

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 another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they pierced.” ”

John 19:37 (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

Who are the churches of Christ?

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It is not unusual to hear “Just exactly who are the churches of Christ and what do they believe?” Let me begin by saying that the churches of Christ are not a part of the reformation movement, or the restoration movement that occurred in America over a century ago. The churches of Christ are not a denomination because the Bible teaches denominationalism and division is a sin (1 Cor. 1:10-13). Just who are the churches of Christ then?

Who are they? The churches of Christ are trying to be the church of the first century that we read of in the Bible. They were not established by any man, but they were established by Jesus Christ in the first century (Matt. 16:13-18). The churches of Christ have no man made creed (Prov. 16:25) but strive to follow the Bible only (Col. 3:17). The churches of Christ have no human leader, such as a pope, cardinal, or head of the church, except for Jesus Christ (Eph. 1:20-22). The churches of Christ are called by a Bible name, not the name of a man or great religious leader (Acts 4:11-12, 1 Cor. 3:11). In short, the churches of Christ are trying to be the church we read of in the Bible without any man made additions or subtractions (See Rev. 22:18-19).

What do they believe? The fundamental belief of the New Testament church was to do things exactly as Jesus and the Apostles had told them to do (Rom. 5:4, 1 Cor. 4:6). This is what the churches of Christ today believe also. We believe in restoring the New Testament church back to its original state as seen in the Bible. For example, the first century church met on the first day of the week to partake of the Lord’s Supper (Acts 20:7) and the churches of Christ believe this is the same pattern we should follow today (Acts 2:42). In fact, one might

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wonder where the authority for partaking of the Lord's Supper on Easter and Christmas is at in the Bible. In addition, in the churches of Christ you will not find mechanical instruments of music to worship God with. We do not have these because they are not commanded in the New Testament. God tells us specifically to sing and make melody in our hearts (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). One might wonder where an example of the New Testament church using instruments is in the Bible. There is no authority for the use of mechanical instruments and we cannot go beyond what is written (1 Cor. 4:6, Prov. 30:6). While these are definitely not all the beliefs of the churches of Christ, these are worthy of our consideration.

The Gospel of Christ The website continues to be a source of information for many who are searching on the internet. 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*.



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.

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

Tax forms Please check with Melba to pick up a tax form.

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.

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

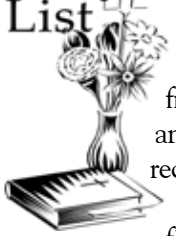
Group 2

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



Teen Stewart will have her gallbladder removed on Monday. **Tom Matlock** fell last week and hurt his shoulder. April Willis asks for prayers for a friend **Shannon** who has been diagnosed with brain and lung cancer and leukemia. Virginia Hubbard is recovering from surgery after falling and breaking her hip. If you would like to contact her, please use her first name Katherine: The Waterton Inn, 2885 Shiloh Road, Tyler, TX 75703, phone number is 903-363-9194. Please continue to remember: **Ben Tomlinson** • **Mary Ann Ashley** • **Jean Parker** • Ruth Parker's great-grandson **Emory Raney** • Earl Mann's sister **Joan Etta Brooks** • **Charlie Stevens**, Louis Harris' father • **Joyce Gilliam** • **Jerry Meece**, James's brother • Todd Hicks' mother, **Rilda Renick** • **Ginger Waller** • **Bessie Childress** • 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**, Jimmie'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 Griffith** • 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.

Our sympathy is extended to both Mary Aldridge and Tom Matlock. Mary's niece, **Jan Stroup**, passed away last Sunday in New Mexico. Services for Tom's brother-in-law **Olin Finley** were Tuesday in Denison. Please keep these families in your prayerful concern during their time of loss.

Responses **Jerry Vinson** responded last week acknowledging sin and asking for the prayers of the church. Please use opportunities to encourage Jerry as he strives to follow 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
- 10 Christy Murray
- 11 Madeline Minyard
Justin Mann
W.O. Clark
- 13 Pat Ballard
- 14 James Gravelle
- 15 Toni Mann
Fred & Maxine Bellomy '49

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.

Media Tammy has filled the center display rack at the back of the auditorium with a selection of CDs and DVDs. If there is something that is not out that you'd like copies of, there are order forms in the tract rack on the right side as you are facing the back.



Over 39ers The over 39ers will meet Thursday, February 18th at 6:00 pm at the building to caravan down to McGehee's. If you have questions, check with James Gravelle.

Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....F.A. Shellenberger
 Lord's Table Ronnie Byrd Ron Jones Bo Fore
 James Meece John Johnson Cecil Hargrove
 Song Leader..... Harold Dillard PM Opening Prayer..... Vernon Castleman
 AM Opening Prayer James Gravelle PM Closing Prayer..... John Johnston
 AM Scripture Steve Mann PM Lord's Supper..... James Meece
 AM Closing Prayer Jerry Beavers
 Greeters Jan 31 & Feb 3 Ronnie Byrd, Tom Matlock

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



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

February 17

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class
 7:00 pm Ronnie Byrd gives devotional

February 18

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet at building to leave for McGehee's



Broadcast Schedule

1/31 Jude-Contend for the Faith

*Scripture from front page:
 Zechariah 12:10*