

The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

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

“This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:
‘The LORD, the God of heaven, has given
me all the kingdoms of the earth and he
has appointed me to build a temple for
him at Jerusalem in Judah. Anyone of his
people among you— may the LORD his
God be with him, and let him go up.’ ”

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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

Peace that Passes All Understanding

Ben Bailey

Pace is one of the most treasured commodities for any society. For many, many years’ people have prayed, died and lived for peace. Jesus often spoke of the idea of peace. Yet, it was a little different than how we think of peace today. Today, we think of peace as military safety. Or, we think of it as financial security. Sometimes, we even feel like we have peace when the home security alarm is working well and the stock market is soaring. This was not the kind of peace Jesus spoke of. Jesus spoke of a peace that transcends the physical. He spoke of a kind of tranquility that regardless of whether or not we were at war, financially broke, or even our lives were at stake would allow us to overcome and be victorious. To His disciples Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27). How does one have this kind of peace?

Christian peace comes through a right relationship with God. Paul said, “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 5:1). When sinners have the faith to obey God’s commands, then we can truly have the peace that passes all understanding (Rom. 1:5). You see, dear friend, you can only have spiritual tranquility when you can say to yourself, “The Bible says I’m right with God.” Nothing else can give you greater satisfaction and joy than this.

Christian peace comes through living a spiritual minded life. The Apostle Paul said, “For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace” (Rom. 8:6). This idea find exact accord with what Paul said later to the church in Philippi (Phil. 4:6-8).

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Peace

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The only way to maintain Christian peace is to know that you are living according to the commands and wishes of God found in the Bible.

To sum up the idea of Christian peace we could say, the only way to get it is to get right with God and the only way to keep it is to stay right with God. When I do both of these, then truly I can say, "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me" (Heb. 13:6). Do you really possess this kind of peace in your life? Are you sure you have done what the Bible says and not what some other person told you to do? If so, are you living the Christian life every day? If so, then you know the joy of Christian peace. If not, it's not too late to know the Christian peace. May the peace of God rule in your hearts through Jesus Christ (Col. 3:15).



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.

Teachers needed Todd Hicks needs teachers for the cradle roll class. If you can help in this area, please talk to Todd today.

Over 39ers Note the date change! The over 39ers will meet this Tuesday, February 24th at 6:00 pm at El Chico.

Camp forms Wednesday in the upper school age classes, camp forms were distributed. Additional forms are available in the office. Please get these completed and turned into the office as soon as possible.

Teacher Appreciation Thank you to all those who made it possible for the teacher appreciation banquet last night. A special thanks go out to the young people for their help.

Tax forms If you need a form regarding 2008 donations for tax purposes, Melba has them available in the office.

TGOC KVSQ, 1240 am radio, has started airing 3 minute radio lessons every weekday morning between 7:10 and 7:20.

Outreach Groups

Group 1

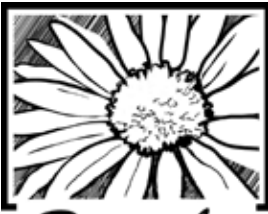
Chock & Mary Aldridge
Ron & Peggy Jones
Ray & Tomi Harness
James & Tammy Gravelle
Ronnie Byrd
Steve Mann
Scott & Tina Saner
Jaccie Pirtle

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



Remember Our Sick

Sharon Ryan's mother, **Mary Griffith**, had a stroke last week. Scott Saner's mother, **Mary**, remains in critical care. **Marie Williams** fell last week. **Frank Pennington** is recovering from a kidney transplant. Please continue to remember: **Sue Mann** • Harold & Martha Dillard's daughter **Carole Grammer** • **Toni Mann** • Gloria Clark's father, **KL Murphey** • **A.L. Hargrove**, Cecil's brother • Lovell & Mary Hughes' son-in-law, **David Eddie** • Sam Attencio's grandfather, **Mel Attencio** • **Rebecca Stafford** • **Nancy McClanahan** • **Jerry Beavers** • **Kent Barker**, the nephew of Jean Carey • **Marty Stinson** • **Ruby Meece**, James' mother • **Norma Perkins**' friend, **Jerry Lover** • **Ruth Parker** • Ben Tomlinson's mother **Nita** • **Dorthea Phillips** • **Madeline Minyard** • **Jerry & Glenda Vinson** • **Glen Elmore** • **Harry Phipps** • **Nelda Hamilton**, Norma Perkins' sister • Larry Ryan's mother, **Lorraine** • **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.

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.



Study the Bible with us

Thank you to those who helped with the distribution of the disaster relief items. This work could not have been done without you. About 250 families were helped out of our building and at least another 50 from the Lone Grove congregation. We had 83 responses in total, from being interested in a Bible study to individuals looking for a place to worship. A big thanks also goes out to those of you who literally rolled up your sleeves last Sunday and gave a unit of blood. You all made a great impression on the OBI staff.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February

- 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
- 26 Steve Mann
- 27 Liz Aldridge
- 28 Ronnie & Geri Byrd '75
Oneda Claypool
Jacob Johnson
- 30 Caleb Willis
Harold & Martha Dillard '74

April

- 8 Glenda Vinson
- 9 Martha Dillard
April Dotson

