

The McLish Avenue Messenger

This is the message we have heard from Him... God is Light

(1 John 1:5).

February 21, 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

Blessings of being a Christian

Ben Bailey

Being a Christian is the most blessed life one could ever live! Jesus said, “I came that you may have life and that you may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). What a true privilege it was to have been called Christians first at Antioch (Acts 11:26). Today, it is not less of a privilege and blessing to be a Christian. Notice a couple of blessings that come from being a Christian.

The Blessing of Forgiveness. In instituting the Lord’s Supper Jesus said, “This is my blood of the New Covenant which was shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matt. 26:28). In the New Testament, forgiveness of sins can only be found in Jesus Christ (2 Cor. 5:21; John 14:6). Our sins are washed away when we call on the Lord’s name through baptism and when we repent of our ungodly lives and are baptized into His Body (Acts 22:16, 2:38; Gal. 3:27). Ultimately, Jesus paid the great price for our sins by His own death on the cross. (Heb. 10:12; John 1:29, 1 Pet. 2:24). May each of us be extremely grateful for the blessing of the forgiveness of our sins.

The Blessing of Prayer. One of the greatest blessings the child of God has is a direct line of prayer to God the father. Jesus taught us to never get discouraged and beat down by the world, but rather to pray to God (Lk. 18:1). The Christian can ask anything according to the Father’s will and the Bible says God will hear that prayer (1 Jn. 5:14). Jesus also taught us that whatsoever things we ask with a believing heart we will receive (Matt. 21:22). May we never forget that the effective fervent prayer of a righteous man overcomes much (James 5:16). Truly, prayer is a wonderful blessing for the child of God.

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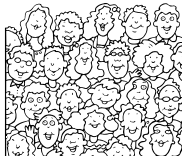
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Christians should be the most thankful people in the entire world for the blessings they receive (1 Thes. 5:17-18). Yet, those who are not Christians are living the saddest life in the entire world. Are you a Christian? Don't you want to live the blessed life if you are not a child of God? If you want to become a New Testament Christian the Bible says you must do these five things: hear God's word (Rom. 10:17), believe in Jesus Christ (Jn. 8:24), repent of sin (Lk. 13:3), confess Jesus as Lord (Rom. 10:10), and be baptized for the remission of your sins (Mk. 16:16). May God bless each of us as we strive to do his will.

Gospel meeting Ben is in a gospel meeting in Groveton, Texas (his hometown) today through Wednesday. Please keep this meeting and his safe return in your prayers.



Label Collection 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.



Youth day Ben will be speaking at a youth day in Howe, TX next Saturday, February 27th. If your student signed to attend, be sure to 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.

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

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



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.

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

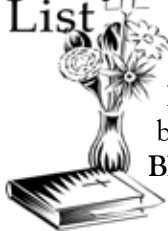
Group 2

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 was scheduled to be released to go home on Friday. Gracie Smith had knee replacement surgery last Monday. Please continue to remember: Martha McClanahan, Robert's mother • Jean Cary's brother, DC Shipman • Christy Bailey • Mona Blanton • Cecil Hargrove's sister • Teen Stewart • Jean Parker • Jamie Feroi • Mary Ann Ashley • Ruth Parker's great-grandson Emory Raney • 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 • Dorthea Phillips • Pat Ballard's mother • Madeline Minyard • and those shut in/nursing home members.



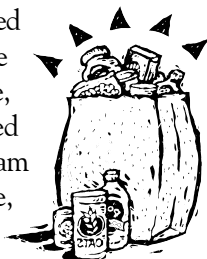
Blood Drive

OBI will have their mobile unit here after morning services. If you haven't gotten a time to donate, see Scott Saner this morning.

Only whole blood donations will be done. Registration and pre-screening will be done in the hallway to the fellowship area, so it would be appreciated if you would leave services using the main doors at the back of the auditorium. Be sure to drink plenty of liquids before and after your donation!

Children's homes

Westview 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.



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

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
Jeff & Vickie Willingham
- 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

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.

Need a ride to services? If you need the van to pick you up for services, please see **Steve Mann, Scott Saner**, or one of the elders. *If you can help drive the van on Wednesdays, please see Steve or an elder.*

Puzzles If you like to do word search or crossword puzzles, check out the selection on www.thegospelofchrist.com. You can either print out a copy of the puzzle or complete it on-line. New puzzles are added on a regular schedule. Don't forget about the Bible quizzes on the site! Quizzes are available on the Old Testament, New Testament and subjects related to history and geography. The quizzes offer questions of various levels of difficulty--ranging from easy to extreme. There is also a section of quizzes that directly relate to the video and audio programs posted on the website.

Those to Serve Today

Announcements..... Todd Hicks			
Lord's Table	Lovel Hughes	James Gravelle	Earl Mann
	Ray Harness	Alex Vinson	Steve Mann
Song Leader..... Scott Saner			
AM Opening Prayer	FA Shellenberger	PM Opening Prayer	Floyd Johnson
AM Scripture	Daniel Jones	PM Closing Prayer	James Gravelle
AM Closing Prayer	Chock Aldridge	PM Lord's Supper	Earl Mann
Greeters Feb 21 & 24 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
504-2829

Ron Jones
223-7268

Steve Mann
223-7246

Scott Saner
465-5785

Jerry Vinson
223-3865



Today

Blood Drive after morning services

February 24

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



March 3

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class
7:00 pm Floyd Johnson gives devotional

March 7 **Spring Forward!**

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

March 10

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class



Broadcast Schedule

2/28 Colossians Lesson 4-Importance of Seeking Those Things That Are Above

Kevin's schedule

Feb 21

Eastside church of Christ, OK

Exodus 12:46
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