

The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

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*The following is the last verse of
what book of the Bible?*

“Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and Judah shall be holiness to the LORD of hosts. Everyone who sacrifices shall come and take them and cook in them. In that day there shall no longer be a Canaanite in the house of the LORD of hosts.”

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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 two

Once Saved Always Saved

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The doctrine of once saved, always saved teaches that a Christian can never so sin as to be completely lost for all eternity. Regardless of how bad your sin is or how evil you act, you cannot be lost once you are saved. No doubt, this is a very comforting teaching but it is not taught anywhere in the Bible. In fact, it is explicitly condemned in Galatians 5:4. Let us notice two other passages in the Bible that teach once saved always saved is not biblical.

1 Corinthians 10:12 “Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall.” In this passage Paul clearly teaches that the Corinthian Christians could fall away from God. Corinth was a very wicked city and the church was becoming wicked in some ways as well. They had division, idolatry, immorality, adultery and other problems that were about to cause them to be lost. However, some might object to this passage by saying “fall doesn’t mean to be lost forever.” Let’s let the context determine the meaning. Those whom Paul is speaking about were involved in the following sins: lust, sexual immorality, idolatry, tempting Christ, and complaining (1 Cor. 10:1-11). Can anyone with these sins in their life go to Heaven? No! In fact, the context defines “fall” as “being destroyed by the destroyer” (1 Cor. 10:10). When Paul says fall he means to be lost for all eternity from God. Truly, these Christians were about to be destroyed spiritually by God and so can we if we are not careful.

2 Peter 1:10 “Therefore, my brothers, be all the more eager to make your calling and election sure. For if you do these things, you will never fall.” Once again, Peter tells Christians they can so sin as to be lost. Why must a Christian make sure he stays saved if he can never be

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lost to begin with? Once saved always saved is in total contradiction with this passage of Scripture. There is no need to make sure if you are eternally secure. But, someone might object by saying "These people were never saved in the first place." Are we willing to say Peter didn't know who his "brothers" (2 Pet 1:10) were? Peter knew who was and wasn't a child of God and he also knew that they could be lost if they were not careful. Truly, this passage teaches that the possibility exists for Christians to be lost and fall from grace.

After considering these passages, as well as last week's, one wonders why those who claim to believe the whole Bible teach this doctrine. Could it be because of the comfort it brings? Possibly, but it is a pseudo-comfort. Could it be because it is what we have always heard? Very likely, but we will not be judged by what we have heard but by God's Word (Jn. 12:48). Could it be because we have not studied the Bible to find the truth? Yes! It is time for all of us to go back to the Bible and find the truth instead of letting our denominational party tell us what to believe.

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

New station This week The Gospel of Christ negotiated an additional television station in our area to air programs. It is the KXII channel called My Texoma and on Cableone channel 2, antenna with converter box 12.2, at 7:00 Sunday mornings. It will start airing Sunday, January 18th. We are very excited about this as it adds 8 more counties in Oklahoma, and 10 counties in North Texas.

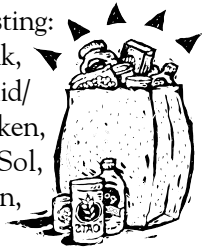
Teachers Anyone willing to teach a class for the new quarter, please check with Todd Hicks. If you would like to assist in a class, he can also find a spot for you! Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated. The new quarter starts soon!

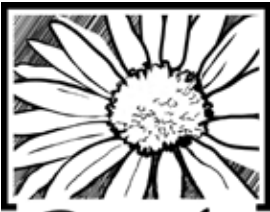
Calendar updates If you see that your name, or the name of a family member has been left off the calendar, please let Tina know.

Children's homes Westview

will be back in March and is requesting:

Velveeta, 100% juice, Nestle Quik, applesauce, canned fruit, Kool-Aid/Tang, chili no beans, canned chicken, Pop Tarts/breakfast bars, Pine Sol, toilet paper, paper towels, sunscreen, Off, dish washing soap and liquid laundry soap.





