

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?

“Make us gods to go before us; as for this Moses who brought us out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.”

Acts 7:40 (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

What can I do?

G. E. Watkins

I remember in my youth playing little league baseball. To play a game there had to be players, coaches, umpires, statisticians, groundskeepers, announcers, fans, even someone to clean up afterward. Everyone seemed to be happy to do their job, even if it was remembering to bring the bubblegum. There's no game with just players. As you read this I exhort you to remember that it is no different in the Lord's church. All have a part to play, all have a job to do, all are important (1 Cor 12:14-18). Ask the question, "What can I do to make the work of the church a success?" Immediately the high-profile jobs come to mind, however only a few can be elder, deacon and preacher. Such things require much preparation and you may not be prepared to that degree. I'm going to assume you have little in the way of preparation, you're attending regularly and giving liberally. So, on to the question, What can I do?

Market your congregation's website. I think you can understand why I thought of this first. Websites are what I do. Your e-mail program will allow you to create a signature file which includes your name and whatever other information you'd like to include. Check the help files of the e-mail program for instructions. Include your congregation's web address in every personal e-mail you send out. If everyone in the congregation did this it would go a long way toward making sure everyone knows about it. You might also include other good sites that deserve your support. Buy a stamp with the web address on it and stamp all of your bill envelopes with it. Someone will see it. There may be other opportunities that you have that I cannot see. Search these out and use them to get the word out about your congregation.

Get serious about distributing tracts. Most congregations have tracts available in the foyer for you to use and you should. I'm talking about going a little farther than that. It doesn't cost all that much to buy a hundred of a title every month for the purpose of distributing them.

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What can I do?

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Stamp them on the back with the congregation's physical address and web address and hand them out. I know it feels weird doing it but it will propel you forward to the day when you'll actually be able to talk to others about the plan of salvation. Give them to people you know. Mail them to your neighbors. (It's against the law to put things in other's mailboxes.) Go downtown and hand them out on the sidewalk. In most cities it's not unusual for there to be someone handing out tracts downtown. Stand up straight, have a smile on your face and look like everyone should want what you have to offer. Most people are nicer than you think. It's easier if you don't go alone, even if your partner doesn't participate but will stand nearby. Please don't put the tracts under windshield wipers or go to private property (malls, strip centers, etc.) to hand them out. Treat the tract like a gift. For this purpose choose titles that introduce the church of Christ, give the plan of salvation or that give information about a major topic of interest (ask the leaders of your congregation).

Visit the elderly and shut-ins. For a moment pretend that you've been active in the

church for fifty years or more, have become infirm and you're alone. You counted on church members to edify you when you were able to attend but now there is no one. You needed those sermons, the prayers, the singing, all of it, but now there's nothing but soap operas on TV. In the bulletin, in a large portion of churches of Christ, there is a list of those who are exactly in this position. It's your job to make sure they never feel forgotten. Call them, send them cards on their special days, visit them, bring a cassette tape of last Sunday's sermon, sing with them, read the Bible to them, listen to their stories. Edify them. Perhaps they have physical needs you can fill or you can let an elder or deacon know if you can't. You'll be a very appreciated person.

If those three suggestions don't suit you I'm sure your elders can come up with something for you to do. The things I have suggested are things that, I believe, could make a huge difference if more participated. They don't take any training, don't require supervision and will have eternal consequences. Let's all go to work in the kingdom.

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Children's homes Hope Harbor was thrilled to pick up the donated items last week. Westview will be back in July and is requesting: 100% juice, canned fruit, sweetened cereal, baked beans, Tang/Kool-aid, olive and

vegetable oils, sliced jalapenos, evaporated milk, Eagle Brand milk, tabasco/Louisiana hot sauces, Clorox wipes, liquid Cascade, foil, toilet paper and paper towels.

Over 39ers The over 39ers will meet Thursday, May 20th at 6:00 pm at Cracker Barrel in Gainesville. If you would like to ride the van, please be ready to leave the parking lot at 5:30 pm.

Directory update There is a sheet in the front foyer with out-of-town address for several that are sick. It also includes phone number updates that have been announced recently.



