

The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

July 26, 2009

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This New Testament passage quotes an Old Testament passage. Where is the Old Testament passage found?

“The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned.”

Matthew 4:16 (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

Well Done, Good & Faithful Servant

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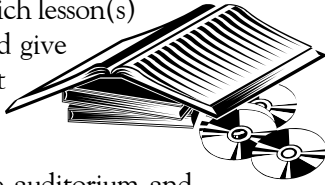
Every faithful Christian longs for the day when he can hear the Lord say, “Well done, good and faithful servant; ... Enter into the joy of your lord” (Matt 25:21). However, in the context of Matthew 25, not all of God’s servants received this praise. What is it that allowed two of God’s servants to hear this wonderful proclamation and one to hear the sad words, “Cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matt 25:21).

To enter into the joy of the Lord, we must be faithful servants. The idea of faithful implies that we are willing to follow the Lord’s commands. Jesus himself said, “Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter into heaven, but he who does the will of my father who is in Heaven” (Matt 7:21).

To enter into the joy of the Lord I must use my talents wisely. Our Lord said, “to whom much is given, much will be required” (Luke 12:48). A servant of the Lord cannot squander the abilities and talents he has been blessed with. In fact, the one talent man was condemned because he did not make his talents grow as he should have. Instead of using his talents he buried them in the ground due to fear of the Master. As good servants of God, we must take what we have been blessed with and use it for God’s glory.

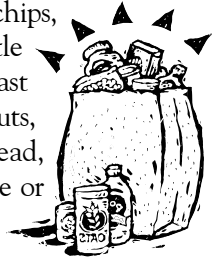
God wants every person to go to Heaven (1 Tim 2:4-6). Yet Jesus made it clear that few will find the way to Heaven (Matt 7:13-14). The reason some may be lost is due to a lack of faithfulness to the Lord. On the Day of the Lord’s return will you hear the words “Well done, good & faithful servant”? May God help each of us to prepare ourselves to serve the Master!

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.



Teachers Todd Hicks is still looking for men to teach the high school and junior high school classes. If you can assist in one of these classes, please check with him today. Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

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.



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. **A van driver is needed for Wednesday nights.** *If you can help drive, please talk to Steve Mann today.*



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



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
 Lovel & Mary Hughes
 Lonnie Harris
 Rick & Suzanne Tidwell
 Tom Matlock
 Sharlene Wallis & Rebecca



David Lokker, Arlene Castleman's nephew, has been diagnosed with pneumonia and swine flu. His family is also ill. **Tim Hicks**, Todd's father, had a cornea transplant last week. **Lois Beavers** has been having difficulties after surgery on her knee. Please continue to remember: Jamie Feroli's sister, **Dara Robison** • **Harvey Grant**, Glenda

Vinson's brother • **James Harris**, friend of the Aldridges' • **Wayne Price**, Jennifer Johnson's uncle • **W. O. Clark** • Darlene Pennington's brother, **A. W. Roberts** • Melba Wallace's sister, **Wanda Barnum** • **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** • **Rebecca Stafford** • **Margaret Sparger** • Glenda Vinson's sister, **Marie Daube** • **Jim Bowman** • **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.

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



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.

Next Sunday at noon we will come together for a fellowship meal. Please plan to attend and bring a little extra for any visitors we might have. This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers and sisters a little better.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

July

- 24 Doug & Rhenea Aldridge
Steve & Toni Mann '87
- 26 Thomas Matlock
- 29 James & Dana Meece '72
- 30 Colin Saner

August

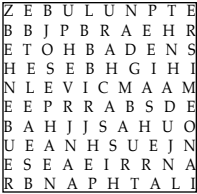
- 2 Kevin & Chelsea Pendergrass '08
Kathie Clifton
- 3 W.O. & Gloria Clark '62
- 4 Paul Giles
- 6 Shelly Hicks
Ashley Castleman
- 10 Clayton Austin
- 11 Ashley Grant
Andy & Melody Smith '73
- 12 Judy Grammer
- 14 Craig Anderson
- 15 Melissa Waller
Randy & Adela Scott '98
Todd & Shelly Hicks
- 17 Kenneth Parker
- 18 Doris Mobley
- 19 F.A. Shellenberger
- 20 Larry & Sharon Ryan
- 21 Jean Parker
- 24 Roslyn Dotson
- 25 Andy Smith
Gavin Lewis
- 29 Jerry Vinson
Martin & Roslyn Dotson

September

- 2 Sharlene Wallis

Response Wednesday night **Jaccie Pirtle** came forward confessing shortcomings in her life and requesting prayers of the congregation. Please remember sis Jaccie in your prayers and encourage her as you have opportunity

Puzzles If you like to do word search or crossword puzzles, check out the selection on www.thegospelofchrist.com. You can either print out a copy of the puzzle or complete it online. New puzzles are added on a regular schedule. Don't forget about the Bible quizzes on the site! Quizzes are available on the Old Testament, New Testament and subjects related to history and geography. The quizzes offer questions of various levels of difficulty--ranging from easy to extreme.



There is also a section of quizzes that directly relate to the video and audio programs posted on the website.



Today
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
7:00 pm Lovel Hughes gives devotional

August 30
5:00 pm 5th Sunday singing

Deuteronomy 6:16
Scripture from page

Those to Serve Today

Announcements..... Randy Scott

Lord's Table Ron Jones Jerry Beavers Todd Hicks
 Kenneth Parker Doug Aldridge Robert McClanahan

Song Leader.....Barton Pettit PM Opening Prayer.....Chock Aldridge
AM Opening PrayerDavid Johnson PM Closing Prayer.....James Gravelle
AM ScriptureCecil Hargrove PM Lord's Supper.....Terry Waller
Closing PrayerScott Saner

Greeters July 26 & 29.....Jackie & Melissa Waller, Earl & Sue Mann

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