Remember Our Sick

Joe Thomas, Deborah Thomas' son, has been fighting a bacterial infection at Mercy Memorial. Jamie Feroli's sister, **Dara Robinson**, was admitted to the hospital and they found a mass on her hip as well as blood clots in her legs and lungs. **Jean Parker** will have back surgery Jan 19th. **Vernon Castleman's** sister had back surgery in OKC last week. Jaccie Pirtle asks for prayers on behalf of a friend, **Pamela Lynn**, who has been in the Denton hospital. Lucy Hagan has asked that we remember **Richard & Freda Knapp** as they will both be having surgery soon. Scott Saner's uncle, **Roger Lucas**, will have cancer surgery on January 14th. Melinda Wilson's grandmother, **Alice Wilson**, will have bypass surgery January 15th. Please continue to remember: **Sue Mann** • Scott Saner's mother, **Mary**, and his great-uncle, **Charles Gossman** • **Marty Stinson** • **Madeline Minyard** • Harold & Martha Dillard's daughter **Carole Grammer** • **Jerry & Glenda Vinson** • **Glen Elmore** • **Jan Barlow**, Sue Creecy's daughter and Tammy Gravelle's sister • **Clifford Bateman** • **Harry Phipps** • **Nelda Hamilton**, Norma Perkins' sister • Larry Ryan's mother, **Lorraine** • Sharon Ryan's mother, **Mary Griffeth** • **Sylvester Johnson** • **Judy Grammer** • Peggy Jones' sister, **Mary Warner** • **Tabitha Ray-Barton** • Jennifer Johnson's uncle, **Larry Adamson** • **Pat Ballard's mother** • **Jamie Feroli** • Jamie Feroli's mother, **JoAnn Watson** • **Jamie Feroli's grandmother** • **Mildred Pennington** • **Virgie Birchfield** • **Irene Riley** and those shut in/nursing home members.



We want to remember Roslyn Dotson and Deborah Williamson's families in the death of their father. His services were last week. Please keep all those that have recently experienced loss in your thoughts, prayers and actions.

With Sympathy

Couple shower On Saturday, January 31st at 2:00 pm, there will be a couple shower for **Jana Barton and Jason Meece** at the First Baptist church building in Lone Grove. They are registered at the Brown Paper Bag, JCPenney, Musgrove Jewelry & Gifts and WalMart.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

January

- 11 Terry Waller
- 12 April Willis
- 15 Mike Sadler
Daniel Jones
- 17 James & Tammy Gravelle '77
- 18 Betty Higgins
- 19 Ruth Parker
- 21 Caleb Castleman
Hailey Willis
- 22 Kevin Lewis
- 23 Vickie Fletcher
- 24 Ruth Minyard
- 25 Nancy McClanahan
- 27 Rick Tidwell
- 30 Amy Hicks

February

- 1 Marsha Pettit
- 3 Peggy Jones
Betty Tipton
- 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

Over 39ers The over 39ers will meet at Luigi's on Thursday, January 15th at 6:00 pm. Please make plans to attend this time to share together.



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

Contacts for TGOC 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*.

Need a ride to services? If you would like the van to pick you up for services, please see **Steve Mann, Scott Saner**, or one of the elders.



Those to Serve Today

AnnouncementsF.A. Shellenberger

Lord's Table	Ronnie Byrd	Ron Jones	James Meece
	Bill Stewart	Bo Fore	Cecil Hargrove

Song Leader.....	Harold Dillard	PM Opening Prayer.....	Lovel Hughes
AM Opening Prayer	Vernon Castleman	PM Closing Prayer.....	Randy Scott
AM Scripture	Ethan Aldridge	PM Lord's Supper.....	Ron Jones
AM Closing Prayer	Todd Hicks		

Greeters Jan 11 & 14..... Ben Tomlinson, Ruth Parker, Martin & Roslyn Dotson

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
226-0830

Ron Jones
223-7268

Steve Mann
223-7246

Scott Saner
226-2920

Jerry Vinson
223-3865



January 14

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class
7:00 pm Vernon Castleman gives devotional

January 15

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet at Luigi's

January 21

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

January 28

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class
7:00 pm F.A. Shellenberger gives devotional



February 1

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

February 4

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

February 11

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class
7:00 pm Ben Bailey gives devotional

Scripture from front page:
Zechariah 14:21 (NKJV)