

The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

January 4, 2009

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

“And as for his provisions, there
was a regular ration given him
by the king, a portion for each
day, all the days of his life.”

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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 one

Once Saved Always Saved

Ben Bailey

One of the most destructive doctrines to the Bible and Christian character is the man-made teaching that once a person has been saved he can never lose his salvation. This doctrine is destructive to the Bible because it causes people to twist the Scriptures to their own destruction (2 Pet. 3:16). But, it is also destructive to Christian character because it provides a license for sin. Does the Bible really teach that once a person is saved he can never again be lost? Let us consider two passages of Scripture.

Galatians 5:4 “You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.” The teaching of Galatians 5:4 absolutely repudiates the idea of “Once Saved Always Saved.” In the letter to the Galatians, Paul is writing to “the churches of Galatia” (Gal. 1:2), which represents all those who have already been saved. This is very significant because some have tried to say that these people really weren’t saved in the first place. By saying this, they are saying that Paul, an inspired man of God, didn’t really know who was and who wasn’t in the church. Friend, Galatians 5:4 clearly teaches that some were at one point saved and in the church and then they later fell out of grace with God. Others have objected to this verse by saying that these people had not fallen out of grace, they had merely fallen from within the center of God’s grace. First, what difference is there? Both are without God’s richest grace. Secondly, the Greek Testament will not accept this rendering. The literal word for fallen from is the Greek preposition that means “out of”. Paul is not only saying they have just fallen from God’s grace, but that they have literally fallen out of the realm of God’s grace. Friend, the Bible does not teach once saved always saved, it clearly refutes it!

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Saved

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Acts 8:20 "But Peter said to him, "Your money perish with you, because you thought that the gift of God could be purchased with money!" If Galatians 5:4 teaches by principle that the doctrine of once saved always saved is false, then Acts 8:20 teaches it is false by case example. Here is a man who has been converted to the gospel by an inspired teacher. He then tries to buy the gift of miracles and is found in sin. Then, Peter says to him "That's okay you're once saved always saved." NOT SO! Peter told Simon that his money would perish with him. Peter told Simon he was about to perish spiritually. Remember, here is a man who has just become a Christian and then Peter told him he was about to be lost. There could be no more convincing example than this that a person can become a Christian and shortly after that be lost. Friend, the Bible does not teach once saved always saved, it clearly refutes it!

Dear reader, please do not be deceived. Once saved always saved is not taught at all in the Bible. In fact, it is clearly refuted. Please do not let yourself get caught in the modern teachings of men, but return to the Bible.

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

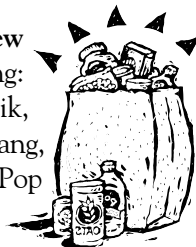


Today at noon we will gather for a fellowship meal. If you are visiting with us, we would love to have you as our guest. There is always an abundance of food and we'd like to get you know you better!

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.

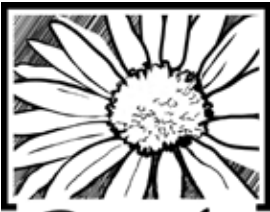
Children's homes

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.



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*.



Remember Our Sick

Sue Mann is in room 9613 of St. Anthony's Hospital in OKC undergoing chemo. The direct phone number for her is 1 405/272-6989. Scott Sauer's mother, **Mary**, will have pins put in her foot that she broke while in the emergency room. His uncle, **Roger Lucas**, will have cancer surgery on January 14th. His great-uncle, **Charles Gossman** recently had a heart attack and stroke. Melinda Wilson's grandmother, **Alice Wilson**, will have bypass surgery January 15th. Please continue to remember: **Marty Stinson • Madeline Minyard • Harold & Martha Dillard's daughter Carole Grammer • Jerry & Glenda Vinson • Kenneth Parker • Glen Elmore • Frank Pennington • 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 • Christie Bailey's grandmother, Floy Biggs • Oneda Claypool • Stephanie Vaughn • Mildred Pennington • Virgie Birchfield • Irene Riley** and those shut in/nursing home members.



We want to remember family and friends of Lowell Keeton and Reggie Kester in our prayers. Bro Keeton died early last week and his services were this past Wednesday. Bro Kester's services were on Thursday. Please keep all those that have recently experienced loss in your thoughts, prayers and actions.

Media available If you'd like a copy of a specific lesson taught from the pulpit, please write down your name and which lesson(s) you are interested in and give to Melba Wallace. Don't forget that tracts are available in the tract racks at the back of the auditorium and in the hallway to the offices. These can be used in discussing religious matters with friends and neighbors. **The Gospel of Christ** CDs and DVDs are available at the back of the auditorium.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

January

- 1 Krystal Lewis
Billie Waller
Mike & Beverly Sadler '05
- 2 John Johnson
- 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

Those to Serve January 2009

AnnouncementsF.A. Shellenberger

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

4th Song Leader..... Terry Waller PM Opening Prayer.....Floyd Johnson
 AM Opening Prayer... James Gravelle PM Closing Prayer.....Tom Matlock
 AM Scripture.....John Johnson PM Lord's Supper.....Ronnie Byrd
 AM Closing Prayer.....Andy Smith

11th Song Leader.....Harold Dillard PM Opening Prayer.....Lovell Hughes
 AM Opening PrayerVernon Castleman PM Closing Prayer.....Randy Scott
 AM Scripture.....Ethan Aldridge PM Lord's Supper.....Ron Jones
 AM Closing Prayer.....Todd Hicks

18th Song LeaderDavid Johnson PM Opening Prayer.....Harold Dillard
 AM Opening Prayer..Chock Aldridge PM Closing Prayer.....Barton Pettit
 AM Scripture.....Sean Bugbee PM Lord's Supper.....James Meece
 AM Closing Prayer.....Earl Mann

25th Song LeaderVernon 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 4 & 7.....Ray & Tomi, Cap & Teen Stewart
 Jan 11 & 14..... Ben Tomlinson, Ruth Parker, Martin & Roslyn Dotson
 Jan 18 & 21..... Ron & Peggy Jones, David & Linda Johnson
 Jan 25 & 28..... Chock & Mary Aldridge, James & Tammy Gravelle

If you wish to give financially and support *The Gospel of Christ* you can find envelopes on the table in the foyer, the tract rack or CD rack in the back, or you can see Kevin, James, Tammy, Ben, or any of the elders. You can also put it in one of the envelopes and place it in a collection plate.

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 4

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

January 7

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

January 14

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

January 15

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet

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

*Scripture from front page:
 2 Kings 25:30 (NKJV)*