

# 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?

“Obed begot Jesse, and  
Jesse begot David.”

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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

## Growth shown in TGOC outreach

Kevin Pendergrass

Last year-2008-was a year that superseded all expectations for *The Gospel of Christ* (TGOC). The growth has been wonderful. Our main goal here at TGOC is “to take the whole Gospel to the whole world.” Unfortunately, many congregations of the Lord’s people are no longer faithful. They are teaching doctrines contrary to the Scriptures. At TGOC, we will always preach the whole counsel of God. It is evident by the overwhelming increase of interest in TGOC that people are starving for the truth. Here, for example, are just a few statistics that show the growth in 2008:

- ❖ We had just under **7 million page hits** on our website (which is an 87% increase from 2007)
- ❖ Our website was visited by people in over **143 countries**
- ❖ We had over 3000 media requests (including DVDs & CDs)

After reading these statistics, you can see why we are so excited about this past year's growth. People all over the world are still using our video programs, audio programs, written transcripts, Bible quizzes, Bible-based crossword puzzles, and other materials. Not only are they using them for evangelistic efforts, but also for Bible study, and even as a substitute when a local preacher is not available (by using DVDs). It is very encouraging to learn about the souls affected by the gospel through TGOC. If it were not for you and your support, we would not be able to do the many great things we are doing. Below are just a few samples of the many comments we receive daily from people who contact us:

**Freeport, Bahamas:** “Keep on sharing the gospel to save more souls and let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall

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# Growth

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reap, if we faint not.”

**Loganville, GA:** “Truly enjoy your website and content. It is very inspirational, solidly grounded in God's word, and helpful in my studies. Many topics from your website are used in evangelizing locally also. May God continue to bless this ministry.”

**Oklahoma City, OK:** “I was sitting with my parents one night and we happened to see your video series on television. It is very easy to understand and is a great tool for people wanting to learn the gospel. I have downloaded the videos over the internet and have been doing some Bible studies over the past several weeks with two of my friends. You will be very pleased to know that they were both baptized last night, as was I. I grew up going to the church of Christ my whole life but knew that I wasn't living accordingly to God's word, and realized that there had to be a change. We have all followed the steps to salvation and we are now newborn babes in Christ. Thank you for the videos! They were an extremely helpful tool and will continue to be!”

In 2009, our goals are to: (1) continue spreading our **FREE** material to those who request it; (2) expand our TV and radio broadcast not only in the US, but also in more foreign lands; and (3) in

general, continue reaching the masses. Let us know how we can best equip you with the evangelistic tools most helpful for your efforts.

**Our sympathy** is extended to Melinda Wilson in the death of her grandmother, **Alice Wilson**. Please keep Melinda in your prayers as she travels to Montana and back.



**Helping hand** Tonight after services, everyone is invited to gather in the fellowship area for a "welcome-to-your-new-home" display shower for Mary Ann Ashley. Please bring your unwrapped item and finger foods.

**Bible classes** Today is the start of a new quarter. Parents, take time to talk to your children and their teachers to see what you can do to reinforce learning.

**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.



## Outreach Groups

### Group 1

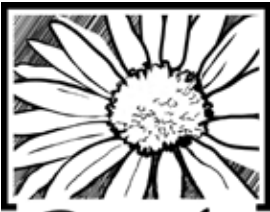
Chock & Mary Aldridge  
Ron & Peggy Jones  
Ray & Tomi Harness  
James & Tammy Gravelle  
Ronnie Byrd  
Steve Mann  
Scott & Tina Saner  
Jaccie Pirtle

### 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

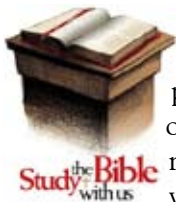


## Remember Our Sick

Ruth Parker was admitted to Mercy Memorial, room 334, last week due to heart problems and pneumonia. Ben Tomlinson's mother Nita, is not doing well. Clarine Wainscott asked for prayers for an employee, Shawn Dean, who is having health problems. Jean Parker is recovering from back surgery last week. Richard Knapp is doing well after his surgery. His wife, Freda, postponed her surgery. Scott Saner's father is back at home after a brief stay in the hospital for an infection. Please continue to remember: Dortha Phillips • Gloria Clark's father, KL Murphey • Randy Scott's mother Peggy • Casey Blount, Mary Ann Ashley's nephew • Sue Mann • Scott Saner's mother, Mary, his uncle, Roger Lucas and his great-uncle, Charles Gossman • Kevin Lewis • Deborah Thomas and her son Joe • Rebecca Stafford • Jamie Feroli's sister, Dara Robinson, • 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 Griffith • Judy Grammer • Peggy Jones' sister, Mary Warner • Tabitha Ray-Barton • Pat Ballard's mother • Jamie Feroli • Jamie Feroli's mother, JoAnn Watson, and grandmother • and those shut in/nursing home members.

**Response** Last week Darrelyn Phillips responded to the invitation acknowledging sin in her life. Please encourage Darrelyn as you have opportunity and keep her in your prayers.

**Thursday class** Beginning Thursday January 30th at 7 pm Ben and Kevin will begin teaching a fundamentals class, "Have You Ever Wondered Why the Churches of Christ Teach...?" This class will be advertised in local newspapers and is designed to bring people from the community as well as build up our members. For this class to be a success, we need your help. First, determine to be at the class yourself. Secondly, invite a friend to learn about God's word.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### January

- 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
- 10 Christy Murray
- 11 Madeline Minyard  
Justin Mann  
W.O. Clark
- 13 Pat Ballard
- 14 James Gravelle
- 15 Toni Mann

**New station** Gospel of Christ started airing on My Texoma and on Cableone channel 2, antenna with converter box 12.2, at 7:00 am today.

**39 & Unders** The 39 & Unders will be leaving the building at 9:00 am on Saturday, February 7th. Plans include going to the Wax Museum/Ripley's Believe It or Not. For more details, see Vickie Fletcher.



Mark your calendars for February 15th for our congregational blood drive. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board on the back wall if you are willing to donate.

**Teacher Appreciation** Plans are being made for a teacher appreciation banquet on Saturday, February 21 at 6:30 pm. If you have taught or assisted in a class, you are invited to attend.

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## Those to Serve Today

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Announcements .....F.A. Shellenberger

Lord's Table	Ronnie Byrd Bill Stewart	Ron Jones Bo Fore	James Meece Cecil Hargrove
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Song Leader.....Vernon Castleman	PM Opening Prayer.....Ron Jones
AM Opening Prayer .....Jerry Beavers	Closing Prayer.....Terry Waller
AM Scripture .....Scott Saner	PM Lord's Supper..... Bill Stewart
AM Closing Prayer .....John Johnson	

Greeters Jan 25 & 28..... Chock & Mary Aldridge, James & Tammy Gravelle

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### Elders

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**Charles Aldridge**  
710 15th NW  
223-4602

**Vernon Castleman**  
3533 Dogwood Road  
223-0983

**James Meece**  
909 Davis  
223-7637

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### Deacons

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**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

## Kevin's schedule

**This week:**

East Main church of Christ, Ardmore



### 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:  
Ruth 4:22 (NKJV)*