

# 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?

“Seeing they may see and not perceive, And hearing they may hear and not understand; Lest they should turn, And their sins be forgiven them.”

Mark 4:12 (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

## The Value of Worship

Ben Bailey

In January 2000, Barna Research Group published a survey concerning church attendance that was very alarming. Their survey showed that only 40% of American adults attend church services on a typical weekend ([www.barna.org](http://www.barna.org)). How shocking that 6 out of every 10 people don't attend church services regularly! Of the sixty percent who don't attend church regularly, an estimated twenty percent either don't believe in God or have no desire for religion. But what about the other forty percent who don't attend? These may not attend church services regularly because they have not realized the inherent value of worship. What makes worship so valuable?

**Our Creator.** A knowledge of and a personal relationship with God makes worship essential to the Christian life. It is in worship that we praise and magnify God for who He is and what He has done for us (Jn 4:24). When worshipping God we realize our purpose in life is to glorify Him in every way (Isa 43:7). It is this close communion with God that makes us humble ourselves and focus on eternity (James 4:10, Eccl 12:13-14). The Lord's brother sums it up by saying, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you" (James 4:8).

**Our Bible.** Studying the Bible makes worship an invaluable time for us. Job said, "I have treasured Your words more than my necessary food" (Job 23:12). Our Lord encouraged us to "hunger and thirst after righteousness" (Matt 5:6). Many people today are starving for spiritual food. Worshipping God through the study and preaching of His word is one way we can fill this void. Please note that in the Bible, worship is not an option it is a must (Jn 4:23-24).

**Our Impact.** The impact of worship on our own lives and  
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# Worship

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the lives of those whom we contact makes worship vital. Studies show that those who go to worship live longer. The factors for this longevity of life are prayer, stress relief, inward peace and acceptance. Man has always tried to find ways to make life longer. Here is one proven way to increase the length of one's life. Studies also show that the impact worship has on our children is essential. Barna Research Group found that 61% of those who attended church regularly as a child still attend regularly as an adult. But sadly 78% of those who were not taken to church as a child do not go to church regularly as an adult. For the sake of your own soul and the soul of your children please attend worship where the truth is taught.

**The Gospel of Christ** Last week 52 lessons were recorded. The website continues to be a source of information for many who are searching on the internet. If you have 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*.



**Responses** Last week responses were made by **Christy Murray** and **Darrell Johnson**. Bro Johnson acknowledged sin in his life and asks for prayers of the congregation. Sis Christy asked for prayers to make her faith stronger. Please take the time to encourage them and keep them in your prayers.

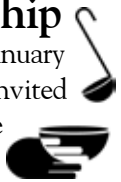
**Children's homes** Westview will be back in March and is requesting:



sugar, canned fruit, sweet cereal, cooking spray, sloppy joe sauce, beef or chicken broth, powdered Gatorade, Fritos, potato/tortilla chips, au gratin/scalloped potatoes, peanut butter or cheese crackers, cream of chicken or mushroom soup, liquid Cascade, liquid detergent, ibuprofen/Tylenol.

## Opportunity for fellowship

There will be a soup & stew fellowship on January 17th after evening services. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite soup or stew to the fellowship. Desserts are also welcome.



**Pantry** Teachers, please encourage your Bible students to bring one pantry item each week. This will help each student develop a giving spirit.

# 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

## Prayer List



**Ben Tomlinson** was readmitted to MMHC room 307 last week. **Mary Ann Ashley** has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis. **Jean Parker** has surgery on her knee this past Thursday. Ruth Parker asks for prayers on behalf of her great-grandson **Emory Raney** as he has been diagnosed with asthma. Earl Mann's sister **Joan Etta Brooks** has testing done.

