

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?*

“The grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ be with your spirit, brothers.
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

Christian Freedom

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Freedom is one of the greatest possessions any society can have. For this freedom men and women have given their precious lives on foreign soil. Also, for this freedom, men and women continue to put themselves in harms way. The freedom we have as Americans is our most prized possession. But, there is a greater freedom than American freedom. Christian freedom is worth more and cost more than any other freedom.

Freedom from Sin. The freedom from sin cost our Heavenly Father His Dear Son. “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...” (Jn 3:16). Since Christ did die for our sins, we can now have freedom from sin in Christ. “And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness” (Rom 6:18). Paul further elaborates on our freedom and says, “Stand fast therefore, in the liberty by which Christ has made us free and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage” (Gal 5:1). Real freedom is about knowing that we have escaped the consequences and guilt of our sin through Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself said, “Therefore, if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed” (Jn 8:36). Don’t just think about your freedom as an individual and a nation, but think about the marvelous freedom we have as Christians.

Do you have the freedom and peace that comes through Jesus? If not, you can be free. The Bible teaches that if one will obey the Gospel he can be free from sin to serve God (Rom 6:17). If you will believe in Jesus (Jn 8:24), repent of your old life (Lk 13:3), confess the Savior before men (Rom 10:10, Mt 10:32-33), and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; Mk 16:16) you can possess real freedom that no man can ever take away!

Camp forms Camp forms have been distributed in the upper school age classes. Additional forms are available in the office. Please get these completed and turned into the office as soon as possible. Our elders are offering to pay the registration fees for all our campers.



Tax forms If you need a form regarding 2008 donations for tax purposes, Melba has them available in the office.

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.



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

Contacts for TGO 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*.

Teacher's workshop The Eastside congregation will host their annual teacher's workshop on Saturday, May 2. More details can be found on the flyer on the back bulletin board.



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.

Over 39ers The over 39ers will move their fellowship to the 24th this month so not to conflict with the Thursday night studies. The location will be announced soon.



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.

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



Rebecca Stafford is having problems getting her white blood count up after her chemo sessions. She has also lost a lot of weight due to the treatments. **Frank Pennington** when back to the hospital with high potassium levels. **Tabitha Ray-Barton** has an appointment with her oncologist on Friday. Please continue to remember: **Bo Fore** • **Mary Ann Ashley** • Scott Saner's mother, **Mary** • **Marie Williams** • **Sue Mann** • 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** • **Ruby Meece**, James' mother • Norma Perkins' friend, **Jerry Lover** • **Ruth Parker** • Ben Tomlinson's mother **Nita** • **Dorthea Phillips** • **Madeline Minyard** • **Jerry & Glenda Vinson** • **Glen Elmore** • **Harry Phipps** • **Nelda Hamilton**, Norma Perkins' sister • Sharon Ryan's mother, **Mary Griffith** • 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.

TGOC February was a record breaking month for The Gospel of Christ. We had 750,886 page hits on the website. That averages over 26,800 hits per day! Don't forget that KVSO, 1240 am radio, is airing 3 minute radio lessons every weekday morning between 7:10 and 7:20.



Study the Bible with us

Thursday class Thursdays through April 2nd at 7 pm Ben and Kevin will teach a fundamentals class, "Have You Ever Wondered Why the churches of Christ Teach...?" This class has been advertised in local newspapers and is designed to bring people from the community as well as build up our members. Please help this class be a success.

Gospel meeting The Marietta congregation will have a meeting March 22-26. Evening services during the week will be at 7 pm.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

March

- 9 Bill Stewart
- 10 Christy Murray
- 11 Madeline Minyard
Justin Mann
W.O. Clark
- 13 Pat Ballard
- 14 James Gravelle
- 15 Toni Mann
Fred & Maxine Bellomy '49
- 16 Lexie Wallace
- 17 Lara Austin
- 21 Martin Dotson
Robert & Pam Schumacher
- 23 Anthony Tipton
- 26 Steve Mann
- 27 Liz Aldridge
- 28 Ronnie & Geri Byrd '75
Oneda Claypool
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 Dorothea Phillips
Norma Perkins
- 15 Savanna Mann

