

The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

February 1, 2009

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*The following is the last verse of
what book of the Bible?*

“These are the
commandments which the
LORD commanded Moses
for the children of Israel on
Mount Sinai.”

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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

Part four

Once Saved Always Saved

Ben Bailey

A denominational preacher in Louisville, KY has made this statement concerning once saved always saved. “If I killed my wife and mother and debauched a thousand women I couldn’t go to hell--in fact, I couldn’t go to hell if I wanted to.” While many who hold to this teaching would not take it this far, this has to be the logical conclusion of once saved always saved. No matter what you do, or how bad you live, you cannot go to Hell even if you want to! Let us examine another passage that some believe teaches once saved always saved.

John 6:37 “All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.” Some claim this passage teaches that once you are in Christ, you can never leave Him. In context, this is not at all what Jesus is teaching. Jesus is teaching the exact opposite of that. Jesus is saying that nothing can remove him from you, not you from Him. This is very, very important to recognize. Jesus is teaching us that nothing externally (world, devil, persecution, etc.) can take you out of his care and protection. But, you can get up and remove yourself out of Christ’s love by living a life of sin. Nothing can force you to leave Christ, but you can freely choose to leave Him and be lost. Jesus clarified this idea in John 10:2 by saying “...no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand.” Those who believe John 6:37 teaches eternal security must believe that we are mere robots and drones. If nothing can remove us from eternal life, not even our own decisions to leave, then we do not have a free will. The Bible teaches that we do have the free will to choose (Josh. 24:15). Dear reader, John 6:37 teaches that Jesus does not want you to be lost and has done all

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He can to protect you, but you can turn you back on His protection and be lost.

The Bible does not teach a person can never be lost once he is saved. In fact, the Prodigal Son is a perfect example of a son who left the Father and was dead and lost (Lk 15:24). The younger son chooses to leave the safety of his father's house to lead a life of sin and waste. To return to the father, the son must make a decision to repent and turn back to his father. While the son is leading an ungodly life, he is considered lost by his father. The application for us is that once we are Christians we can choose to leave the security of the house of God and be lost to our heavenly Father.

Teacher Appreciation Plans are being made for a teacher appreciation banquet on Saturday, February 21 at 6:30 pm. If you have taught or assisted in a class, you are invited to attend. There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board to give those planning the event a head count.

New station Don't forget that The Gospel of Christ started airing on My Texoma, on Cableone channel 2, antenna with converter box 12.2, at 7:00 am.

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

Welcome! Be sure to welcome **Paula & Ken Lewis** and **Jo Daniel** to the congregation. They asked to be identified with us last week. Their address is 9000 S Brock Road, Ardmore. The Lewis' phone number is 221-1342 and sis Daniel's number is 657-3943. Please take your next opportunity to introduce yourself to them.

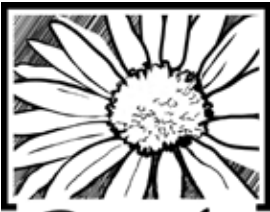
Couple shower Next Sunday after evening services, everyone is invited to bring finger food and gather in the fellowship area for a shower for **Jana Barton and Jason Meece**. Mary Aldridge and Arlene Castleman are collecting donations for a money tree.



39 & Unders The 39 & unders will be leaving the building at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 7th. Plans include going to the Wax Museum/Ripley's Believe It or Not. For more details, see Vickie Fletcher.



Children's homes Westview will be back in March and is requesting: Velveeta, 100% juice, Nestle Quik, applesauce, canned fruit, Kool-Aid/Tang, chili no beans, canned chicken, Pop Tarts/breakfast bars, Pine Sol, toilet paper, paper towels, sunscreen, Off, dish washing soap and liquid laundry soap.



Remember Our Sick

Marty Stinson is scheduled to come home soon. Glenda Vinson had surgery on her foot last week. Ruby Meece, James' mother, fell last week and had emergency surgery on her hip. Jean Cary is being treated for an upper respiratory infection. Norma Perkins' friend, Jerry Lover, had laser surgery to repair a hole in his cornea. Randy Scott's mother Peggy was released from the hospital. Please continue to remember: **Ruth Parker** • Ben Tomlinson's mother **Nita** • **Jean Parker** • **Dorthea Phillips** • Gloria Clark's father, **KL Murphey** • **Casey Blount**, Mary Ann Ashley's nephew • **Sue Mann** • Scott Saner's parents, his uncle, **Roger Lucas** and his great-uncle, **Charles Gossman** • **Deborah Thomas** and her son **Joe** • **Rebecca Stafford** • Jamie Feroli's sister, **Dara Robinson**, • **Madeline Minyard** • Harold & Martha Dillard's daughter **Carole Grammer** • **Jerry Vinson** • **Glen Elmore** • **Jan Barlow**, Sue Creecy's daughter and Tammy Gravelle's sister • **Harry Phipps** • **Nelda Hamilton**, Norma Perkins' sister • Larry Ryan's mother, **Lorraine** • Sharon Ryan's mother, **Mary Griffeth** • **Judy Grammer** • Peggy Jones' sister, **Mary Warner** • **Tabitha Ray-Barton** • **Pat Ballard's mother** • **Jamie Feroli** • Jamie Feroli's mother, **JoAnn Watson**, and **grandmother** • and those shut in/nursing home members.



