

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?

“ But I say, did Israel not know? First Moses says: “I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation, I will move you to anger by a foolish nation.” ”

Romans 10:19 (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

Is Baptism Essential to Salvation?

Ben Bailey

Many in our religious world would answer this with a “NO”. It is good to do. It definitely should be done. Can I go to Heaven without doing it? Yes. For just a few moments I want to ask you to put aside any preconceived thoughts or ideas you may have about baptism. I ask you to simply take the Bible for what it says and examine with me this very important subject.

Jesus said, “He that believes and is baptized will be saved, he that does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:16). In this verse Jesus gives us two requirements that must be met to receive salvation. What are they? Belief and baptism are the two requirements that are essential to salvation.

Peter said, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). Peter’s statement is in response to the Jews questions, “Men and brothers what shall we do”? (Acts 2:37). The Jews had just realized they crucified their own Messiah. When they realized their sin, they asked what they must do to receive the forgiveness of this sin. Peter gave a clear response to their question. He said they had to repent and be baptized to be forgiven of their sin! Thus, repentance and baptism are essential to be forgiven of sin.

Jesus made it clear to Nicodemus that baptism was essential to

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Baptism

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get to Heaven. Nicodemus came to Jesus to flatter Him, but Jesus got right to the point. He said to Nicodemus, "...unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God" (John 3:5). Jesus plainly taught that a person could not go to Heaven without being baptized.

From the Apostle Paul's conversion we also learn that baptism is essential to salvation. At Paul's conversion Ananias told him, "arise and be baptized and wash away your sins calling on the Lord's name" (Acts 22:16). How did Paul get his sins washed away? How did he call on the Lord's name? By getting up and being baptized. Thus, baptism is essential to have your sins forgiven.

Friend, can you honestly come to passages like these and many others and say that baptism is

not essential to salvation. Did you know that most modern religions say that exact thing? Why not just take Jesus at His word and obey Him? If you would like to study more about God's plan of salvation we would love to help you. May God help each of us to conform our will to the Gospel of Christ!

The Gospel of Christ

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



Request forms are available on the table in the foyer if you would like a copy of any of the lessons from any Sunday worship service. This is also how you can make a request for a copy of the DVD of Kevin's sabbath debate.



Media Tammy keeps the center display rack at the back of the auditorium filled with a selection of CDs and DVDs. If there is something that is not out that you'd like copies of, order forms are in the tract rack on the right side as you are facing the back.



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.

Assistance It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could check the pew around them to see if there are items that need to be thrown away. Your time spent in tidying is greatly appreciated.

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

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.

Thanks There is a collection of thank you notes posted on the back bulletin board. Please take the time today to stop by and be encouraged.



*Remember
Our Sick*

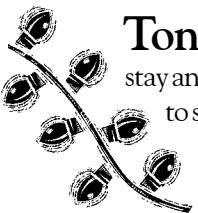
Nathan Bailey had some tests run last week on his gall bladder. **Jamie Feroli** went to Houston this week. **Jan Barlow**, Sue Creecy's daughter has been receiving radiation. Ronnie Byrd's cousin **Pat** is being treated for cancer in Oklahoma City Please continue to remember:

Deborah Thomas • Murray Goforth • Sue Mann • Tomi Harness • Chad Brown's mother • Ronnie Byrd's brother Jerry • Betty Higgins • Sylvia Thompson's husband, Sam • Linda and David Johnson's friend, Virginia Johnson • Teen Stewart • Melba Culbreth's brother Bill • Kenneth Burchfield • Jean Cary's nephew Kent Barker. • Lucy Hagen's friend Dub Huddleston • Jo Daniel • Ken & Paula Lewis • Glenda Vinson • Ronnie Byrd • Eva Mae Gibbs • Harry Phipps • Scott's father, Ken Saner • Winston Pirtle • Mary Aldridge • Nancy McClanahan • Rebecca Stafford • Ginger Waller • Jean Cary • Vernon Padgett • Jamie Feroli • Mary Ann Ashley • Ruth Minyard • Deborah Thomas' mother • Pat Ballard's mother • Bessie Childress • Madeline Minyard • and those shut in/nursing home members.

Our sympathy goes out to several families this week. We want to remember Robbie Boute and his family in the loss of his mother, **Patti Culpepper**. Her services were here at the building on Friday afternoon. **Clarine Wainscott** also passed away on Wednesday. Her services were yesterday afternoon at the building. please keep both of these families surrounded with your prayers and actions in the weeks ahead.



Rejoice Last Sunday, Dennis, Rozana and Ricky Mays were baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. The Mays were here visiting from Durant.



Tonight after services everyone is encouraged to stay and gather in the fellowship area. Bring finger food to share and Vernon will lead us in a round of Jingle Bells!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

- 18 Lovel Hughes
Jacie Pirtle
- 20 Harry & Jeanine Phipps '53
Jason Meece
- 21 Alaura Litson
- 23 Paul & Joyce Giles
- 29 Maxine Bellomy
- 30 Ron Jones
- 31 John & Jennifer Johnson '02

January

- 1 Krystal Lewis
Billie Waller
Mike & Beverly Sadler '05
- 2 John Johnson
- 11 Terry Waller
- 12 April Willis
- 15 Mike Sadler
Daniel Jones
- 17 James & Tammy Gravelle '77
- 18 Betty Higgins
- 19 Ruth Parker
- 21 Caleb Castleman
Hailey Willis
- 22 Kevin Lewis
- 23 Vickie Fletcher
- 24 Ruth Minyard
- 25 Nancy McClanahan
- 27 Rick Tidwell
- 30 Amy Hicks

February

- 3 Peggy Jones
Betty Tipton
- 8 Sharon Chamberlain

Bible Animals from A-M

Use a Concordance to look up those you do not know.

antelope	flea	MYCHAMELEONRECD A
ants	fly	ERAHDCCMSREEV RN
apes	fox	MOUSEROEAE TEO I AT
badger	frog	EELTATAYLBPDDC ZE
bat	gazelle	SLYNHLLPTDFAEK IL
bear	gecko	ELEDBIHDOOOTOELO
bees	goat	EEDAOLOXEENLTNP
birds	grasshopper	BZGGTNLOOLLAKAKE
camel	hare	HALOEFISHPRONEEA
cattle	hawk	AGECKOFROGOTFLYF
chameleon	heron	WFCATTLEOESEHSOL
crane	hoopoe	KDLSPSDRIBHORSEE
cricket	horse	REPPOHSSARGLD TOA
deer	leopard	REGDABDDAETS GOAT
dog	lion	BNOREHOEECPAMOLE
donkey	lizard	IHDOGABOCAMELFLY
dove	mole	
eagle	moth	
fish	mouse	

This is a sample of the word searches found on our website
www.thegospelofchrist.com

Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....	Randy Scott
Lord's Table.....	Harold Dillard David Johnson John Johnson
	FA Shelleberger Bobby Wallace Robert McClannahan
Song Leader.....	Randy Scott
Scripture.....	PM Opening.....Ron Jones
AM Opening Prayer.....	Sean Bugbee PM Closing Prayer.....Harold Dillard
AM Closing Prayer.....	Vernon Castleman PM Lord's Supper.....John Johnson
AM Closing Prayer.....	Larry Waller
Greeters Dec 19 & 22.....	WO & Gloria Clark, Ray & Tomi Harness, 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
 465-5785

Jerry Vinson
 223-3865



Today

7:00 pm Finger-food and fellowship

December 22

No Ladies Bible class
 7:00 pm James Meece gives
 devotional

December 29

7:00 pm FA Shellenberger gives
 devotional



January 2

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

January 5

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class resumes



Broadcast
 Schedule

12/19 Answering Denominational
 Doctrines #2-Faith Alone
 Will Never Save

12/26 Answering Denominational
 Doctrines #3-The
 Community Church

Deuteronomy 32:2
Scripture from front page: