

# The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

December 20, 2009

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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 (1 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.



## 60<sup>th</sup> 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  
Jacie 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](http://www.mclishchurchofchrist.com) and [www.thegospelofchrist.com](http://www.thegospelofchrist.com).

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## Those to Serve Today

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Song Leader.....Vernon Castleman	PM Opening Prayer.....Randy Scott
AM Opening Prayer .....Earl Mann	PM Closing Prayer.....F.A. Shellenberger
AM Scripture .....Cecil Hargrove	PM Lord's Supper:.....David Johnson
AM Closing Prayer .....Todd Hicks	

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

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AM Closing Prayer .....Steve Mann	

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

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### Elders

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**Charles Aldridge**  
710 15th NW  
223-4602

**Vernon Castleman**  
3533 Dogwood Road  
223-0983

**James Meece**  
909 Davis  
223-7637

### Deacons

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**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*