

# 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?*

*“For David says concerning Him: ‘I foresaw the LORD always before my face, For He is at my right hand, that I may not be shaken.’ ”*

Acts 2:25 (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

## Stand Up for Truth!

Ben Bailey

In our world of all-acceptance, it is easy for Christians to be tempted to bow at the altar of compromise. Instead of standing up for the Lord and His Word, too often we give in to the mentality to “go along to get along.” All of us must admit that times of conflict and confrontation are not at all enjoyable. Yet, when we compromise the truth or remain silent on biblical issues, are we doing anyone a favor? Let’s look at a few biblical examples where it would have been easier to compromise and determine who that would have ultimately helped.

It sure would have been a lot easier if Noah would have told the people that everything was “A-Okay” with God instead of preaching a message of repentance and destruction (Gen 6). However, if Noah would have compromised the truth or simply remained silent who would that have helped when the flood came? No one. Noah himself would have been lost for not preaching the word as God commanded. It would have been much more in line with popular view for Caleb and Joshua to give in to the “grasshopper-complex” rather than to put their trust in God. However, these men spoke an unpopular truth because they were trying to please God not men. John the Baptist could have very easily saved his head by compromising his views on marriage, divorce and remarriage to evil King Herod. Yet, John boldly stated, “It is not lawful for you to have your brothers’ wife” (Mark 6:18). Was John trying to hurt Herod’s feelings or did he have Herod’s best interest at heart? John was more concerned about Herod’s soul than making him happy for the moment. I wonder if God was pleased with what John said, or should he simply have “kept his nose in his own business”? I know God was pleased with John when our Lord said, “Among those born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist” (Matt 11:11). Our Lord would have lived a lot longer and been a lot more popular if he

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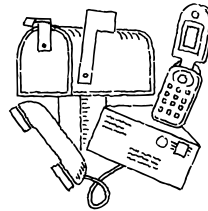
# Stand up

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had accepted the hypocritical Pharisees as they were, overlooked the sin of the Scribes and tax collectors, and viewed life with the “I’m okay, you’re okay” philosophy. Had Jesus done these things, would He be our Savior and would He have been pleasing to God? No! Jesus was the great Teacher and King of Israel because of His willingness to put God’s will before human feeling and emotion. From these great men of the Bible we learn that bowing at the altar of compromise will not do anyone, including ourselves, a favor now or in eternity.

Christians today must follow the same example of these great men of the Bible and stand up for the truth. We will not do anyone a favor by compromising or not standing up for the truth of God’s word. In fact, won’t it be a sad day when we stand at the Judgment bar of God and have to give an account for not teaching and standing up for the truth (Ezek 3). Stop and think about it friend. If you tell someone the truth of God’s word and they don’t obey it, who is to blame and who will give an account for their soul? The Bible teaches they alone will (read Ezek 33:2-5). If they hear the truth and decide not to obey it, they will have to give an account for that, not you. You did what you could by speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15). However, if we compromise God’s truth or we suddenly become the Lord’s silent

partner on biblical issues, who will give an account for those who are lost by our lack of courage? The Bible teaches both parties will give an account on the day of Judgment (read Ezek 33:6). Dear friend, the Bible pleads with you to stand up for the truth of God’s word and be a person of courage! May we be encouraged by the words of the Lord to Joshua: “Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success” (Joshua 1:7-8).



**Directories** If you haven't already picked up your new directory, today is the day to do so. The directories are sorted alphabetically with a name label on the inside front cover. Please be sure to mark off your name from the list that is associated with the box your directory is in.

## 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  
Lovell & Mary Hughes  
Lonnie Harris  
Rick & Suzanne Tidwell  
Tom Matlock  
Sharlene Wallis & Rebecca



*Remember  
Our Sick*

Jean Cary has been released from the hospital, and will start PT soon. She is staying with her son Scott Cary. The phone number there is 408-309-4661 and his address is 559 South Bay Drive, Santa Fe, CA 95134. Dora Hector went to the doctor last week regarding a hernia.

Virgie Birchfield has been moved to Western Hills. Please continue to remember: Ben Tomlinson • Esther Godwin • Brenda Anderson • Christy Bailey • Olga Stinson • Gracie Smith • Jean Parker • Jamie Feroli • Mary Ann Ashley • Ruth Parker's great-grandson Emory Raney • Bessie Childress • Jean Cary's nephew, Kent Barker • Ruth Minyard • Mildred Pennington's sister, Geneva Long and her sister-in-law Billie Gilliam • Patti Culpepper • Betty Higgins • Jerry & Glenda Vinson • Murray Goforth • Deborah Thomas' mother • Pat Morrison, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • Dortha Phillips • Pat Ballard's mother • Madeline Minyard • and those shut in/nursing home members.

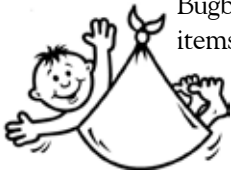
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thanks to:*

This past Friday Melba Wallace retired from the church secretary position. We would like to thank Melba for all she has done to help the work of the church. Doneta Carter started last week so that Melba could show her the ropes before leaving.

**Cookout** Ben brought back wood from his recent trip home and is itching to do some major cooking. He will cook hamburgers after evening services tonight. Please bring sides, desserts and drinks.



**Baby shower** Everyone is encouraged to stay after services this Wednesday, March 17 for a baby shower for the Bugbees. Nancy states that she has all the "big" items, but after two boys, she is looking forward to some girl clothes! She is registered at both Kiddie Land and Wal-Mart. Please bring some sandwiches to share.



**Tax forms** Please check with Doneta to pick up a tax form.

## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### March

- 14 James Gravelle
- 15 Toni Mann  
Fred & Maxine Bellomy '49
- 16 Lexie Wallace
- 17 Lara Austin
- 20 Laci Sandefur
- 21 Martin Dotson  
Robert & Pam Schumacher
- 23 Anthony Tipton
- 26 Steve Mann
- 27 Liz Aldridge
- 28 Ronnie & Geri Byrd '75  
Jacob Johnson
- 30 Caleb Willis  
Harold & Martha Dillard '74

### April

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

