

The McLish Avenue Messenger

This is the message we have heard from Him... God is Light

(1 John 1:5).

December 13, 2009

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This New Testament passage quotes an Old Testament passage. Where is the Old Testament passage found?

“In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone”

Luke 4:11 (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

Are You My Pastor?

Ben Bailey

Many times we hear religious leaders referred to as “pastor” or “priest”. Are these biblical names that should be applied to the gospel preacher? Is it right for a man to wear these names today? Let’s examine what God has to say on the matter.

In the New Testament, the word pastor is used exclusively of the work and office of an elder. For example, the word for pastor/shepherd is found in Acts 20:28 and 1 Peter 5:2-4. In both cases, it is used to describe the work and office of overseers. Churches of Christ do not have a single “pastor” because it is not authorized in the Bible. In every case where shepherds or pastors are spoken of it is always plural (1 Peter 5:1; Acts 20:17). In the New Testament, there is not one case of a single “pastor” ruling the church. In fact, the one case we have of a man trying to rule the church by himself was condemned by God (see 2 John 9-10). A common misconception that many have is that the preacher is the pastor. Dear friend, this is not a biblical concept. Nowhere in the Bible will you find the preacher referred to as the pastor. In fact, most of them could not be a pastor because they do not meet the qualifications in 1 Timothy 3 for an elder or pastor. The churches of Christ do not have a head pastor because it is not authorized, but we do have pastors or elders as used in the biblical sense to shepherd (pastor) the church of God (Acts 20:28).

In the New Testament, Jesus is our High Priest who has made one sacrifice forever for sins (Heb 3:1; 8:1; 10:12). The purpose of the priest under the Old Law of Moses was to make sacrifices to God for the people’s sins (Lev 1-5). However, the New Testament teaches that we are no longer under the Old Law (Col 2:14). Jesus Christ, as our High Priest, offered himself to God as sacrifice (Heb 9:14). Churches of Christ

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Pastor

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do have a High Priest, Jesus Christ Himself. Since Jesus is our High Priest, and He has made one sacrifice for sins forever, why do some denominations still have men as priests? Where is the biblical authority for them to have priests?

This teaching of Scripture illustrates for us the need to go back to the Bible and study the Scriptures. It teaches us that we must not believe what we have always heard. Instead, we must search the Scriptures for ourselves.

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

Contacts for TGOC If you have 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*.

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

Prayer request Brook Murray has asked for prayers for the family of a friend, **Courtney Markum**. Both Courtney and another girl were killed in a car accident last week.

Response Last Sunday Dora Hector came forward to repent of sin in her life and to ask for prayers of the congregation. Please keep sis Dora in your prayers and actions and encourage her at every opportunity.

Lewisville trip If you have already reserved your ticket for the play in Lewisville, don't forget to be at the building on Saturday. We will leave the parking lot at 4:00 pm. If you have questions, see Clarine Wainscott or Ben.

Children's homes Westview will be back in March and is requesting: sugar, canned fruit, sweet cereal, cooking spray, sloppy joe sauce, beef or chicken broth, powdered Gatorade, Fritos, potato/tortilla chips, au gratin/scalloped potatoes, peanut butter or cheese crackers, cream of chicken or mushroom soup, liquid Cascade, liquid detergent, ibuprofen/Tylenol.



Prayer List



Nathan Bailey was admitted to the hospital on Friday with pneumonia. The biopsy from the mass Glenda Vinson had removed on Friday came back benign. Ben Tomlinson remains in the hospital. Larry Waller is recuperating at home. Todd Hicks' mother, Rilda Renick, will have breast cancer surgery December 21st in Norman. Darlene Pennington asks for prayers for both her brother and his wife who are having health problems. Darrelyn Phillips asks for prayers for her grandmother, JoAnn Watson, and her brother-in-law, Josh. Please continue to remember: Jean Cary's nephew, Kent Barker, and her son Scott • Marty Stinson • Jamie Feroli • Deborah Thomas • Flo Brown, sister of Joyce Gilliam • Ruth Minyard • Mildred Pennington's sister, Geneva Long and her sister-in-law Billie Gilliam • Earl & Sue Mann • Patti Culpepper • Trent Jacobson, Jimmie's son • Christy Murray's cousin Misty • Betty Higgins • Louise Harris' father, Charlie Stevens • Madeline Minyard's son Dale • Glenda Vinson's mother • Ruth Minyard's nephew, Roger Parker • Murray Goforth • Rebecca Stafford • Deborah Thomas' mother • Pat Morrison, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • Bill & Virgie Burchfield • Dortha Phillips • Pat Ballard's mother • Madeline Minyard • Sharon Ryan's mother, Mary Griffith • Larry Ryan's mother, Lorraine • Jamie Feroli's sister, Dara Robison • Wayne Price, Jennifer Johnson's uncle • Jamie Feroli's mother, JoAnn Watson, and grandmother • Peggy Jones' sister, Mary Warner • and those shut in/nursing home members.



Cheer bags

We have forty on our cheer list this year and fewer are diabetics than we expected. Suggested items are individual veggie and fruit cups, pudding cups, individually wrapped peanut butter or cheese snack crackers, hot chocolate and cider mix, Hormel Compleat microwave meals, canned hams

and hard candy. **Items need to be at the building by this Wednesday, December 16th.** If you would like to make a monetary donation towards fresh fruit or can help make deliveries, please see Mary Aldridge, Arlene Castleman or Dana Meece.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

- 12 Darlene Pennington
FA & Wanda Shellenberger
- 13 Ron & Peggy Jones '80
- 16 Rick & Suzanne Tidwell '75
Suzanne Tidwell
Tammy Gravelle
- 18 Lovel Hughes
Jacie Pirtle
- 20 Harry & Jeanine Phipps '53
Jason Meece
- 21 Alaura Phillips
- 23 Paul & Joyce Giles
- 27 Barton & Marsha Pettit '74
- 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

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. *If you can help drive the van on Wednesdays, please see Steve or an elder.*



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.

Website update Have you been on line and seen the changes to both websites that James has been working on? If you haven't been on either site in a while, take a little time and log on to www.mclishchurchofchrist.com and www.thegospelofchrist.com.

Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....Ron Jones

Lord's Table	Harold Dillard	Randy Scott	David Johnson
	Robert McClannahan	F.A. Shellenberger	Bobby Wallace

Song Leader.....David Johnson	PM Opening Prayer.....Ronnie Byrd
AM Opening PrayerJames Meece	PM Closing Prayer.....Floyd Johnson
AM ScriptureJohn Johnson	PM Lord's Supper.....Randy Scott
AM Closing Prayer Chock Aldridge	

Greeters Dec 13 & 16.....Chock & Mary Aldridge, Todd & Shelly Hicks

Elders

Charles Aldridge
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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



December 16

Cheer bag items deadline
10:00 am Ladies Bible class
7:00 pm Ronnie Byrd gives devotional

December 17

6:00 pm Over 39ers meet

December 19

4:00 pm Leave from building for Lewisville

December 23

No Ladies Bible class
7:00 pm David Johnson gives devotional

December 30

7:00 pm James Meece gives devotional



Broadcast Schedule

12/20 Galatians Lesson #2 The Purpose of the Old Law

Scripture from front page: Psalm 91:11, 12