

# 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?*

*“I have surely seen the oppression of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their groaning and have come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send you to Egypt.”*

Acts 7:34 (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

Part three

## Bible Conversion Is Not Convulsion

Foy E. Wallace, Jr.

Once we know that the process of conversion is plainly that of obeying “the word of truth”, the rest is simple and easy. Jesus, the Lawgiver, said, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.” (Mk 16:15-16). Fulfilling this commission on Pentecost, Peter said, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” (Acts 2:38). On the occasion of his second recorded sermon, Peter said, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.” (Acts 3:19).

So the command to “be baptized” in Acts 2:38 is put as “be converted” in Acts 3:19. They are equal to each other. Both passages say “repent”. In place of “be baptized” in the first we have “be converted” in the second. In place of “remission of sins” in the first, we have “sins blotted out” in the second.

If baptism, along with faith and repentance, is not a condition of salvation, or conversion, can anyone tell us why we have Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38 and a dozen other such passages? Deny that these passages teach that baptism is essential to conversion, and the passages are robbed of their sense and essence. May we all “receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls” (Jas 1:21).

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## Great Chapters Study Series



Beginning last week and going through the summer months, we will have a study on Wednesday nights on great Bible chapters. If you would

like to study the chapter ahead of time, they are included in our calendar on the back page.

**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.

**Debate** Kevin has agreed to debate on the issue of using the first day of the week as a day of worship. The debate will be in Ontario, Canada August 25-26th. If you can help with the costs of this trip, please let Kevin know.

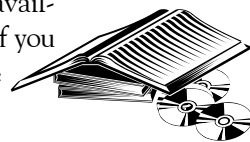


**Pantry** Teachers, please encourage your Bible students to bring one pantry item each week. This will help each student develop a giving spirit.

**Assistance** It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could check the pew around where they sit after each service to see if there are items that need to be thrown away. Your time spent in tidying your area is greatly appreciated.

**Roll up your sleeves** The library is in desperate need of reorganization. This job would require arranging old and new books. If you can help, please let Ben or Doneta know.

**Request forms** are available on the table in the foyer if you would like a copy of any of the lessons from our recent meeting or any Sunday worship service.



**Label Collection** 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.



## The Gospel of Christ

The website continues to be a source of information for many who are searching on the internet. If you have 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**.

**Media** Tammy keeps the center display rack at the back of the auditorium filled with a selection of CDs and DVDs. If there is something that is not out that you'd like copies of, order forms are in the tract

rack on the right side as you are facing the back.

**Puzzles** If you like to do word search or crossword puzzles, check out the selection on [www.thegospelofchrist.com](http://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.



*Remember  
Our Sick*

Betty Higgins had a back procedure last Thursday at the Spine Hospital in Oklahoma City. Ben Love, grandson of Mary Ann Ashley and nephew of Vicki Willingham, was taken to OU Medical Center last weekend in critical condition after an auto accident. Louise Harris's mother is in a hospital in San Antonio with heart problems. Chock & Mary Aldridge's grandson in-law Nick Morgan will be having back surgery. Christie Bailey's back surgery is scheduled for June 15th. Larry Jones was recently admitted to the hospital; he was dehydrated, had high blood sugar and tests show he may have had a light stroke. Cecil Hargrove's sister Loyce is in the hospital. Sue Mann will start her next round of chemo on June 7th. Please continue to remember: Glenda Vinson's sister Nelda Grant • Joyce Gilliam's sister, Flo Brown • Jean Cary • Ruth Parker's friend Mary Jo Marley • John Parton, Norma Perkins' grandson • Freda Knapp • Dorothea Phillips • Carla Evans • Gracie Smith • Jamie Feroli • Mary Ann Ashley • Bessie Childress • Ruth Minyard • Patti Culpepper • Jerry & Glenda Vinson • Murray Goforth • Deborah Thomas' mother • Pat Ballard's mother • Madeline Minyard • 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!



**Campers** Ben will be loading up the van right after the fellowship meal to head to camp. If you are not staying for the meal, or if you forgot your gear, be back at the building no later than 12:30 pm.



**Children's homes** Westview will be back in July and is requesting: 100% juice, canned fruit, sweetened cereal, baked beans, Tang/Kool-aid, olive and vegetable oils, sliced jalapenos, evaporated milk, Eagle Brand milk, tabasco/Louisiana hot sauces, Clorox wipes, liquid Cascade, foil, toilet paper and



paper towels.

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### June

- 5 Lonnie & Louise Harris '93
- 6 Deborah & Billy Williams '87
- 7 Joseph & Betty Tipton '68  
Nathan Bailey
- 11 Robbie Boutte
- 12 Terry & Melissa Waller
- 13 Clarine Wainscott  
Beverly Sadler  
Deborah Willaims
- 14 Patti Culpepper  
David Aldridge
- 19 Ben & Christie Bailey '99
- 22 Hannah Bailey
- 26 Jason Smith
- 27 Christie Bailey  
Lauren Smith
- 28 Jeff Willingham
- 30 Chelsea Pendergrass

### July

- 2 Camdyn Pearson
- 9 Dana Meece  
Kayla Walker
- 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



## Today

noon Fellowship meal  
Floyd Johnson camp session begins

## June 9

7:00 pm Great Bible Chapters - 2  
Cor 5, James Gravelle  
Ron Jones gives devotional

## June 16

7:00 pm Great Bible Chapters - Acts  
8, Vernon Castleman  
Ben Bailey gives devotional

## June 17

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet

## June 23

7:00 pm Great Bible Chapters - Mt  
5, James Meece  
James Meece gives  
devotional

# God's Plan for Man

Hear Romans 10:17 • Believe John 8:24

Repent Luke 13:3 • Confess Romans 10:10

Be Baptized Mark 16:16 • Be Faithful Revelation 2:10

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## Those to Serve Today

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Announcements..... David Johnson  
Lord's Table            Marvin Willis            James Gravelle            Earl Mann  
                                 Ray Harness            Ron Jones            Steve Mann

Song Leader.....Vernon Castleman    PM Opening Prayer..... Todd Hicks  
AM Scripture ..... Daniel Jones    PM Closing Prayer..... John Johnson  
AM Opening Prayer ..... Chock Aldridge    PM Lord's Supper..... Terry Waller  
AM Closing Prayer ..... Tom Matlock



## Broadcast Schedule

June 13 *The Gospel of John Lesson  
#7- Chapters 16-18. Jesus  
Prepares for Death*

Exodus 3:7  
*Scripture from front page:*

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### Elders

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223-4602

**Vernon Castleman**  
3533 Dogwood Road  
223-0983

**James Meece**  
909 Davis  
223-7637

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### Deacons

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**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**  
465-5785

**Jerry Vinson**  
223-3865