

The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

February 14, 2010

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

“For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “Not one of His bones shall be broken.” ”

John 19:36 (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

Call No Man Father

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In the sermon to the Jews our Lord said, “Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven” (Matt. 23:9). It is evident from the context of Matthew 23 that Jesus is not speaking in a physical sense. Jesus used the word father to refer to physical fathers in various passages (Matt. 10:37; 15:6). In this text, Jesus is commanding us not to call any man father in a spiritual sense. Let us notice the importance of this passage for today.

We have only one spiritual father. The reason Jesus gave for not calling any man father is simple. “One is your Father, He who is in Heaven” (Matt. 23:9). We imply from Jesus statement that if we call any human being father in the spiritual sense, we take away from the honor and glory God deserves. Thus, we are exalting men to a place the Bible does not exalt them. To call any human being father in a spiritual sense is to dethrone Almighty God!

We have no perfect earthly fathers. The Bible says, “All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23). From this passage we learn that every person who ever has lived or ever will live is sinful. The point is this: we must never refer to any fallible human beings as a spiritual father. To do so is a crime against Christianity. Why would you want to exalt a fallible human being to a state that belongs only to God and His Son (Heb. 4:15)? I find it interesting that as Peter was taking the gospel to Cornelius, Cornelius tried to bow down and worship Peter. When Peter saw this he said, “Stand up. I myself am also a man” (Acts 10:29). The Bible clearly teaches that we must never worship any men or angels (Rev. 19:10; Matt. 4:10).

As you read this article, you may be asking yourself “How does this apply to today?” This text applies directly to any religion where they

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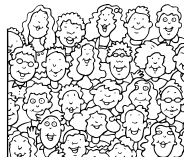
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call another man "Heavenly Father" or "Father" in a spiritual sense. There is one principle that can certainly be determined from this text. Any religion that uses terms the Bible clearly teaches are reserved for God only is not the New Testament church or the doctrine of God. As such, it is stands condemned (2 John 9-11). May we ever make it our goal to do only what the Bible says and call Bible things by Bible names.

Pantry Teachers, please encourage your Bible students to bring one pantry item each week. This will help each student develop a giving spirit.

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

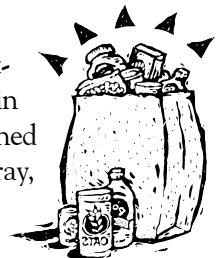


Youth day Ben will be speaking at a youth day in Howe, TX on Saturday, February 27th. If your student, fifth grade and up, is interested in attending, there is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the back. Be at the building before 8 am as that is when we roll out! They will be serving lunch, so students should be back at the building between 1:30 and 2:00 pm.

Over 39ers The over 39ers will meet Thursday, February 18th at 5:30 pm (*note the time change*) at the building to caravan down to McGehee's. If you have questions, check with James Gravelle.

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

Children's homes West-view will be back the first week 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.



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

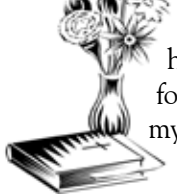
Group 2

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

Prayer List



Olga Stinson fell and broke her hip. She is in the hospital room 418 after surgery on the 12th. **Martha McClanahan**, Robert's mother, was admitted to the hospital with pneumonia. Hospice has been called in for Jean Cary's brother, **DC Shipman**, who has multiple myeloma bone cancer. **Christy Bailey's** test results came back that the cyst was benign and poses no health problems.. **Nancy Bugbee's** sonogram went well. Earl Mann's cousin, **Mona Blanton**, is having health problems. **Cecil Hargrove's sister** is in the hospital with breathing problems. Please continue to remember: **Teen Stewart • 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 • Bessie Childress • Jean Cary's nephew, Kent Barker • Marty Stinson • Ruth Minyard • Mildred Pennington's sister, Geneva Long and her sister-in-law Billie Gilliam • Patti Culpepper • 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 • and those shut in/nursing home members.**

Rejoice **Gracie Smith** was baptized into Christ this past week. She is a friend of Jean Cary. Her address is 506 F NW, Ardmore; phone 222-9667. Take the opportunity to welcome her to the family here at McLish.

Welcome **Laci Sandefur** has stated that she wishes to be identified with our congregation and work under our elders. She has recently moved to our area. Sis Laci's address is 113 NW 8th here in Ardmore.



Blood Drive

OBI will have their mobile unit here at the building next Sunday, February 21st. Only whole blood donations will be done. 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!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

February

- 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
- 20 Laci Sandefur
- 21 Martin Dotson
Robert & Pam Schumacher
- 23 Anthony Tipton
- 26 Steve Mann
- 27 Liz Aldridge
- 28 Ronnie & Geri Byrd '75
Jacob Johnson
- 30 Caleb Willis
Harold & Martha Dillard '74



Congratulations Fred and Maxine Bellomy have a new great-granddaughter, Claire. She was born last Sunday morning and weighed 8 lbs, 1 oz and was 19.5 in long.

Assistance It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could check the pew around where they sit after each service to see if there are items that need to be thrown away. Your time spent in tidying your area is greatly appreciated.



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

Media Tammy has filled the center display rack at the back of the auditorium with a selection of CDs and DVDs. If there is something that is not out that you'd like copies of, there are order forms in the tract rack on the right side as you are facing the back.

Those to Serve February 2010

Announcements..... Todd Hicks
 Lord's Table Lovel Hughes James Gravelle Earl Mann
 Ray Harness Alex Vinson Steve Mann

Song Leader.....Chock Aldridge PM Opening Prayer.....Ron Jones
 AM Opening PrayerJames Meece PM Closing Prayer.....Harold Dillard
 AM Scripture Colin Saner PM Lord's Supper.....James Gravelle
 AM Closing PrayerLarry Waller

Greeters Feb 14 & 17 Earl & Sue Mann, Ron & Peggy Jones

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



February 17

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class
 7:00 pm Ronnie Byrd gives devotional

February 18

5:30 pm 39 & Over meet at building to leave for McGehee's

February 21

Blood Drive after morning services

February 24

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class
 7:00 pm Todd Hicks gives devotional



Broadcast Schedule

2/21 Colossians Lesson 3-Will Worship or Self-Imposed Religion
 2/28 Colossians Lesson 4-Importance of Seeking Those Things That Are Above

Kevin's schedule

February 14

Ambrose, TX

Exodus 12:46
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