

The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

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*The following is the last verse of
what book of the Bible?*

“Grace be with all those who love our
Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen.”

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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

Ben Bailey

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).

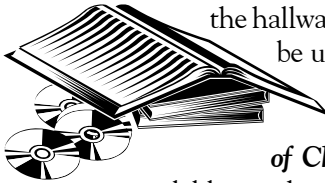
To enter into the joy of the Lord, we must be faithful servants. The idea of faithful implies that we are willing to follow the Lord’s commands. Jesus himself said, “Not everyone who says to me ‘Lord, Lord’ will enter into heaven, but he who does the will of my father who is in Heaven” (Matt. 7:21).

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!

KSBI The Gospel of Christ can be seen on KSBI, cable channel 76, at 8:30 am on Sundays.

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.

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

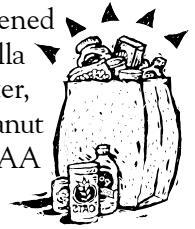
Group 3

Vernon & Arlene Castleman
Sharon Ryan & Christy Murray
Cecil Hargrove
Lovell & Mary Hughes
Lonnie Harris
Rick & Suzanne Tidwell
Tom Matlock
Sharlene Wallis & Rebecca

Pictorial directory James Gravelle is planning to take photos to update the pictorial directory. He will take photos after both morning and evening services today.

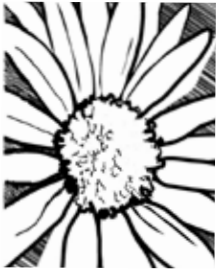


Children's homes Westview will be here in July and is requesting: Rotel, Velveeta, 100% juice, canned fruit, sweetened cereal, canned chicken, potato/tortilla chips, canned soda, bottled water, tomato sauce, diced tomatoes, peanut butter/cheese crackers, Pine Sol, AA and AAA batteries, shampoo, conditioner,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



Interested? If you would like to be added to the list for greeters or as one of the men to give Wednesday night devotionals, there is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board.

Contacts for TGO C 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**.



Glenda Vinson's sister, **Marie Daube**, will have some medical tests run. **Rebecca Stafford** will start her chemo treatments tomorrow. Please continue to remember: **Margaret Sparger** • **Gary Dillard**, Harold's son • **Melba Wallace** • **Adriane Brown**, Alex Brown's daughter • **Lisa Moss**, wife of Robert Moss • **Marie Williams** • **Jim Bowman**

• **Frank Pennington** • **Betty Higgins** • **Cap Stewart** • **Jean Cary's nephew** • **Debra Thomas' mother** • **Earl & Sue Mann** • **Marty Stinson** • **Darlene Tibbs**, friend of the Willinghams • **Donald Moyers** • **Pat Morrison**, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • **Virgie Burchfield** • **Mary Ann Ashley** • Norma Perkins' friend, **Jerry Lover** • Ben Tomlinson's mother **Nita** • **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** • **Jamie Feroli's mother, JoAnn Watson, and grandmother** • and those shut in/nursing home members.

Response Wednesday night **Darrell Johnson** asked for prayers of the congregation. He specifically asked for prayers to grow strong in the faith and to be able to overcome temptation. Please keep him in your prayers and offer encouragement.

Thank you We want to express our appreciation for all those that had a hand in the banquet for our graduating seniors last night.

Over 39ers *Please note the date change.* Meet at the building at 5:30 pm on **Friday, June 19**. We will be going to the Blue Pig at the Ardmore Air Park. If you are planning to attend, please let the Castlemans know so they get a head count for the reservation.

Road trip The van will leave at 8 am from the building on Tuesday, June 30th for Six Flags. If you need help with a ticket, please see Ben. There will be several chaperones for those children whose parents are unable to go because of work.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

June

- 13 **Clarine Wainscott**
Beverly Sadler
Deborah Willaims
- 14 **Patti Culpepper**
David Aldridge
- 15 **Jeanine Phipps**
- 19 **Ben & Christie Bailey '99**
- 22 **Hannah Bailey**
- 23 **Cindy Shellenberger**
- 27 **Christie Bailey**
- 28 **Jeff Willingham**
- 30 **Chelsea Pendergrass**

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
Cierra Burton
- 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

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.

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.

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 on-line. 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.

Those to Serve Today

Announcements..... David Johnson

Lord's Table	Lovel Hughes Earl Mann	James Gravelle Ray Harness	Alex Vinson Steve Mann
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Song Leader.....Randy Scott	PM Opening Prayer.....Harold Dillard
AM Opening PrayerVernon Castleman	PM Closing Prayer.....Tom Matlock
AM ScriptureBill Stewart	PM Lord's Supper.....James Gravelle
AM Closing PrayerScott Saner	

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



June 17

7:00 pm James Meece gives devotional

June 19

5:30 pm 39 & Over meet at the building to go to the Blue Pig

June 24

7:00 pm FA Shellenberger gives devotional

June 30

8:00 am Leave the building for Six Flags trip

Scripture from front page: Ephesians 6:24 (NKJV)