

The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

July 5, 2009

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

*“Prepare the way of the LORD;
Make His paths straight.”
Matthew 3:3 (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

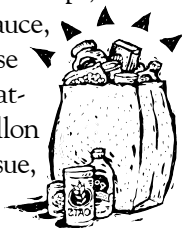
The Importance of Words

Love

Ben Bailey

As we continue our study this week on the importance of words, the next word we want to examine is love. The word love has been terribly misconstrued in our society. Many feel that love is only a deep romantic feeling that comes from some physical or mystical attraction. But this is actually far from the biblical meaning of love. There are three different Greek words used to describe love. First, there is the word *phileo*, which describes a friendship or companionship love. Next, there is the Greek word *eros*. This describes a more erotic love between a husband and a wife and is not used in the New Testament. Then, there is the highest form of love known to mankind—*agape* love. This kind of love is a sacrificial love that puts the interests of others before self (Phil. 2:3-9, 1 Cor 13:1ff). This kind of love can only be demonstrated by its supreme actions. “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom 5:8). Also, *agape* love has provided man with the greatest gift ever offered. “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). If Christians had more of this kind of love for one another there would be a lot less griping, bickering, complaining and backbiting in the church of our Lord (1 Cor 13:4-7). Also, if we had a better understanding of this love in our lives it would make us better givers of our time, talents, attention and money. May God always help us to possess this divine love.

Children's homes Westview will be here the week of July 13th and is requesting: Rotel, Velveeta, 100% juice, canned fruit, sweetened cereal, canned chicken, potato/tortilla chips, canned soda, bottled water, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, peanut butter/cheese crackers, Pine Sol, AA and AAA batteries, shampoo, conditioner, 13/39 gallon trash bags, paper towels, bathroom tissue, Spray & Wash and dryer sheets.



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

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.

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

Directory update Please update your directory to show that Ben Tomlinson's phone number is 580/226-2201.

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 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. We have about a month left in the current quarter.



Kevin Pendergrass is having tests run. Melinda Wilson's uncle, **Tom Teilborg**, had surgery early last week. Please continue to remember: **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 • Dortha 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.**

Today at noon we will gather for a fellowship meal. If you are visiting with us, we would love to have you as our guest. There is always an abundance of food and we'd like to get you know you better!



Blood drive We will have a blood drive here at the building on Sunday July 12th after morning services. There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board or you can see Scott Saner to indicate the time you'd like to give. Only whole blood will be taken during the drive. Oklahoma Blood Institute will have their mobile unit in the parking lot, but check-in will be done in the hallway to the back. Be sure to up your liquid intake about 24 hours before your donation.



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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

July

- 9 Dana Meece
- 10 Braden Willingham
- 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



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 July 2009

Announcements..... Randy Scott

Lord's Table	Ron Jones Kenneth Parker	Jerry Beavers Doug Aldridge	Todd Hicks Robert McClanahan
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5th Song LeaderDavid Johnson	PM Opening Prayer.....FA Shellenberger
AM Opening Prayer..... Tom Matlock	PM Closing Prayer.....Harold Dillard
AM Scripture..... Alex Vinson	PM Lord's Supper.....Ron Jones
AM Closing Prayer.....James Meece	

12th Song LeaderVernon Castleman	PM Opening Prayer..... Earl Mann
AM Opening Prayer..... Lovel Hughes	PM Closing Prayer.....John Johnson
AM Scripture..... James Gravelle	PM Lord's Supper..... Jerry Beavers
AM Closing Prayer.....Andy Smith	

19th Song LeaderChock 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	

26th Song LeaderBarton Pettit	PM Opening Prayer..... Chock Aldridge
AM Opening Prayer....David Johnson	PM Closing Prayer.....James Gravelle
AM Scripture.....Cecil Hargrove	PM Lord's Supper..... Terry Waller
Closing Prayer.....Scott Saner	

Greeters July 5 & 8..... Scott & Tina Saner, James & Dana Meece
 July 12 & 15.....David & Linda Johnson, Ronnie Byrd
 July 19 & 22.....FA Shellenberger, James & Tammy Gravelle
 July 26 & 29.....Jackie & Melissa Waller, Earl & Sue Mann



Today

noon Fellowship meal

July 8

7:00 pm Barton Pettit gives devotional

July 12

noon Blood Drive

July 15

7:00 pm Floyd Johnson gives devotional

July 16

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet

July 22

7:00 pm FA Shellenberger gives devotional

July 29

7:00 pm Scott Saner gives devotional



August 2

noon Fellowship meal

August 5

7:00 pm James Gravelle gives devotional

Isaiah 40:3
 Scripture from front page:

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