

The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

February 7, 2010

MCLISH AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST • 607 McLish SW • Ardmore, OK 73401



This New Testament passage quotes an Old Testament passage. Where is the Old Testament passage found?

*“Why did the nations rage,
And the people plot vain
things?”*

Acts 4:25 (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

How to Deal with Church Problems

Ben Bailey

When problems arise at a congregation, it is not always the problems themselves that do the damage, but how each member deals with the alleged problems. For example, Sister Chatter tells Brother Gossip that she saw Bill, a church deacon, pulled over beside a beer joint helping a young mother change her flat tire. As Brother Gossip hears the story he is so gossipy that all he hears is that a church deacon was seen at the beer joint with a young mother. After the twisted story leaves the venomous lips of Brother Gossip, goes through the demented mind of Sister Busybody, then the story comes out like this. Have you heard that Brother Bill, who has always been a faithful deacon, has now left the church and is seen at the beer joint regularly with one of the young mothers from our congregation? Such exaggerated stories like this should leave us with mixed emotions. They make us want to laugh because they are so far fetched and distorted. Yet, at the same time, they make us want to cry because we all know rumors like this one have done horrendous harm to the church of the Lord. What then should the Christian do when he hears about church problems?

1 Consider the source. Is the person who is telling me this biased toward a certain group or view? Is this person known for being a gossip and spreading rumors? Was this person actually there or did they get the information second-hand?

2 Remember, there are always two sides to a story. Every story, no matter how good, bad or ugly, has two sides. Before believing a rumor that you hear, make sure you get both sides of the story. This is especially important as it relates to religious and biblical matters. Be sure and find

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Problem

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out if there are any biblical principles in the story that you have not been told. A lot of times when you explore both sides of the story you see things that some would rather you not know.

3If you have questions, ask the elders. When problems arise and you hear something someone said, before believing it, talk to the spiritual leaders of the congregation about it. They are the ones who lead and watch out for our souls (Heb. 13:17). And, more times than not, they are at the forefront and know both sides of the story. May all of us remember that more harm can be done after the problems arise than during the problems themselves if we do not deal with them correctly.



The Gospel of Christ

The website continues to be a source of information for many who are searching on the internet. If you a

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*.

Bible classes Last Sunday started new quarter. Parents, take time to talk to your children and their teachers to see what can be done at home to reinforce learning.



Blood Drive

OBI will have their mobile unit here at the building on Sunday, February 21st. There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board for time slots after morning service. If you have questions, see Scott or Tina Saner. Be sure to drink plenty of liquids before and after your donation!

Directory update Please update your directory to show Kathie Clifton's current phone number: 319-1673.



From Ben Tomlinson: "We would like to thank all our brothers and sister in Christ for the prayers and financial help over the last couple of months. We are truly blessed. — Ben & Barb

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



Nancy Parker has pneumonia. Kathie Clifton fell at work and bruised her face. Christy Bailey had some tests run last Friday. Nancy Bugbee will have a sonogram this week. The Lewis' ask for prayers for a class mate of Kevin, **Debra Perkins**, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please continue to remember: **Teen Stewart • Tom Matlock • Jean Parker • Jamie Feroi • April Willis's friend Shannon • Virginia Hubbard • Ben Tomlinson • Mary Ann Ashley • Ruth Parker's great-grandson Emory Raney • Earl Mann's sister Joan Etta Brooks • Charlie Stevens, Louis Harris' father • Joyce Gilliam • Todd Hicks' mother, Rilda Renick • Ginger Waller • Bessie Childress • Jean Cary's nephew, Kent Barker, and her brother D.C. Shipman • Marty Stinson • 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, Jimmie's son • Christy Murray's cousin Misty • Betty Higgins • Jerry & Glenda Vinson • Murray Goforth • 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 Griffith • Larry Ryan's mother, Lorraine • Jamie Feroi's sister, Dara Robison • Wayne Price, Jennifer Johnson's uncle • Jamie Feroi's mother, JoAnn Watson, and grandmother • Peggy Jones' sister, Mary Warner • and those shut in/nursing home members.**

Rejoice Alyssa Pearson was baptized into Christ Wednesday before class. She has been coming to services with the Lewis family. She and her daughter, Camdyn, live at 8 Rocky Road, Lot 3, Healdton, 73438; phone 580/229-3015. Take the opportunity to welcome them to the family here at McLish.

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!



Tax forms Please check with Melba to pick up a tax form.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February

- 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
- 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
Jacob Johnson

Over 39ers The over 39ers will meet Thursday, February 18th at 6:00 pm at the building to caravan down to McGehee's. If you have questions, check with James Gravelle.

Those to Serve February 2010

Announcements.....	Todd Hicks		
Lord's Table	Lovel Hughes	James Gravelle	Earl Mann
	Ray Harness	Alex Vinson	Steve Mann
7th Song Leader	Vernon Castleman	PM Opening Prayer.....	Jerry Beavers
AM Opening Prayer....	David Johnson	PM Closing Prayer.....	Tom Matlock
AM Scripture.....	Ronnie Byrd	PM Lord's Supper.....	Lovel Hughes
AM Closing Prayer.....	Randy Scott		
14th Song Leader	Chock Aldridge	PM Opening Prayer.....	Ron Jones
AM Opening Prayer.....	James Meece	PM Closing Prayer.....	Harold Dillard
AM Scripture.....	Colin Saner	PM Lord's Supper.....	James Gravelle
AM Closing Prayer.....	Larry Waller		
21st Song Leader	Scott Saner	PM Opening Prayer.....	Floyd Johnson
AM Opening Prayer ...	FA Shellenberger	PM Closing Prayer.....	James Gravelle
AM Scripture.....	Daniel Jones	PM Lord's Supper.....	Earl Mann
AM Closing Prayer...	Chock Aldridge		
28th Song Leader	Randy Scott	PM Opening Prayer.....	Alex Vinson
AM Opening Prayer....	Vernon Castleman	PM Closing Prayer.....	Cecil Hargrove
AM Scripture.....	Bo Fore	PM Lord's Supper.....	Ray Harness
AM Closing Prayer.....	John Johnson		
Greeters Feb 7 & 10	Randy & Adela Scott, James & Dana Meece		
Feb 14 & 17	Earl & Sue Mann, Ron & Peggy Jones		
Feb 21 & 24	Melissa & Jackie Waller, Tom Matlock		
Feb 28 & Mar 3	Vernon & Arlene Castleman, Scott & Tina Saner		

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Today

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

February 10

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class

7:00 pm Ben Bailey gives devotional

February 17

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class

7:00 pm Ronnie Byrd gives devotional

February 18

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet at building to leave for McGehee's

February 21

Blood Drive after morning services



Broadcast Schedule

- 2/14 Colossians Lesson 2- *What Law Are We Under Today?*
- 2/21 Colossians Lesson 3- *Will Worship or Self-Imposed Religion*

Kevin's schedule

February 14

Ambrose, TX

Psalm 2:1
Scripture from page:

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

226-2920

Jerry Vinson

223-3865