

# 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?

“So Job died, old and full of days.”

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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

## Are You Ready For The Judgment Day?

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**T**he Bible clearly teaches that God has a day prepared when He will judge all men. To the idolatrous people in Athens, Paul declared that God "...has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead" (Acts 17:30-31). For many people this will be the saddest day of their life. They did not prepare spend their life preparing for this day. As a result, they will be lost (Matt. 25:1-10). To others, this will be the most wonderful day of their life. They spent their life preparing for this day and were ready to go to heaven (Matt. 25:23). For the day of judgment to be a happy day for us we must understand the nature of this day. Let us consider several biblical characteristics of the judgment day.

Judgment is certain in action. The judgment day of God is as certain as the fact that each person must one day die. The Hebrews writer stated, "It is appointed to man once to die and then the judgment" (Heb. 9:27). Paul reminds us of the surety of God's judgment when he writes, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God" (Rom. 14:11-12). It has often been said that there are two things certain in this life: death and taxes. To that list we would also add the judgment day.

Judgment is uncertain in time. Concerning the day of God's judgment, Jesus said "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Matt. 24:44). Paul taught the Thessalonians that the Lord's coming would be as a thief in the night (1 Thess. 5:2-3). Paul's point is you don't know when a thief is

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# Judgment

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coming to rob you, nor do you know when the Lord is coming again. Jesus taught that only the Father knew the time of His return and judgment (Matt. 24:36). The reason God did not tell us when He was coming in judgment is because He knows our nature. If God told us exactly when He was coming then we would very likely squander our time down to the very last minute and then try to get ready. We are terrible procrastinators. Judgment could happen at any time. Are you ready for it?

Judgment will be by The Book. When God judges the world, the standard for judgment will be the Bible. Jesus said, "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him — the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Each of us will have our deeds in this life compared with the Word of God to see if they are right (2 Cor. 5:10-11). If we are going to be judged by God's word, then we must also live by God's word.

Friend, are you ready for the judgment day? If you have lived right and been faithful to God then you will have a home in Heaven. However, if you have not lived by the Bible, but instead have lived a life of sin it will be a sad, sad day. To those who were unfaithful to His will Jesus said, "Depart from

Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels" (Matt. 25:41). May God help all of us to prepare for the judgment day.

**Responses** Sunday sis **Debra Williams** came forward. Bro **Ken Lewis** came forward on Wednesday night. Please take each opportunity given you to encourage them as they strive to live a life pleasing to God.

**Fifth Sunday singing** This afternoon everyone is encouraged to gather together at 5:00 pm for a "singing" before evening services.

**Directory change** Please make note in your directory that Todd and Shelly Hick no longer have a "home" phone. Todd's cell phone is 504-2829 and his office phone is 223-5800. Shelly's cell phone is 220-8553.

**Gospel meeting** Please pick up and distribute the flyers for our meeting the week of April 19th with Darwin Hunter. Bro Hunter will be speaking on the theme of "Telling the Story of Jesus."

## 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

## Prayer List



**Jaccie Pirtle** had five stints put in after a heart attack last Monday. She was in room 246. **Sue Mann** will be in the hospital in Oklahoma City for about three weeks for her next round of treatments. **Jean Parker** had knee replacement this past Tuesday at Norman Regional Hospital. She is in room 4940. **Travis Willis** and **Virgie Burchfield** are home after hospital stays. Please continue to remember: **Kenneth Parker** •

**Sharon Smee** • **Al Hargrove**, Cecil's brother

- **Gloria Clark** • **Rebecca Stafford** • **Frank Pennington**
- **Tabitha Ray-Barton** • **Bo Fore** • **Mary Ann Ashley** •
- Marie Williams** • Harold & Martha Dillard's daughter **Carole Grammer** • Gloria Clark's father, **KL Murphey** • Lovell & Mary Hughes' son-in-law, **David Eddie** • **Kent Barker**, the nephew of Jean Carey • **Marty Stinson** • Norma Perkins' friend, **Jerry Lover** • Ben Tomlinson's mother **Nita** • **Dorthea Phillips** • **Madeline Minyard** • **Jerry & Glenda Vinson** • **Harry Phipps** • **Nelda Hamilton**, Norma Perkins' sister • Sharon Ryan's mother, **Mary Griffeth** • Larry Ryan's mother, **Lorraine** • **Judy Grammer** • 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.

**Our sympathy** We want to remember the friends and family of **Ruth Ann McCullom** in her death this past week. Her services were at the Mayfair congregation in Oklahoma City yesterday. Please remember all those who have lost loved one recently in your prayers and actions.



**Thursday class** This Thursday will be the last of the series of classes that Ben and Kevin have been teaching, "Have You Ever Wondered Why the churches of Christ Teach...?" It's not too late to come and join the study that begins at 7 pm here at the building.

**Teachers** Todd Hicks is looking for additional teachers to rotate into our classes. If you have taught in the past, or would like to start teaching, please let Todd know. The new quarter is just a few weeks away.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### March

- 28 **Ronnie & Geri Byrd '75**  
Jacob Johnson
- 30 **Caleb Willis**  
Harold & Martha Dillard '74

### April

- 8 **Glenda Vinson**
- 9 **Martha Dillard**  
April Dotson  
Jerry & Lois Beavers
- 10 **Brent Castleman**  
Michael Tipton  
Brent & Gypsy Castleman '92
- 12 **Robert Schumacher**
- 13 **Dorotha Phillips**  
Norma Perkins
- 15 **Savanna Mann**
- 16 **Bessie Childress**  
Melba Wallace  
Chock Aldridge  
Jerry Beavers
- 21 **Scott & Tina Saner '84**
- 25 **J.W. Hobbs**
- 26 **Lowell Keeton**  
Bea Atnip

### May

- 2 **Kaitlin Aldridge**
- 6 **Sean Bugbee**
- 7 **Todd Hicks**
- 8 **Arlene Castleman**  
Bo & Huberta Fore '51
- 11 **Bo Fore**
- 14 **Claire Castleman**

