

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?

“But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’ ”

Matthew 4:4 (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

God & Human Suffering

Ben Bailey

We live in a world full of suffering and pain. But why does God allow suffering to exist? Is God not God because suffering exists? What value does human suffering have? Let us examine several reasons human suffering exist.

Human suffering helps us to realize this world is not our home. The great Apostle Paul said, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us” (Rm 8:18). When a friend or relative dies with cancer or some natural calamity occurs in the world, it should make us realize that this earth is our temporary dwelling place. As Peter said, “...the heavens will be dissolved being on fire and the elements will melt with fervent heat... Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and new earth in which righteousness dwells (2 Pt 3:12-13).

Human suffering may be a direct result of the work of Satan. To deny that Satan is an active foe today is to set oneself up for an attack by him. A perfect example of Satan causing human suffering is the man Job. One will note that from the beginning of the account of Job, Satan had been “going to and fro on the earth and from walking back and forth on it” (Job 1:7). From this we learn that Satan is very active in searching for those whom he can destroy. It is also important to notice that Satan was allowed to harm both Job and all that he owned (Job 1:12, 2:6). In the New Testament era, Satan is also very active trying to destroy souls. Peter warned us to “be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the Devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pt 5:8). In fact, the human

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Suffering

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suffering of Jesus can be largely attributed to the work of the Devil (John 13:2; Lk 22:3). Who is to say that Satan is not the cause of much of the suffering in the world today?

Human suffering can also be caused by the sins of others. The reason that a young child is born into a life of suffering may be because the mother had unprotected sex and passed the AIDS virus along to her baby. Or, the reason that many people suffer at the hands of a mass murderer may be because his parents failed to train him properly or they did not have a proper relationship with one another in the home. Throughout Bible history, people have suffered due to others sins (Jn 7; Num 16). Everyone suffers due to the introduction of sin and death into the world by Adam and Eve. Today, many good and noble people suffer because sinful lifestyles often have damaging results on all of society.

Truly, God is not to blame for the suffering we incur. God loves us and has provided us with the best of everything. But all too often we come along and mess up a good thing. May God help us to never blame Him for our sorrows but ask Him to help us through them.

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

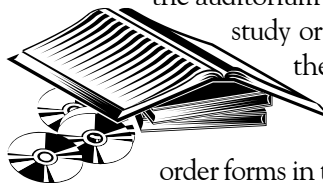
Group 2

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

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 for use in your own Bible



study or in evangelistic efforts. If there is a CD or DVD that is not out that you'd like copies of, please use the order forms in the tract rack on the right side as you are facing the back. Also available are transcripts of *The Gospel of Christ* media. Don't forget to check out www.thegospelofchrist.com to access all the media available through that effort.

Children's homes Westview will be back in November and is requesting: candy bars, sweet cereal, flour tortillas, canned fruit, chocolate chips, canned chicken, potato or tortilla chips, 100% juice/Capri Sun, cookies/Little Debbie cakes, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, mixed nuts, cashews, peanuts, Squeeze Parkay, margarine spread, spaghetti and picante sauce, apple or cherry pie filling, styrofoam plates, bowls and saucers.



Jamie Feroli's sister, **Dara Robison**, will have hip replacement surgery tomorrow. **Lois Beavers** had out patient surgery on her knee last Tuesday. **Harvey Grant**, Glenda Vinson's brother, is taking chemo treatments for cancer. **James Harris**, friend of the Aldridges', has recently had a stroke and been diagnosed with cancer. **Wayne Price**, Jennifer Johnson's uncle, will have surgery on July 22 for his cancer. **W. O. Clark** is scheduled to have a pacemaker and stint installed in the near future. Please continue to remember: Darlene Pennington's brother, **A. W. Roberts** • Melba Wallace's sister, **Wanda Barnum** • **Kevin Pendergrass** • Melinda Wilson's uncle, **Tom Teilborg** • **Joyce Gilliam** • **Joanne Craft**, April Willis' mother • **Betty Higgins** • **Mona Blanton** • **Murray Goforth** • **Tabitha Ray-Barton**, Rick & Mary Ray's daughter • **Danielle Fontenot** • **Tom Matlock's brother-in-law** • **Jean Cary's nephew** • **Jeff Willingham** • **Rebecca Stafford** • **Margaret Sparger** • Glenda Vinson's sister, **Marie Daube** • **Lisa Moss**, wife of Robert Moss • **Jim Bowman** • **Frank Pennington** • **Debra Thomas' mother** • **Earl & Sue Mann** • **Marty Stinson** • **Donald Moyers** • **Pat Morrison**, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • **Virgie Burchfield** • Norma Perkins' friend, **Jerry Lover** • **Dorthea Phillips** • **Madeline Minyard** • **Jerry & Glenda Vinson** • **Harry Phipps** • Sharon Ryan's mother, **Mary Griffeth** • Larry Ryan's mother, **Lorraine** • Peggy Jones' sister, **Mary Warner** • **Pat Ballard's mother** • Jamie Feroli's mother, **JoAnn Watson**, and grandmother • and those shut in/nursing home members.

Over 39ers The over 39ers will meet Thursday, July 23rd at 6:00 pm at Catfish Louie's.

Next Sunday after evening services, we will have an ice cream social. Please bring a freezer of ice cream. If you don't have an ice cream freezer, please bring cookies or brownies.

Teachers Anyone willing to teach a class for the new quarter, please check with Todd Hicks. If you would like to assist in a class, he can also find a spot for you! Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July

- 11 Melba Culbreth
- 12 Lonnie Harris
Lori Patrick
Gail Stewart
- 14 Nancy Bugbee
- 16 David & Linda Johnson '65
- 17 Virgie Burchfield
David Johnson
- 18 Ethan Aldridge
Collin Aldridge
- 19 Cody Murray
Colten Brinkley
- 20 Bobby "Trey" Austin
Sue Creecy
- 21 Barton Pettit
- 24 Doug & Rhenea Aldridge
Steve & Toni Mann '87
- 26 Thomas Matlock
- 29 James & Dana Meece '72
- 30 Colin Saner

August

- 2 Kevin & Chelsea Pendergrass '08
Kathie Clifton
- 3 W.O. & Gloria Clark '62
- 4 Paul Giles
- 6 Shelly Hicks
Ashley Castleman
- 10 Clayton Austin
- 11 Ashley Grant
Andy & Melody Smith '73
- 12 Judy Grammer
- 14 Craig Anderson
- 15 Melissa Waller

Debate The requested CDs and DVDs of the recent debate on the one cup are ready. Melba has been busy trying to get them to those that asked for the media. If you are interested in getting a copy, please complete one of the request forms on the table in the front foyer.

Need a ride to services? If you would like the van to pick you up for services, please see **Steve Mann, Scott Saner**, or one of the elders. *A van driver is needed for Wednesday nights. If you can help drive, please talk to Steve Mann today.*

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.



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.

Those to Serve Today

Announcements..... Randy Scott

Lord's Table	Ron Jones Kenneth Parker	Jerry Beavers Doug Aldridge	Todd Hicks Robert McClanahan
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Song Leader.....	Chock Aldridge	PM Opening Prayer.....	Ronnie Byrd
AM Opening Prayer	Vernon Castleman	PM Closing Prayer.....	David Johnson
AM Scripture	Scott Saner	PM Lord's Supper.....	Todd Hicks
AM Closing Prayer	Larry Waller		

Greeters July 19 & 22.....FA Shellenberger, James & Tammy Gravelle

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



July 22

7:00 pm FA Shellenberger gives devotional

July 23

6:00 pm Over 39ers meet at Catfish Louie's

July 26

7:00 pm Ice Cream Social

July 29

7:00 pm Scott Saner gives devotional



August 2

noon Fellowship meal

August 5

7:00 pm James Gravelle gives devotional

August 12

7:00 pm Ben Bailey gives devotional

August 19

7:00 pm Todd Hicks gives devotional

August 20

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet

August 26

Deuteronomy 8:3
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