Remember Our Sick

Ruth Parker has asked for prayers for her friend **Mary Jo Marley** who is taking chemo to fight cancer. **Christie Bailey** will have back surgery scheduled soon. **Nita Padgett** has started treatment for lymphoma at Mercy in OKC.

Please continue to remember: **Sue Mann** •

Betty Higgins • **John Parton**, Norma Perkins' grandson • **Freda Knapp** • **Dorothea Phillips** • **Kevin Pendergrass** • **Jean Cary** • **Carla Evans** • **Ginger Waller's father** • **Dora Hector** • **Gracie Smith** • **Jamie Feroli** • **Mary Ann Ashley** • **Bessie Childress** • **Ruth Minyard** • **Patti Culpepper** • **Jerry & Glenda Vinson** • **Murray Goforth** • **Deborah Thomas' mother** • **Dorthea Phillips** • **Pat Ballard's mother** • **Madeline Minyard** • and those shut in/nursing home members.

Response Sue Mann came forward to acknowledge sin and ask for forgiveness from our Lord and the congregation. She also asked for prayers for strength as she starts treatment and to face whatever lies ahead. Jaccie Pirtle responded to the invitation on Wednesday and she also asked for prayers for herself and her son, Chris. Please keep both of these sisters in your prayers and take the opportunities to encourage that are presented to you.



Camp forms are available on the table in the foyer for **Floyd Johnson's** session at **Pettijohn Springs**. Please turn in your registration form into the office **today**. The elders will pay the registration for our youth to attend.

Christian Worker Copies of the May issue of **Christian Worker** are available in the table in the foyer. This month's theme centers around **Hearing God's Word**.

Youth activities If you have a young person living in your home, you have the opportunity to sign up for one month's activities. The sign-up sheet is at the back of the auditorium. Please pick a date and decide what activity you want to organize. Once you have decided on the activity, other parents can assist in getting it pulled together!

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

- 16 Rhenea Aldridge
- 18 Ben Bailey
- 19 Edith Hobbs
- 21 Gerald Beavers
- 22 Jason & Leah Smith '04
- 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
- 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
- 19 Ben & Christie Bailey '99
- 22 Hannah Bailey
- 26 Jason Smith
- 27 Christie Bailey
Lauren Smith
- 28 Jeff Willingham
- 30 Chelsea Pendergrass

Roll up your sleeves There are several jobs you could help the congregation out with this summer. First, the library is in desperate need of reorganization. This job would require arranging old and new books. Secondly, the teacher supply room is in disrepair. This room needs lots of TLC: organizing and cleaning. Both jobs will require several workers. If you can help, please let Ben or Doneta know.

Debate Kevin has agreed to debate on the issue of using the first day of the week as a day of worship. The debate will be in Ontario, Canada August 25-26th. If you can help with the costs of this trip, please let Kevin know.



Request forms are available on the table in the foyer if you would like a copy of any of the lessons from our recent meeting or any Sunday worship service.

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
	John Johnson	Bo Fore	Cecil Hargrove
Song Leader.....	Scott Saner	PM Opening Prayer.....	Ron Jones
AM Scripture.....	Billie Waller	PM Closing Prayer.....	David Johnson
AM Opening Prayer.....	Floyd Johnson	PM Lord's Supper.....	James Meece
AM Closing Prayer.....	Tom Matlock		
Greeters May 16 & 19.....	Vernon & Arlene Castleman, Barton & Marsha Pettit		

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
465-5785

Jerry Vinson
223-3865

Kevin's schedule

This evening: Royce City, TX



Today

Camp registrations due in office

May 19

7:00 pm Scott Saner gives devotional

May 20

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet

May 26

7:00 pm Ben Bailey gives devotional

May 30

5:00 pm 5th Sunday Singing



June 2

7:00 pm Great Bible Chapters - Acts 2, Ben Bailey
Todd Hicks gives devotional

June 6

noon Fellowship meal
Floyd Johnson camp session begins

Exodus 32:1, 23

Scripture from front page: