

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, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’”

Matthew 5:38 (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

The Mode of Baptism

Ben Bailey

Our religious world is highly confused over the simple subject of Bible baptism. We have made it out to be more of a sacrament than an act of faith in the working of God's power (Col. 2:12). Concerning the proper way which baptism is performed, there is great disagreement among men. Some men will teach that sprinkling is proper, while others will teach one must have water poured upon his head. However, as one studies the Scriptures alone it is very clear that baptism can only be performed by full body immersion. Notice several scriptures that teach baptism is full body immersion.

Mark 1:10 “Immediately, coming up out of the water, He saw the heavens opening, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon Him.” As Jesus was being baptized, Mark records for us that he had to “come up out of the water.” Question: What must one do to come up out of water? He must go down into the water. It is clear from the baptism of Jesus that He had to go down into the water and come up out of it. We live in a world where the question is asked, “What would Jesus do?” Jesus was immersed into the water and so should we today. In this example, baptism was performed by full body immersion.

John 3:23 “John also was baptizing in Aenon near Salim, because there was much water there...”. From this text of Scripture we can learn that John's baptism required him to go where there was much water. This is very significant as it relates to the mode of baptism. Why did John need much water? Did the camels need much water to drink? Camels can go for long periods without water. Did the people need water to drink? Doubtful, for who would follow a man into the wilderness without first thinking about his own needs. The only logical reason that John was baptizing where there was much water is because

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Baptism

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he needed a great amount of water to produce full body immersion. In this example, baptism was performed by full body immersion.

Dear friend, was your mode of baptism the same mode as the one used by Jesus and John? If not, then it is not authorized in the Scriptures. If you are concerned about your baptism, or would like to study further about this subject, please contact me or one of the elders. We would be happy to discuss this with you.

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.

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

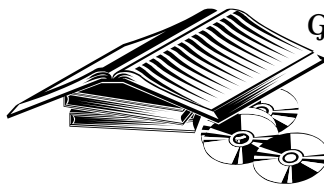
Group 2

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

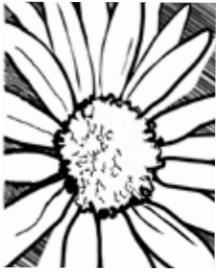
Media available *There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board if you would like to have a complete set of Ben's lessons on Revelation.* If you'd like a copy of another specific lesson taught from the pulpit, please write down your name and which lesson(s) you are interested in and give to Melba 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 to access all the media available through that effort.

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.

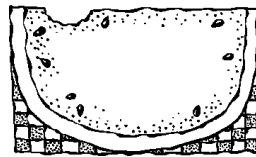
Pantry Teachers, please encourage your Bible students to bring one pantry item each week. This will help each student develop a giving spirit.



A friend of the Willis' has been in the hospital with terminal cancer. Please continue to remember: **Dana Meece • Debra Thomas • Betty Higgins • Olga Stinson • Nancy McClanahan • Gary Dillard, Harold's son, • A.L. Hargrove, Cecil's brother • 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 • Norma Perkins' friend, Jerry Lover • Dortha 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's mother, JoAnn Watson, and grandmother • and those shut in/nursing home members.

Today after evening services we will have a watermelon feed. Ben has threatened that no one gets to leave until all 21 melons have been consumed!



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.

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.**

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August

- 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
- 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

