

The McLish Avenue Messenger

This is the message we have heard from Him... God is Light (1 John 1:5).

December 20, 2009

MCLISH AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST • 607 McLish SW • Ardmore, OK 73401



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

“But from the beginning of the creation, God ‘made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife.’”

Mark 10:6 & 7 (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

Worship God in Fear

Ben Bailey

In Nehemiah 8:6 after Ezra had opened the Book, he blessed God and the people answered, “Amen, Amen... And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.” This signifies that the people had a great sense of fear (respect) when it came to worshipping God. By using the word fear we do not mean afraid, but rather a respect for authority. Israel feared the One who wrote the Book!

We must also fear the One who wrote *the book*. In the New Covenant, God has made specific laws concerning how we are to worship Him. In John 4:23-24 Jesus said, “...the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” Today, many people emphasize spirit worship, but not worship in truth. For worship to be acceptable to God we must govern our emotions by the truth. Spirit worship involves a person’s mind and emotions being engaged in the acts of worship. Worship in truth means our worship must be in accordance with biblical authority. One without the other is not acceptable. For example, God has given man the authority to sing (Eph 5:19), and God has specified that singing must be with the spirit and with the understanding (I Cor 14:15). Therefore, if someone were to sing to God in spirit, but without the understanding he would be violating God’s authority. On the other hand, if someone was to engage the spirit and the understanding, but he clapped his hands while he sang; he would violate Bible authority (Eph 5:19; Col 3:16-17). To properly restore worship we must abandon any unauthorized ways of worship, and worship God only in ways that He has commanded us. May God help as we endeavor to do this!

Preaching today Since Ben is on vacation the next two weeks, others will be covering his preaching/teaching duties. Today Keven Pendergrass will be presenting the lessons.



60th wedding anniversary

Joyce and Paul Giles invite you to help them celebrate 60 years of marriage. Please come to their Open House Wednesday, December 23rd, 2009 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. 2409 Quail Run Court. No presents please, your attendance is all they ask from you.

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*.

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.*

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.



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.

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
 Lovel & Mary Hughes
 Lonnie Harris
 Rick & Suzanne Tidwell
 Tom Matlock
 Sharlene Wallis & Rebecca

Prayer List



Todd Hicks' mother, **Rilda Renick**, will have breast cancer surgery tomorrow in Norman. **Ginger Waller** had shoulder surgery on the 15th. **Ben Tomlinson** remains in the hospital. Clarine Wainscott has a cousin in Tulsa with a brain tumor and her brother in Durant has internal bleeding and is in critical condition. **Bessie Childress** is at home recovering from a stroke.

Bob Merkel's (an elder at the Central congregation in Moore) daughter, **Wendy**, fell down a flight of stairs last week and is in a coma in a Tulsa hospital. **Rebecca Stafford** has been having difficulties getting her blood counts back up. She still has five chemo treatments left to take. **Neoma Schmidt**, Tina Saner's mother, has a procedure scheduled for January 6th. Please continue to remember: Darlene Pennington's brother and his wife • Darrelyn Phillips' brother-in-law, **Josh** • **Larry Waller** • 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**, Jimmye's son • Christy Murray's cousin **Misty** • **Betty Higgins** • **Jerry & Glenda Vinson** • Louise Harris' father, **Charlie Stevens** • Madeline Minyard's son **Dale** • **Glenda Vinson's mother** • Ruth Minyard's nephew, **Roger Parker** • **Murray Goforth** • **Deborah Thomas' mother** • **Pat Morrison**, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • **Bill & Virgie Burchfield** • **Dorthea Phillips** • **Pat Ballard's mother** • **Madeline Minyard** • Sharon Ryan's mother, **Mary Griffeth** • 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.



Get-together

This evening after services everyone is encouraged to stay for a time of fellowship.

- Bring finger foods to share.

Cheer bags

Thanks go out to all that donated towards, put together and delivered the cheer bags.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

- 18 Lovel Hughes
Jaccie Pirtle
- 20 Harry & Jeanine Phipps '53
Jason Meece
- 21 Alaura Litson
- 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
- 25 Nancy McClanahan
- 27 Rick Tidwell
- 30 Amy Hicks

February

- 1 Marsha Pettit

Bulletin There will be no bulletin the next two weeks.

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

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| Lord's Table | Harold Dillard Robert McClannahan | Randy Scott F.A. Shellenberger | David Johnson Bobby Wallace |
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| Song Leader.....Vernon Castleman | PM Opening Prayer.....Randy Scott |
| AM Opening PrayerEarl Mann | PM Closing Prayer.....F.A. Shellenberger |
| AM ScriptureCecil Hargrove | PM Lord's Supper:.....David Johnson |
| AM Closing PrayerTodd Hicks | |

Greeters Dec 20 & 23.....Vernon & Arlene Castleman

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| AM Closing PrayerSteve Mann | |

Greeters Dec 27 & 30FA Shellenberger, Cap & Teen Stewart, Tom Matlock

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
226-2920

Jerry Vinson
223-3865



December 20

7:00 pm Fellowship

December 23

No Ladies Bible class

7:00 pm David Johnson gives devotional

December 30

No Ladies Bible class

7:00 pm James Meece gives devotional



January 3

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

January 6

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class resumes

7:00 pm James Meece gives devotional



Broadcast Schedule

12/27 Galatians Lesson #3 Christian Freedom

1/3 Galatians Lesson #4 The Fruit of the Spirit

1/10 1 John 1-2 Walk in Light

Scripture from front page: Genesis 1:27; 5:2