

The McLish Avenue Messenger

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

June 7, 2009

MCLISH AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST • 607 McLish SW • Ardmore, OK 73401



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

“For Mordecai the Jew was second to King Ahasuerus, and was great among the Jews and well received by the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people and speaking peace to all his countrymen.”

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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 two

The Reasoning Power of the Gospel

Ben Bailey

Self-Control. Paul now turns to the second problem in Felix's life. Felix, and much of the Roman world, lacked any self control. The motto of the day could have been "If it feels good do it." Felix is especially known for his lack of self-control in the fleshly and sexual realm. Today, we still have a lot of Felix's kinfolks around who have absolutely no restraint when it comes to sexual desires. Christians must not give in to any of the fleshly pleasures of the world, but rather abstain from them. Peter encouraged us to, "abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul" (1 Peter 2:11). To help control our lusts, we must access a power greater than ourselves. The Bible says we can do all things through Jesus Christ who is our strength (Phil 4:13). When we are tempted to give in to our lust, we need to turn to God in prayer and ask Him for help (1 Peter 5:7).

Judgment to Come. Everything Paul had previously said would have had no effect on Felix were it not for the Judgment Day of God. Why should people live righteous lives today? What motive is there for controlling our lusts and passions? The greatest motive of all is that one day we will stand before God and be judged for all that we have done in this life (Eccl 12:14). Concerning the Judgment, Paul reminds us that God will bring every work into judgment including every secret thing we have said or done (2 Cor 5:10). The Judgment of God will be according to His Word (John 12:48). As we read the words of Revelation 20:12-15, we have to see Felix and ourselves at the Judgment. "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were

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Power

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written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.”

Dear friend, the Bible has the ability to reason to our greatest spiritual needs. Today, are you like Felix? Do you fear the Judgment Day because you know you are not living right? If so, please don't be like Felix. Felix sadly said, "Go away for now, when I have a more convenient season I will call upon you." We are never told that Felix obeyed the gospel. Don't wait too late. If you are not a Christian, we would love to help you become one.

Contacts for TGOC 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*.

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

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

Pictorial directory



James Gravelle is planning to take photos to update the pictorial directory. He will take photos after both morning and evening services on the 14th.

Senior banquet

We will celebrate the graduation of **Ethan Aldridge and Colton Feroli** this Saturday, June 13th 6:30 pm here at the building. If you are planning to attend, please sign up on the sheet on the back bulletin board for a head count. If you would like to help with the banquet, please see the wife of one of our elders.

Children's homes

Westview will be back 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.



Margaret Sparger will have a stint inserted in her neck on June 12th. **Rebecca Stafford** had five ribs removed last week. She still faces more chemo and radiation. **Gary Dillard**, Harold's son, received a good report after surgery. Please continue to remember: **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.

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!



Camp Campers will be leaving the building right after the fellowship meal this afternoon. Please keep all those attending camp in your prayers this week.

Directory change Please update your directory to show **April Dotson's** address is 1821 6th SW; **Doneta Carter's** address is 500 Railhead Loop, home phone 223-1356, cell 817 681 8836; **Ben Tomlinson's** address is 128 Huebsch Loop, phone 224-0270. All addresses are here in Ardmore.

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

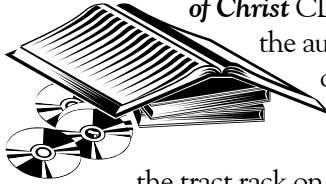
June

- 1 Colton Feroli
Earl & Sue Mann '56
- 2 Olga Stinson
- 4 Zachary Bugbee
- 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
- 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

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.

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.....Scott Saner	PM Opening Prayer..... Jerry Beavers
AM Opening Prayer Todd Hicks	PM Closing Prayer.....Lonnie Harris
AM ScriptureBarton Pettit	PM Lord's Supper.....Lovel Hughes
AM Closing PrayerJohn Johnson	

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 7

noon Fellowship meal
Floyd Johnson camp session begins

June 10

7:00 pm Floyd Johnson gives devotional

June 13

6:30 pm Senior Banquet

June 17

7:00 pm James Meece gives devotional

June 18

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet

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:
Esther 10:3 (NKJV)*