

# 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?*

*“This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’”*

Acts 4:11 (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

## The Nations are God's

Ben Bailey

**T**he main concept in the book of Habakkuk is God's use of the nations. In this book, we are shown how God would use the Chaldeans to subdue his wayward people. The concept of God using the nations to teach His people a lesson is found throughout the Bible. For example, in Jeremiah 25:9 God referred to Nebuchadnezzar as "My Servant." Also, in Isaiah 45:1 Cyrus was called the Servant of the Lord.

Another main concept taught in the book of Habakkuk is the holiness of God. In chapter 1:13 Habakkuk tells us that God is "of purer eyes than to behold evil and can not look upon wickedness." This is the reason that God had to look away from Christ when He bore our sins in His body (2 Cor 5:21, 1 Pet 2:24). In Habakkuk 2:20 we are told, "The Lord is in His holy temple, let all the earth keep silent before Him." And, like God, we are commanded to be a holy people (1 Pet 1:15, 2:5,9).

In addition, the book of Habakkuk is well known for the phrase "the just shall live by faith." Paul uses this verse three times in the New Testament (Gal 3:10-11, Romans 1:17, Hebrews 10:38-39). Habakkuk and Paul are saying that to be sustained as God's children we must possess an enduring faith even under trials and persecution.

God can also use the nations today to punish His people if they do not follow his will. If we are not the holy people we ought to be, and if we do not walk by faith God will bring swift destruction on the ungodly. May each of us strive diligently to do God's will.



We want to remember Jean Cary in the death of her brother and to Roslyn Dotson in the loss of a nephew this past week. Please keep both families surrounded with your concern.



**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.

**Congratulations** WO & Gloria Clark are excited to announce that they have a new grandson! Fourteen-month-old **Kegan Clark** joined adoptive parents Chris & Gina Clark on February 18th. You might want to ask to see a photo.

**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.*



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.

**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.**

**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.

**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.

**Youth trip** Yesterday a total of eleven from our congregation joined Ben as he went to Howe, TX to present the lessons for a youth day.

## 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



### Remember Our Sick

Cecil Hargrove's sister has been diagnosed with congestive heart failure. Please continue to remember: Olga Stinson • Gracie Smith • Martha McClanahan, Robert's mother • Christy Bailey • Mona Blanton • 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

Last Sunday we had 12 units of blood donated during our drive. You can still go to the local Oklahoma Blood Institute center on Veteran's Boulevard to make a donation, or to give again before our next drive in the fall. Just be sure to let them know you want our congregation to be credited with the unit. A big thank you to all our donors.

**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.

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

## 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

**Puzzles** If you like to do word search or crossword puzzles, check out the selection on [www.thegospelofchrist.com](http://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!

## Those to Serve March 2010

Announcements.....James Gravelle

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| Lord's Table | Ron Jones<br>Todd Hicks | Jerry Beavers<br>Bobby Wallace | Kenneth Parker<br>Doug Aldridge |
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| 7th Song Leader..... Terry Waller   | PM Opening Prayer..... Randy Scott |
| AM Opening Prayer.....Floyd Johnson | PM Closing Prayer..... Earl Mann   |
| AM Scripture.....Alex Vinson        | PM Lord's Supper.....Ron Jones     |
| AM Closing Prayer..... Tom Matlock  |                                    |

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| 14th Song Leader.....Harold Dillard | PM Opening Prayer.....F.A. Shellenberger |
| AM Opening Prayer.....James Meece   | PM Closing Prayer..... Lovel Hughes      |
| AM Scripture..... Steve Mann        | PM Lord's Supper..... Todd Hicks         |
| AM Closing Prayer.....Larry Waller  |  |

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| 21st Song Leader.....David Johnson   | PM Opening Prayer..... Chock Aldridge |
| AM Opening Prayer.. Vernon Castleman | PM Closing Prayer.....Ronnie Byrd     |
| AM Scripture..... Colin Saner        | PM Lord's Supper..... Jerry Beavers   |
| AM Closing Prayer.....John Johnson   |                                       |

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| 28th Song Leader .....Vernon Castleman | PM Opening Prayer.....Alex Vinson     |
| AM Opening Prayer..... Ron Jones       | PM Closing Prayer..... Cecil Hargrove |
| AM Scripture..... Daniel Jones         | PM Lord's Supper.....Terry Waller     |
| AM Closing Prayer.....David Johnson    |                                       |

Greeters Feb 28 & Mar 3.....Vernon & Arlene Castleman, Scott & Tina Saner  
 Mar 7 & 10.....Mike Castleman, Robert & Pam Schumacher  
 Mar 14 & 17.....Ray & Tomi Harness, Tom Malock  
 Mar 21 & 24.....Todd & Shelly Hicks, Harold & Martha Dillard  
 Mar 28 & 31..... David & Linda Johnson, James & Tammy Gravelle



### March 3

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

### March 7

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

### March 10

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class  
 7:00 pm Ron Jones gives devotional

### March 14

**Spring Forward!**

### March 17

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class  
 7:00 pm Scott Saner gives devotional

### March 18

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet

### March 24

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

### March 31

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

## Kevin's schedule

### Feb 28

Hilton, OK

*Scripture from page:  
 Psalm 118:22*

## Elders

**Charles Aldridge**  
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 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