

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?

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight.’”

Mark 1:3 (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

Things That Accompany Salvation

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Beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation (Heb. 6:9). As a strong word of exhortation the writer of Hebrews leaves his readers realizing that salvation must be combined with other important conditions. It is evident from Hebrews 5 & 6 that these Christians had quit growing and had become stagnant in their Christianity. He then mentions several things that must accompany their salvation to be acceptable to God.

From Disobedient to Obedient (Heb 5:8-9). One thing that is directly connected to a person's salvation is obedience to God and His Word. Please understand that we are not saying a person earns his salvation. It is clear that salvation is by grace. But it is also directly connected to faithfulness (See Eph 2:8-9). It is clear that one must obey God's commands and meet the conditions He has set forth to please Him (Luke 6:46). The writer of Hebrews makes it abundantly clear that obedience is necessary to salvation when he says, “And having been perfected He became the author of eternal salvation to all those who obey Him” (Heb 5:9). There are some in our modern religious world who do not accompany their salvation with the things Jesus has commanded. Let me illustrate with this example. Jesus said, “He that believes and is baptized will be saved. He that does not believe will be condemned” (Mark 16:16). Many in our modern world will say that baptism is a good thing to do, but not essential to salvation. Yet, our Lord directly connected belief and baptism to salvation. To say that baptism is not essential to salvation is a failure to accompany the proper

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Salvation

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things with salvation (See Acts 2:38). In reality, it is a deception and not salvation at all.

From Milk to Meat (Heb 5:12-6:2). For a persons Christianity to be profitable for salvation, that person must make it his aim to move from milk to meat. By using this illustration, the Hebrew writer reminds us of the natural growth process from infant to adult. When a baby is first born it must only partake of milk. However, as it grows it begins to eat solid food. The Christians growth must be the same way. What would you think if you saw a 40 year old man drinking from a baby bottle? This is the exact point the Hebrew writer is trying to get across. How long have you been a Christian? Have you grown any since you obeyed the gospel? Or, are you still stuck on the fundamentals? Christianity must be accompanied by continual growth. The Apostle Peter said, "...Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord & Savior" (2 Peter 3:18).

The wonderful thing about God & His Word is we can know exactly what is connected to salvation and what we must do to be saved. The Apostle John said, "These things I have written to you...that you may know that you have eternal life" (1 John 5:13). Christians never, ever give up! They must make it their aim to "reach forward to those

things which are ahead" (Phil 3:12ff). The Christians who say, "I'm where I need to be as a Christian" are actually right where the Devil wants them to be. May God give us the strength and determination to combine spiritual growth with our salvation!

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.

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

Prayer List



Ben Tomlinson was moved back to ICU last week.

Jean Cary's nephew, **Kent Barker**, will be having a bone marrow transplant. Todd Hicks' mother, **Rilda Renken**, will have breast cancer surgery later this month. **Marty Stinson** had more surgery on his amputated leg. **Jamie Feroli** will start a more aggressive round of treatment. Please continue to remember:

Travis Willis • Deborah Thomas • Flo Brown, sister of Joyce Gilliam • **Jean Cary's son Scott • 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 • Jerry & Glenda Vinson • Nancy McClanahan • Murray Goforth • Rebecca Stafford • Glenda Vinson's sister and brother • 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 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.**

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**

December 19th. 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.

Today at noon we will gather for a fellowship meal. If you are visiting with us, we would love to have you as our guest. There is always an abundance of food and we'd like to get you know you better!



Birthdays & Anniversaries

December

- 6 Ashli Austin
Sean & Nancy Bugbee '03
- 7 Cody Castleman
Bill Burchfield
- 9 Jean Cary
Charles Williams
- 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

Contacts for TGOC If you have a 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*.



Those to Serve December 2009

Announcements.....Ron Jones

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

6th Song Leader..... Harold Dillard PM Opening Prayer..... David Johnson
 AM Opening Prayer..... Jerry Beavers PM Closing Prayer..... Tom Matlock
 AM Scripture..... Alex Vinson PM Lord's Supper..... Harold Dillard
 AM Closing Prayer..... Lovel Hughes

13th Song Leader David Johnson PM Opening Prayer..... Ronnie Byrd
 AM Opening Prayer..... James Meece PM Closing Prayer..... Floyd Johnson
 AM Scripture..... John Johnson PM Lord's Supper..... Randy Scott
 AM Closing Prayer... Chock Aldridge

20th 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

27th Song Leader..... Chock Aldridge PM Opening Prayer..... Scott Saner
 AM Opening Prayer..... Vernon Castleman PM Closing Prayer..... Andy Smith
 AM Scripture..... Ronnie Byrd PM Lord's Supper..... F.A. Shellenberger
 AM Closing Prayer..... Steve Mann

Greeters Dec 6 & 9..... James & Tammy Gravelle, Ronnie Byrd
 Dec 13 & 16 Chock & Mary Aldridge, Todd & Shelly Hicks
 Dec 20 & 23 Vernon & Arlene Castleman
 Dec 27 & 30 FA Shellenberger, Cap & Teen Stewart, Tom Matlock

Today

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

December 9

10:00 am Ladies Bible class

7:00 pm Ron Jones gives devotional

December 16

10:00 am Ladies Bible class

7:00 pm Ronnie Byrd gives devotional

December 17

6:00 pm Over 39ers meet

December 19

Cheer bag items deadline

December 23

No Ladies Bible class

7:00 pm David Johnson gives devotional

December 30

7:00 pm James Meece gives devotional



Broadcast Schedule

12/13 Galatians Lesson #1 Paul-A True Apostle

Scripture from front page: Isaiah 40:3

Elders

Charles Aldridge
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 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