**Charlie Stevens**, Louis Harris' father, is not doing well. **Olin Finley**, Tom Matlock's brother-in-law, has only been given a short time. Please continue to remember: **Joyce Gilliam** • **Trey Austin** • **Jerry Meece**, James's brother • **Todd Hicks**' mother, **Rilda Renick** • **Ginger Waller** • **Bessie Childress** • **Darlene Pennington's** brother and his wife • **Darrellyn Phillips'** brother-in-law, **Josh** • **Jean Cary's** nephew, **Kent Barker**, and her brother **D.C. Shipman** • **Marty Stinson** • **Jamie Feroli** • **Deborah Thomas** • **Flo Brown**, sister of **Joyce Gilliam** • **Ruth Minyard** • **Mildred Pennington's** sister, **Geneva Long** and her sister-in-law **Billie Gilliam** • **Earl & Sue Mann** • **Patti Culpepper** • **Trent Jacobson**, **Jimmye's** son • **Christy Murray's** cousin **Misty** • **Betty Higgins** • **Jerry & Glenda Vinson** • **Murray Goforth** • **Deborah Thomas'** mother • **Pat Morrison**, **Olga Sue Stinson's** sister • **Bill & Virgie Burchfield** • **Dorthea Phillips** • **Pat Ballard's** mother • **Madeline Minyard** • **Sharon Ryan's** mother, **Mary Griffeth** • **Larry Ryan's** mother, **Lorraine** • **Jamie Feroli's** sister, **Dara Robison** • **Wayne Price**, **Jennifer Johnson's** uncle • **Jamie Feroli's** mother, **JoAnn Watson**, and **grandmother** • **Peggy Jones'** sister, **Mary Warner** • and those shut in/nursing home members.

**Rejoice** We want to rejoice with the family of both **Kieana Scott** and **Colton Feroli** who were baptized into Christ. Sis **Kieana** is the granddaughter of **Jacci Pirtle** and bro **Colton** is the son of **Jamie Feroli**. Please keep these young people in your prayers and give them both encouragement at every opportunity.

**Congratulations** **Stella Morgan** made her appearance on January 12th weighing 6 lbs 8 oz and 20" in length. She and mom **Taylor** are doing well. Grandparents **Liz** and **David Aldridge** and great-grandparents **Chock** and **Mary Aldridge** just might have a photo or two for you to look at.

## 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
- 10 Christy Murray

**Need a ride to services?** If you need the van to pick you up for services, please see **Steve Mann, Scott Saner**, or one of the elders. *If you can help drive the van on Wednesdays, please see Steve or an elder.*



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

**Assistance** It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could check the pew around where they sit after each service to see if there are items that need to be thrown away. Your time spent in tidying your area is greatly appreciated.



**Website update** Have you been on line and seen the changes to both websites that James has been working on? If you haven't been on either site in a while, take a little time and log on to [www.mclishchurchofchrist.com](http://www.mclishchurchofchrist.com) and [www.thegospelofchrist.com](http://www.thegospelofchrist.com).

## Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....	F.A. Shellenberger		
Lord's Table	Ronnie Byrd James Meece	Ron Jones John Johnson	Bo Fore Cecil Hargrove
Song Leader.....	Terry Waller	PM Opening Prayer.....	Ron Jones
AM Opening Prayer .....	Chock Aldridge	PM Closing Prayer.....	Ronnie Byrd
AM Scripture .....	Colin Saner	PM Lord's Supper.....	Bo Fore
AM Closing Prayer .....	Larry Waller		
Greeters Jan 17 & 20.....	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**  
504-2829

**Ron Jones**  
223-7268

**Steve Mann**  
223-7246

**Scott Saner**  
226-2920

**Jerry Vinson**  
223-3865



## Today

7:00 pm Soup & Stew Fellowship

## January 20

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class

7:00 pm Floyd Johnson gives devotional

## January 27

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class

7:00 pm F.A. Shellenberger gives devotional



## February 3

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class

7:00 pm James Gravelle gives devotional

## February 7

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

## February 10

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class

7:00 pm Ben Bailey gives devotional



## Broadcast Schedule

1/24 2 & 3 John-Walk in Truth  
1/31 Jude-Contend for the Faith

Scripture from front page: 01-6-9:10