

# 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?*

“And again, Isaiah says: “There shall be a root of Jesse; And He who shall rise to reign over the Gentiles, In Him the Gentiles shall hope.” ”

Romans 15:12 (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

## Stand Up for Truth!

Ben Bailey

In our world of all-acceptance, it is easy for Christians to be tempted to bow at the altar of compromise. Instead of standing up for the Lord and His Word, too often we give in to the mentality to “go along to get along.” All of us must admit that times of conflict and confrontation are not at all enjoyable. Yet, when we compromise the truth or remain silent on biblical issues, are we doing anyone a favor? Let’s look at a few biblical examples where it would have been easier to compromise and determine who that would have ultimately helped.

It sure would have been a lot easier if Noah would have told the people that everything was “A-Okay” with God instead of preaching a message of repentance and destruction (Gen 6). However, if Noah would have compromised the truth or simply remained silent who would that have helped when the flood came? No one. Noah himself would have been lost for not preaching the word as God commanded. It would have been much more in line with popular view for Caleb and Joshua

to give in to the “grasshopper-complex” rather than to put their trust in God. However, these men spoke an unpopular truth because they were trying to please God not men. John the Baptist could have very easily saved his head by compromising his views on marriage, divorce and remarriage to evil King Herod. Yet, John boldly stated, “It is not lawful for you to have your brothers’ wife” (Mk 6:18). Was John trying to hurt Herod’s feelings or did he have Herod’s best interest at heart? John was more concerned about Herod’s soul than making him happy

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for the moment. I wonder if God was pleased with what John said, or should he simply have “kept his nose in his own business”? I know God was pleased with John when our Lord said, “Among those born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist” (Mt 11:11). Our Lord would have lived a lot longer and been a lot more popular if he had accepted the hypocritical Pharisees as they were, overlooked the sin of the scribes and tax collectors, and viewed life with the “I’m okay, you’re okay” philosophy. Had Jesus done these things, would He be our Savior and would He have been pleasing to God? No! Jesus was the great Teacher and King of Israel because of His willingness to put God’s will before human feeling and emotion. From these great men of the Bible we learn that bowing at the altar of compromise will not do anyone, including ourselves, a favor now or in eternity.

Christians today must follow the same example of these great men of the Bible and stand up for the truth. We will not do anyone a favor by compromising or not standing up for the truth of God’s word. In fact, won’t it be a sad day when we stand at the judgment bar of God and have to give an account for not teaching and standing up for the truth (Ezek 3)? Stop and think about it friend. If you tell someone the truth of God’s word and they don’t obey it, who is to blame and who will give an account for their soul? The Bible teaches they alone will (read Ezek 33:2-5). If they hear the truth and decide not to obey it, they will have to give an account for that not you. You did what you could by speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15). However, if we compromise God’s truth or we suddenly become the Lord’s silent partner on biblical issues, who will give an account for those who are lost by our lack of courage? The Bible teaches both parties will give an account on the day of Judgment (read Ezek 33:6). Dear friend, the Bible pleads with you to stand up for

the truth of God’s word and be a person of courage! May we be encouraged by the words of the Lord to Joshua: “Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success” (Josh 1:7-8).



## Children’s homes West-

view Boys’ Home will be back in March and is asking for: canned ravioli, canned fruit, Kool-Aid/Tang, canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, baked/re-

fried beans, 100% juice/Capri Sun, cream of chicken or mushroom soup, Hidden Valley Ranch or Italian Dressing, toilet paper, paper towels, batteries of all sizes, plastic silverware, liquid laundry soap, and 39/13 gallon trash bags. If you prefer, you can make a cash donation for the pantry to Doneta. A week before a home comes they will go shopping for the items that we are short.

**Request forms** are available on the table in the foyer if you would like a copy of any of the lessons from any Sunday worship service.

This is also how you can make a request for a copy of the DVD of Kevin’s sabbath debate.





### Remember Our Sick

Ginger Waller is recuperating after full knee replacement. Jamie Feroli has asked for prayers for her mother **Joann Watson**, and her grandmother **Audra Ervin**. **Ken Lewis** had complications after a stint was inserted in his heart. **Eva Mae Gibbs** is in room 65 of Southbrook for physical therapy. Glenda Vinson's sister **Nelda Grant** has gone to MD Anderson for a clinical trial and another sister, **Marie Dewbre** has a blood infection. Ruth Parker has requested prayers for **Mary Jo Marley** who has cancer of the colon plus other problems. Please continue to remember: **Deborah Thomas** • **Jamie Feroli** • **Jan Barlow**, Sue Creecy's daughter • **Ronnie Byrd's** cousin **Pat** • **Murray Goforth** • **Sue Mann** • **Tomi Harness** • **Chad Brown's** mother • **Ronnie Byrd's** brother **Jerry** • **Sylvia Thompson's** husband, **Sam** • **Mary Hughes** • **Betty Higgins** • **Rebecca Stafford** • **Linda and David Johnson's** friend, **Virginia Johnson** • **Jean Cary's** nephew **Kent Barker**. • **Lucy Hagen's** friend **Dub Huddleston** • **Jo Daniel** • **Paula Lewis** • **Harry Phipps** • **Scott's** father, **Ken Saner** • **Winston Pirtle** • **Mary Aldridge** • **Nancy McClanahan** • **Jean Cary** • **Vernon Padgett** • **Ruth Minyard** • **Deborah Thomas's** mother • **Pat Ballard's** mother • **Bessie Childress** • **Madeline Minyard** • and those shut in/nursing home members.

**Youth gathering** Don't forget the youth gathering this Saturday, January 15th. Be at the building at 6 pm with \$3 per person for pizza and your favorite board game.



**Our prayers** and sympathy go out to several families who have recently experienced loss. We want to remember **Charles Williams** and **Ruth Minyard** in the passing of **Hattie Marie Williams** on December 26th and **Toni Mann** and her family in the passing of **Toni's** mother, **Freddie Ann McMillian**, on December 28th. Prayers have been requested from **Mike Castleman** on behalf of **John and Cindy Wolf** in the loss of their 23 year-old daughter, **Alison**. **April Willis** asks for prayers for her cousin **Debra Nelson** whose husband has died. **Ronnie Tollette**, who has been a guest preacher here, lost his mother last week. He asks for prayers for his father **Junior** who is having heart problems. Please keep all those who mourn loved ones in your thoughts, actions and prayers.

## 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

- 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
- 26 James Meece  
Michael Castleman

### March

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

