

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?*

“...but grow in the grace and
knowledge of our Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ.
To Him be the glory both now and
forever. Amen.”

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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 three

Once Saved Always Saved

Ben Bailey

In the Bible, there are clear-cut passages that teach a Christian can so sin as to be eternally lost (See Gal. 5:4; 2 Pet 1:10, 1 Cor. 10:12, Acts 8:20). However, some have tried to distort certain passages to make them teach once saved always saved. Let us take a moment to examine a few of these distorted passages.

1 John 3:9 “Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.” To the destruction of John’s overall message, some have tried to make this teach that a person cannot sin after he has become a child of God. First, this is in direct contradiction with what John has already said. In 1 John 1:8, John tells Christians “if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us”. Also, in 1 John 2:1-2 John tells Christians that when they do sin they have an advocate for their sin: Jesus Christ. In these passages it is evident John realized Christians would sin and would need help with their sin. What is 1 Jn. 3:9 trying to teach? John is teaching that a Christian cannot stay saved and continue in sin. The Greek word for sin is continual in its action. All Greek scholars and lexicons agree that John is saying a Christian cannot continue in sin and be pleasing to God. John is not envisioning a one-time act, but a continual lifestyle of sin. The NIV translates 1 Jn 3:9 accurately by saying “No one who is born of God will continue to sin...he cannot go on sinning.” Isn’t it interesting that the verse that some have used to prove once saved, always saved actually teaches a Christian can be lost. John is teaching that a Christian cannot continue in sin and still be pleasing in God’s sight. But, a Christian can sin and a Christian can fall away.

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In writing articles of this nature, some might think my purpose is to make fun of or anger other religious groups. Dear reader, that is not at all my purpose. In fact, while I write the truth of these articles with confidence in the Bible's teaching, I also write with a love for your soul. If it were the case that this doctrine is not true and I never said anything about it, would I really love you? No! Please understand that I am always open to your questions and comments. Stay tuned next week as I answer two more alleged proof texts for this doctrine.

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.



New station Gospel of Christ started airing on My Texoma and on Cable one channel 2, antenna with converter box 12.2, at 7:00 am today. We are very excited about this as it adds 8 more counties in Oklahoma, and 10 counties in North Texas.

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

Rejoice! Melinda Wilson obeyed the gospel and was added to the church Thursday. Her address is 932 Manor Mall here in Ardmore; phone 224-9063 Please encourage Melinda when you see her and welcome her into the family.

Helping hand

Next Sunday night, everyone is invited to gather in the fellowship area for a "welcome-to-your-new-home" display shower for Mary Ann Ashley. She is planning to move into her new trailer this week after her house burned down several months ago. Sis Ashley could still use some things that insurance hasn't covered and there is a list on the back bulletin board if you'd like to help. Please bring your unwrapped item and finger foods to share..



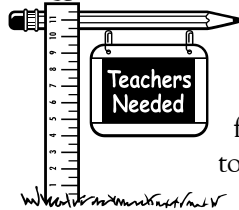
Prayer request

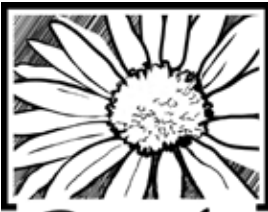
Mary Aldridge asked for prayer on behalf of Shawn and Lindsey Thurman who lost their month-old son, **Kyland Norman Thurman**, last week.



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 next week.





Remember Our Sick

Jean Parker will have back surgery Jan 19th in Norman. Lucy Hagan has asked that we remember **Richard & Freda Knapp** as they will both be having surgery soon. **Dorthea Phillips** had a brief stay in the hospital after a reaction to medication. Gloria Clark's father, **KL Murphey**, has been in the local hospital undergoing tests. Peggy Scott, Randy's mother, was admitted to the hospital in Duncan with pneumonia and a urinary tract infection. **Casey Blount**, Mary Ann Ashley's nephew, had a kidney removed last week due to cancer. Melinda Wilson's grandmother, **Alice Wilson**, is in stable condition after her surgery. **Sue Mann** was to be released from the hospital Thursday. Scott Saner's mother, **Mary**, is back in a regular hospital room. **Caleb Willis** went to the ER on Sunday for stitches above his eye. **Kevin Lewis** was bit by a fiddle back spider. Both **Deborah Thomas** and her son **Joe** are home after hospital stays. Please continue to remember: **Rebecca Stafford** • Scott Saner's uncle, **Roger Lucas** and his great-uncle, **Charles Gossman** • Jamie Feroli's sister, **Dara Robinson**, • **Vernon Castleman's** sister • Jaccie Pirtle's friend, **Pamela Lynn** • **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 • **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.

Welcome Jeff and Vicki Willingham asked to be identified with the congregaton that meets here. They also acknowledged sin in their lives and asked for prayers. Vicki is the daughter of Mary Ann Ashley and they have two sons. Their address is 90 Pear St, POB 757, Lone Grove, OK 73443; phone 220-9395



Birthdays & Anniversaries

January

- 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

March

- 1 Cap & Teen Stewart '47
- 5 Melody Smith
- 9 Bill Stewart

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.



Mark your calendars for February 15th for our congregational blood drive. More details will be given as the day of the drive nears.

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*.

Those to Serve Today

AnnouncementsF.A. Shellenberger

Lord's Table	Ronnie Byrd Bill Stewart	Ron Jones Bo Fore	James Meece Cecil Hargrove
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Song Leader.....David Johnson	PM Opening Prayer.....Harold Dillard
AM Opening PrayerChock Aldridge	PM Closing Prayer..... Barton Pettit
AM ScriptureSean Bugbee	PM Lord's Supper..... James Meece
AM Closing PrayerEarl Mann	

Greeters Jan 18 & 21 Ron & Peggy Jones, David & Linda Johnson

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 21

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

January 25

7:00 pm Welcome-to-your-new-home fellowship

January 28

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

January 31

2:00 pm Barton/Meece couple shower, Lone Grove



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:
2 Peter 3:13 (NKJV)*