Study the Bible with us

Thursday class Thursdays through April 2nd at 7 pm Ben and Kevin will teach a fundamentals class, "Have You Ever Wondered Why the churches of Christ Teach...?" This class has been advertised in local newspapers and is designed to bring people from the community as well as build up our members. Please help this class be a success. First, determine to be at the class yourself. Secondly, invite a friend to learn about God's word.

Our sympathy is extended to Jaccie Pirtle in the death of her mother-in-law and the aunt of Martin Dotson. Please keep these families surrounded with your prayerful concern.

Response Jaccie Pirtle confessed sin in her life and asked for prayers of the congregation last week. Please keep her in your prayers and encourage her as you are able.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February

- 1 Marsha Pettit
- 3 Peggy Jones
Betty Tipton
- 8 Sharon Chamberlain
- 9 Sharon Ryan
- 11 Marvin Willis
- 12 Joyce Giles
Roy & Lori Patrick
- 13 Mary Aldridge
Gloria Clark
- 14 Gypsy Castleman
Alice Williams
- 21 Bobby Wallace
- 25 Isabella Murray
- 26 James Meece
Michael Castleman

March

- 1 Cap & Teen Stewart '47
- 5 Melody Smith
- 9 Bill Stewart
- 10 Christy Murray
- 11 Madeline Minyard
Justin Mann
W.O. Clark
- 13 Pat Ballard
- 14 James Gravelle
- 15 Toni Mann
Fred & Maxine Bellomy '49
- 16 Lexie Wallace
- 17 Lara Austin
- 21 Martin Dotson
Robert & Pam Schumacher
- 23 Anthony Tipton



Mark your calendars for February 15th for our congregational blood drive. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board on the back wall if you are willing to donate.

Labels Tammy Gravelle is collecting labels for the children's home. Both soup labels and Duncan Hines labels can be redeemed by the home for equipment and supplies.

Those to Serve February 2009

Announcements.....	Todd Hicks		
Lord's Table.....	Lovel Hughes Ray Harness	James Gravelle Alex Vinson	Earl Mann Steve Mann
1st Song Leader.....	Chock Aldridge	PM Opening Prayer.....	Harold Dillard
AM Opening Prayer.....	Floyd Johnson	PM Closing Prayer.....	Tom Matlock
AM Scripture.....	Ethan Aldridge	PM Lord's Supper.....	Lovel Hughes
AM Closing Prayer.....	Ronnie Byrd		
8th Song Leader.....	Barton Pettit	PM Opening Prayer.....	David Johnson
AM Opening Prayer.....	James Meece	PM Closing Prayer.....	Jerry Beavers
AM Scripture.....	Sean Bugbee	PM Lord's Supper.....	James Gravelle
AM Closing Prayer.....	Andy Smith		
15th Song Leader.....	Scott Saner	PM Opening Prayer.....	Ron Jones
AM Opening Prayer.....	Vernon Castleman	PM Closing Prayer.....	Martin Dotson
AM Scripture.....	Bill Stewart	PM Lord's Supper.....	Earl Mann
AM Closing Prayer.....	Randy Scott		
22nd Song Leader.....	Randy Scott	PM Opening Prayer.....	Sean Bugbee
AM Opening Prayer.....	Chock Aldridge	PM Closing Prayer.....	John Johnson
AM Scripture.....	Bo Fore	PM Lord's Supper.....	Ray Harness
AM Closing Prayer.....	FA Shellenberger		
Greeters Feb 1 & 4.....	Ronnie Byrd, Jerry Vinson, Tom Matlock		
Feb 8 & 11.....	Randy & Adela Scott, James & Dana Meece		
Feb 15 & 18.....	Earl & Sue Mann, Ron & Peggy Jones		
Feb 22 & 25.....	Melissa & Jackie Waller, 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
226-0830

Ron Jones
223-7268

Steve Mann
223-7246

Scott Saner
226-2920

Jerry Vinson
223-3865



Today

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

February 4

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class

7:00 pm James Gravelle gives devotional

February 5

7:00 pm Bible study at the building

February 7

9:00 am 39 & Under leave for Arlington

February 8

7:00 pm Barton/Meece bridal shower

February 11

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class

7:00 pm Ben Bailey gives devotional

February 12

7:00 pm Bible study at the building

February 15

12:00 pm Blood drive

February 18

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class

7:00 pm Barton Pettit gives devotional

February 19

7:00 pm Bible study at the building

February 19

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet

*Scripture from front page:
(NKJV) Leviticus 27:34*