

The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

June 28, 2009

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

*“Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel”
Matthew 1:23 (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

Truth

Ben Bailey

Truth is invaluable in every part of life. On the job, employers want their employees to be truthful and honest with them. In marriage, truth and faithfulness are essential to lasting relationships. The truth is also essentially important to a right relationship with God. Notice what the Bible teaches about the truth.

In the long ago, the wise sage said, “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding” (Prov. 23:23). It has rightly been said that whatever price the truth cost you, it was dirt cheap compared to its inherent value!

Concerning the truth Jesus said, “You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” (John 8:32). The truth on human equality sets people free from slavery. The truth on gender, social, and financial equality has been a long standing truth that has led our country to the great state it is in. The same principle applies to Christianity. The only way to be free from the slavery of sin is to know the truth by obeying it (Mt 7:21).

We live in a very pessimistic and skeptical world that asks the same question Pilate did, “What is Truth?” (John 18:38). The truth is not a mystery or something unfathomable. The truth is very simply the Word of God, the Bible. Jesus said, “Sanctify them by your truth, Your word is Truth” (John 17:17).

Dear friend, have you realized the value of the truth in your life? If the truth sets me free and God’s word is truth, then we must obey the word of God to be free. The Bible says that Jesus is the author of eternal salvation to all those who obey Him (Heb 5:8-9). Have you obeyed the gospel by believing in Jesus (John 8:24) repenting of your sin (Luke 13:3) confessing Jesus as Savior (Rom. 10:10) being baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38) and living faithful to the Lord until the day you die (Rev. 2:10)? May God help each of us to realize the importance of truth.

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.

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

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.



Contacts for TGOc 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*.

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

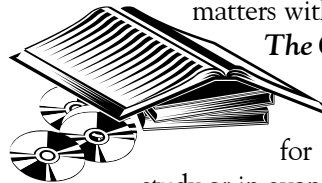
Vernon & Arlene Castleman
Sharon Ryan & Christy Murray
Cecil Hargrove
Lovel & Mary Hughes
Lonnie Harris
Rick & Suzanne Tidwell
Tom Matlock
Sharlene Wallis & Rebecca

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.



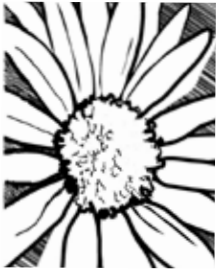
Directory update Please update your directory to show that Jaccie Pirtle's phone number is 580/319-4702.

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.



Joyce Gilliam had knee replacement surgery last week and has been moved to Rehab, room 509 and will be there for about another week and a half. **Joanne Craft**, April Willis' mother, will have another surgery on her back this Wednesday. **Betty Higgins** will have blood work done on the 29th to see how her treatments are doing. Her father has shingles and is in need of prayer. The Mann's have asked for prayers for **Mona Blanton** who has been diagnosed with cancer. Please continue to remember: **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 • Marie Williams • Jim Bowman • Frank Pennington • Debra Thomas' mother • Earl & Sue Mann • Marty Stinson • Donald Moyers • Pat Morrison, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • Virgie Burchfield • Mary Ann Ashley • 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.**

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.



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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

June

- 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
- 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

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.

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

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.

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..... Harold Dillard	PM Opening Prayer..... Ronnie Byrd
AM Opening Prayer Floyd Johnson	PM Closing Prayer..... Larry Waller
AM Scripture Cecil Hargrove	PM Lord's Supper..... Earl Mann
AM Closing Prayer Andy Smith	

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 30

8:00 am Leave the building for Six Flags trip



July 1

7:00 pm Vernon Castleman gives devotional

July 5

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

Isaiah 7:14

Scripture from front page: