

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 Sovereign LORD is my
strength; he makes my feet like the feet
of a deer, he enables me to go on the
heights. For the director of music. On
my stringed instruments.”

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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

Is Children's Bible Hour Authorized?

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Also, we need to realize that the practice of children's Bible hour is flawed because the fundamental reason for having it is flawed. The proponents of this practice suggest that children cannot learn as well in the worship assembly and would be better off in a Bible class situation. How do we know children don't learn as well from being in the worship assembly? In fact, one could say the exact opposite is true. Children learn immensely from being in the worship assembly and need that training to worship God effectively in the future. From personal experience and the experience of watching multitudes of children we can know they do learn valuable lessons during the worship assembly. Here are some things children learn in the worship assembly that helps train them to worship God correctly in the future:

1 Children learn respect and reverence for God when they are made to sit still and remain quiet during the worship assembly. When children are disciplined for not listening and reprimanded for being disruptive during worship they are reinforced with one of the most vital lessons in the world—Worship of God is Extremely Important (Jn. 4:24; 1 Tim. 3:15)! That principle is something that must be ingrained in children's minds at the earliest of ages (Eph. 6:4).

2 Children learn how to worship during the assembly. Think about how much you learned about worship as a child by viewing the acts of worship in the assembly. For example, a child learns respect for prayer by viewing his parents and other adults partaking in this practice. They learn the joy of singing by being a part of the assembly from a young age. They learn the extreme reverence and thankfulness we should have during the Lord's Supper by watching the reverent acts of multitudes of Christians during the Lord's Supper. When you take a child out of the assembly you are taking a valuable teaching tool about worship away from them.

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Children's Hour

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3By being in the assembly children learn how important the “old paths” we have always stood upon are to God’s people. At a very young age I can still remember soaking up gospel preaching and how that affected me as a child. I learned about the one church, baptism for the remission of sins, the sin of denominationalism and the importance of scriptural worship because I was made to sit in the assembly and soak it in. Research tells us that a person’s brain soaks more in at the younger ages than it does when we are older. That being true, why would you not want your children to sit in the assembly and learn these great Bible lessons over and over again?

4By being made to sit in the assembly and participate in worship children learn another vitally important lesson that so many are missing—worship is not about **them!** At a young age I learned a priceless lesson: God and my parents were not concerned about me being entertained during worship. Were there times where I would have liked to have gone in a back room and done something I deemed as more interesting? Absolutely! When that was not allowed did I learn a more important lesson? You bet! When children and all adults stay in the assembly they learn that worshipping God is not about them. When they are allowed to depart from the worship assembly we are teaching them a horrible lesson—if you don’t like or enjoy the way things are done find an alternative! It should also be noted that every time we see God’s people gathering together in

one place to worship, it includes the children being in the same assembly (Deuteronomy 31:11-13 “taph” meaning “little children”; Joel 2:15-17).

All faithful Christians need to realize that children’s Bible hour only panders to a problem rather than dealing with it. What is the problem? Parents are not disciplining their children and teaching them how to act respectfully in worship. Elders are not encouraging nor demanding that godly parents make their children behave in worship. We are not doing enough preaching on God’s principles concerning child rearing and the serious nature of not heeding these teachings. Godly grandmothers, grandfathers and older saints are looking the other way when it comes to child rearing. Rather than dealing with the problem we pander to it by creating the unauthorized practice of children’s Bible hour. We say to ourselves “at least little Billy, who is as wild as a marsh hare, won’t be interrupting worship this morning.” Do we not realize that “little Billy” is one day going to grow up to be a real hell-raiser because nobody ever disciplined him? We push the problem under the rug and take the mind-set of “out of sight out of mind.” Yet, there is a day coming when these practices are going to haunt those in the church who allowed them. Let us put a stop to them before that day ever arrives. May we realize that the motivation for children’s Bible hour is flawed, the Scriptures do not authorize it, and it violates clear teachings of the Bible. May God give us the courage to only do what He says and insist that our children do the same!

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



Frank Pennington is in room 202 of Mercy memorial after taking a fall last week. A.L. Hargrove, Cecil's brother, was in the hospital last week with stomach problems. He lives in Washington state. Jean Cary's nephew

in Seattle will be in the hospital for seven weeks for cancer treatment. **Betty Higgins** has a doctor's appointment on the 14th. **Cap Stewart** has successful surgery and was to be released to go home last last week. Please continue to remember: • **Debra Thomas' mother** • **Earl Mann** • **JW Hobbs' brother** • **Marty Stinson** • **Darlene Tibbs**, friend of the Willinghams • **Rebecca Stafford** • **Donald Moyers** • **Pat Morrison**, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • **Jaccie Pirtle** • **Sue Mann** • **Jean Parker** • **Virgie Burchfield** • **Mary Ann Ashley** • **Marie Williams** • Norma Perkins' friend, **Jerry Lover** • Ben Tomlinson's mother **Nita** • **Dorthea Phillips** • **Madeline Minyard** • **Jerry & Glenda Vinson** • **Harry Phipps** • Sharon Ryan's mother, **Mary Griffith** • 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.



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.

Next Sunday after evening services, Ben will be cooking hot dogs and hamburgers to help welcome Chelsea Pendergrass to McLish. Chelsea is Kevin's wife and has finished her schooling in Tennessee and will be here next Saturday. Please bring drinks, dessert or fruit to contribute to the meal.

Debate June 5th here at the building at 7 pm, there will be a debate on the topic of one cup between Johnny Elmore and Kevin Pendergrass. Mark your calendars now so you can attend. Flyers are also available in the front foyer for you to invite your friends and relatives to attend.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

- 11 Bo Fore
- 14 Claire Castleman
Floyd Johnson
- 16 Rhenea Aldridge
- 18 Ben Bailey
- 19 Edith Hobbs
- 21 Gerald Beavers
- 23 Alex Vinson
Brooke Murray
Larry Waller
- 26 Chock & Mary Aldridge

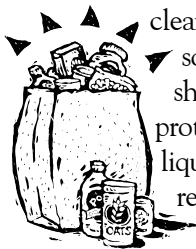
June

- 1 Colton Feroli
Earl & Sue Mann '56
- 2 Olga Stinson
- 4 Zachary Bugbee
- 5 Lonnie & Louise Harris '93
- 7 Joseph & Betty Tipton '68
Nathan Bailey
- 11 Robbie Boutte
- 12 Terry & Melissa Waller
- 13 Clarine Wainscott
Beverly Sadler
- 14 Patti Culpepper
David Aldridge
- 19 Ben & Christie Bailey '99
- 22 Hannah Bailey
- 23 Cindy Shellenberger
- 27 Christie Bailey
- 28 Jeff Willingham
- 30 Chelsea Pendergrass

July

- 9 Dana Meece

Children's homes Hope Harbor will be here in May and is requesting: bottled 100% fruit juice (no apple or vegetable), bottle water, Gatorade, flavored water, chocolate chips, Dream Whip, dry onion soup mix, tomato sauce and paste, sweetened condensed fat-free milk, cream of mushroom and cream of potato soups, low-fat cheddar cheese soup, sweet potatoes, individually packaged snack items (but not sandwich style crackers), antibacterial spray cleaner, liquid laundry soap, antibacterial liquid hand soap refills, paper towels, bathroom tissues, napkins, shower gel, 8 oz cups, paper plates, female sanitary protection, 33 gallon trash bags and lemon or orange liquid cleaner. 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.

Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....	Jerry Beavers		
Lord's Table	Ronnie Byrd	Scott Saner	James Meece
	Bill Stewart	Bo Fore	Cecil Hargrove
Song Leader.....	David Johnson	PM Opening Prayer.....	Earl Mann
AM Opening Prayer	Floyd Johnson	PM Closing Prayer.....	Tony Brinkley
AM Scripture	Randy Scott	PM Lord's Supper.....	Scott Saner
AM Closing Prayer	F.A. Shellenberger		
Greeters	May 10 & 13	Chock & Mary Aldridge, Tom Matlock	

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



May 17

7:00 pm Cookout after services

May 20

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class

7:00 pm Scott Saner gives devotional

May 21

6:00 pm 39 & Over

May 27

10:00 am Ladies' Bible class

7:00 pm Ben Bailey gives devotional



June 4

7:00 pm Ron Jones gives devotional

June 7

noon Fellowship meal

Floyd Johnson camp session begins

June 10

7:00 pm Floyd Johnson gives devotional

June 17

7:00 pm James Meece gives devotional

June 18

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet

(NKJV) Habakkuk 3:19
Scripture from front page: