

# 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?

“For the Scripture says to the Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I may show My power in you, and that My name may be declared in all the earth.” ”

Romans 9:17 (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

Part one

## Liberalism: Are We Drawing Closer to God?

Ben Bailey

In the church a serious wind of change is taking place (Eph. 4:14). This movement is so powerful that it is blowing down many of the “old paths” the Lord’s church has held to (Jer. 6:16, Prov. 22:18). Those who advocate doctrinal change will say that this movement is caused by an acceptance of culture and a desire to have a deeper relationship with God, but I say that rebellion, emotionalism, and Biblical ignorance are the causes of this change.

The liberal movement in the church has tried to bring us in synch with our culture in several ways. First, as a direct result of the women’s liberation movement, change agents are advocating an extended role for women. For example, a person can now go into a congregation of the Lord’s people and find women serving at the Lord’s Supper, preaching, praying, or even leading song service. Next, we have tried to be culturally oriented by being more accepting of denominations. Change agents say that we need to be more relaxed in our views on who is, or who is not our brother. Today, many church of Christ preachers are exchanging pulpits with Baptists, Methodists, and Lutherans as if they are no different than us. A final way in which liberals have tried to make the church cultural is by making additions and changes in our worship. For instance, the church used to believe that

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# Liberalism

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acapella music was the only way to worship God in song (Eph 5:19, Col. 3:16). But now some are bringing instruments into worship as an acceptable alternative. We used to be convicted that singing unto the Lord vocally with our mind engaged was proper, but now we are being told that hand clapping is just as acceptable to the Lord as vocal singing in spirit and truth (Jn 4:24). Also, alterations to fit culture are being made to the Lord's supper. For example, some churches of Christ are only serving the Lord's supper once a month or once a quarter. When we view these major changes in the church, we should automatically ask, "Are we really drawing closer to God?" or has the Lord removed some churches from their place of exaltation because of unauthorized change (Rev 2:5)?

I am convinced that one of the major causes of change in the church is a rebellious spirit. Due to some major transformations and impacts by culture and society a rebellious generation is rising up and leading the church away from the doctrines we have held to for years. Many factors in society caused a rebellion against authority. For example, in the 1960's drugs, long hair, antiwar protests, and acceptance of eastern religions was simply a rebellion

**Today** Rodney Williams from Brown Trail will be with us to give the lessons from God's Word. Next week **Kyndall Aldrich** will be with us.

**Media** There are copies of the Feb 15th *The Gospel of Christ* newsletter on the back table for anyone who is interested, but especially those who do not have email. Copies of the February *Christian Worker* are also on the table.



against authority. Another factor that caused this rebellious generation was a lack of discipline. When Dr. Spock published his ideas on discipline, many people began to rethink their method of discipline which led to children rebelling against authority. Instead of spanking their children, people began to ground, give time outs, or simply reward unacceptable behavior so they would not squash their children's spirits. While this seemed like a good approach to some, the voice of experience shows us that it was not the right way (Prov. 13:24, 19:18, 22:15, 23:13-14, 29:15,17, Heb. 12:7). Children who are not disciplined at a young age grow up to be adults who reject the authority of the Bible. To God, "...Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft" (1 Sam

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## Children's homes Westview Boys'

**Home** will be here this week and is asking for: canned ravioli, canned fruit, Kool-Aid/Tang, canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, baked/refried beans, 100% juice/Capri Sun, cream of chicken or mushroom soup, Hidden Valley Ranch or Italian Dressing, toilet paper, paper towels, batteries of all sizes, plastic silverware, liquid laundry soap, and 39/13 gallon trash bags. If you prefer, you can make a cash donation for the pantry to Doneta. A week before a home comes she will go shopping for the items that we are short.



**Next Sunday** at noon we will come together for a fellowship meal. Please plan to attend and bring a little extra for any visitors we might have. This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers and sisters a little better.

## Prayer List



Jeanine Phipps remains in ICU. Melba Culbreth is recovering from a fall. Megan Nix' grandfather, Kenneth Eck, has been moved back to the VA in Lawton after spending time the the hopital for a stroke. Lucy hagan asks for prayers for Rich Knapp. Mary Aldridge's niece, Carla Slate, will have tests on a spot on her lung.

Please continue to remember: Justin Duncan (Ringling)

• Glenda Vinson • Jamie Feroli • Donna Henson • Earl Mann's brother-in-law, Jim Brooks • Jean Parker • Linda Denison • Clara Shotts • Jimmye Jacobson's son Trent • Jerry Beaver's sister, Helen Hinkel • Harry Phipps • Mary Aldridge's niece Linda • Martha Dillard • Loe Neil's daughter Calli • Deborah Thomas • Virgie Birchfield • Ginger Waller • Jamie Feroli's mother Joann Watson and grandmother Audra Ervin • Eva Mae Gibbs • Glenda Vinson's sisters Nelda Grant and Marie Dewbre • Ruth Parker's friend Mary Jo Marley • Jan Barlow, Sue Creecy's daughter • Ronnie Byrd's cousin Pat • Murray Goforth • Sue Mann • Betty Higgins • Rebecca Stafford • Jean Cary's nephew Kent Barker. • Lucy Hagen's friend Dub Huddleston • Jo Daniel • Ken & Paula Lewis • Scott's father, Ken Saner • Winston Pirtle • Nancy McClanahan • Jean Cary • Vernon Padgett • Ruth Minyard • Deborah Thomas' mother • Pat Ballard's mother • Bessie Childress • Madeline Minyard • and those shut in/nursing home members.

**Evangelism toolbox** Kevin will begin looking at the core beliefs of the Lutheran denomination and where to go in the Bible for the truth to refute them. Please join him in the small auditorium at 6:15 pm on Tuesdays.



**Blood drive** Oklahoma Blood Institute has scheduled a drive with our congregation on Sunday, March 13, following morning worship services. If you are interested in donating, please see Scott or Tina Saner to schedule an appointment.

If you are a regular donor, please consider having your donation credited to the congregation.

**Tax letters** Letters for your 2010 contributions to use with your tax filing are available in the office.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### February

26 James Meece  
Michael Castleman

### March

1 Cap & Teen Stewart '47  
5 Melody Smith  
6 Jeff & Vickie Willingham  
11 Madeline Minyard  
Justin Mann  
WO 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  
Donna Henson  
28 Ronnie & Geri Byrd '75  
Jacob Johnson  
29 Kenneth & Jean Parker '48  
30 Caleb Willis  
Harold & Martha Dillard '74

### April

1 Lynzie Elizabeth Bugbee  
8 Glenda Vinson  
9 Martha Dillard  
Jerry & Lois Beavers  
10 Brent Castleman  
Michael Tipton

## Bible Cities P-Z

Use a Concordance to look up those you do not know.

Philippi	S	X	I	N	E	O	H	P	S	I	D	O	N	P	D	U
Phoenix	M	E	S	T	P	I	S	I	D	I	A	N	A	A	R	C
Pisidian	Y	B	I	H	A	C	I	N	O	L	A	S	S	E	H	T
Ptolemais	R	P	A	A	A	S	A	I	R	E	B	I	T	A	E	R
Puteoli	N	B	M	A	C	Y	H	H	A	M	E	A	U	I	G	E
Rhegium	A	E	E	I	M	R	H	Y	R	I	E	M	D	C	I	M
Rhodes	S	A	L	M	U	A	T	A	I	O	A	A	S	U	U	O
Rome	R	I	O	P	R	C	A	X	T	I	G	I	Y	E	M	R
Salamis	A	H	T	A	Y	U	H	R	A	T	A	S	C	L	S	R
Samaria	T	P	P	N	A	S	P	H	Y	S	O	I	H	E	A	S
Sardis	E	A	U	I	R	E	E	O	H	A	T	M	A	S	M	A
Seleucia	R	R	R	T	Y	M	R	D	T	R	R	A	R	A	A	I
Sidon	I	H	Y	S	E	M	A	E	P	D	O	L	A	A	R	S
Smyrna	H	O	E	T	U	O	Z	S	A	I	A	A	A	P	I	R
Sychar	E	A	T	I	P	S	L	G	A	S	S	S	P	I	A	U
Syracuse	Z	M	I	X	A	A	O	I	P	H	I	L	I	P	P	I
Tarsus	Thessalonica	Tiberias	Tyre													
	Thyatira	Troas	Zarephath													

This is a sample of the word searches found on our website  
[www.thegosplofchrist.com](http://www.thegosplofchrist.com)

## Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....	Ron Jones		
Lord's Table	Lovel Hughes	James Gravelle	Earl Mann
	Ray Harness	Alex Vinson	Steve Mann
Song Leader.....	David Johnson	PM Opening .....	Vernon Castleman
AM Scripture .....	Sean Bugbee	PM Closing .....	Tom Matlock
AM Opening.....	Harold Dillard	PM Lord's Supper.....	Ray Harness
AM Closing.....	Randy Scott		
Greeters Feb 27 & Mar 2.....	David & Linda Johnson, Ray & Tomi Harness		

## 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**  
 465.5785

**Jerry Vinson**  
 223.3865

## Kevin's schedule

Feb 27	Sherman, TX
Mar 6	Slim, OK
Mar 13	Enos, OK
Mar 20	Boswell, OK

**Feb**

February 27

Guest speaker: Rodney Williams

**Mar**

March 1

6:15 pm Evangelism class in the small auditorium

March 2

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class  
 7:00 pm James Meece gives devotional

March 6

Guest speaker: Kyndall Aldrich  
 12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

March 8

6:15 pm Evangelism class in the small auditorium

March 9

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class  
 7:00 pm FA Shellenberger gives devotional

Exodus 9:16

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