Bowman • Debra Thomas' mother • Earl & Sue Mann • Marty Stinson • Pat Morrison**, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • **Virgie Burchfield • Dortha Phillips • Madeline Minyard • Sharon Ryan's mother, Mary Griffith • Larry Ryan's mother, Lorraine • Peggy Jones' sister, Mary Warner • Pat Ballard's mother • Jamie Feroli's mother, JoAnn Watson, and grandmother • and those shut in/nursing home members.**

**Response** Please remember **Jaccie Pirtle** in your prayers. She responded to the invitation Sunday morning asking for prayers to be a better example and reach out to others.

**Meeting** The Lone Grove congregation will have a meeting September 11-13 on the topic of Archaeology and the Bible. Dewane Bryant will be the speaker. Look for additional information on the back bulletin board.

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### August

- 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
- 7 Joshua Gravelle
- 9 Zaylon Boyd
- 10 Joseph Tipton  
Cecil Hargrove
- 13 Tony Brinkley
- 14 Ronnie Byrd  
Lacie Aldridge
- 15 David & Liz Aldridge
- 16 Scott Saner
- 17 Lindsay Patrick
- 18 George Jones
- 20 Sue Mann
- 21 LaToya Dotson  
Clay Brinkley
- 25 Eva Mae Gibbs

**Children's homes** Westview will be back in November and is requesting: candy bars, sweet cereal, flour tortillas, canned fruit, chocolate chips, canned chicken, potato or tortilla chips, 100% juice/Capri Sun, cookies/Little Debbie cakes, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, mixed nuts, cashews, peanuts, Squeeze Parkay, margarine spread, spaghetti and picante sauce, apple or cherry pie filling, styrofoam plates, bowls and saucers. Tammy Gravelle is collecting labels for the children's home. Both soup labels and Duncan Hines labels can be redeemed by them for equipment and supplies.



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

**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.

## Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....F.A. Shellenberger

Lord's Table .....	Ronnie Byrd	James Meece	John Johnson
	Alex Vinson	Robert Schumacher	Bo Fore

Song Leader.....	Terry Waller	PM Opening Prayer.....	Ronnie Byrd
AM Opening Prayer .....	Vernon Castleman	PM Closing Prayer.....	Todd Hicks
AM Scripture .....	Barton Pettit	PM Lord's Supper.....	John Johnson
AM Closing Prayer .....	Floyd Johnson		

Greeters Aug 16 & 19 ..... Todd & Shelly Hicks, Doneta Carter, Tom Matlock



**August 19**  
7:00 pm Todd Hicks gives devotional

**August 20**  
6:00 pm 39 & Over meet

**August 26**  
7:00 pm Lovel Hughes gives devotional

**August 30**  
5:00 pm 5th Sunday singing



## Broadcast Schedule

8/23 Great Bible Lessons #9--"A Life that Glorifies God" (Lessons 1-8 in this series were aired in 2008)

8/30 Great Bible Lessons #10--"How to Make the Devil Mad"

9/6 Great Bible Lessons #11--"How to Know YOU Know the Truth"

9/13 Great Bible Lessons #12--"The Inspiration of Scripture"

9/20 Be Faithful Until Death #1--"After Baptism, Then What?"

9/27 Be Faithful Until Death #2--"The Second Coming of Christ"

10/4 Be Faithful Until Death #3--"What Must I Do To Stay Saved?"

*Scripture from page  
Leviticus 19:18*

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**Ron Jones**  
223-7268

**Martin Dotson**  
226-6450

**Steve Mann**  
223-7246

**James Gravelle**  
223-7911

**Scott Saner**  
226-2920

**Todd Hicks**  
504-2829

**Jerry Vinson**  
223-3865