

# 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 children of your elect sister  
greet you. 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

## The Marvelous Mercy of God

Ben Bailey

**B**lessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Peter 1:3). One of the great themes of the Bible is God's loving mercy toward sinful man. As the Apostle Peter noted, if it were not for God's mercy we would have no hope in this life. Notice some of the great statements about God's mercy found in the Bible.

“God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...” (Eph. 2:4-5). Isn't it wonderful to know that the King we serve is abundantly wealthy? What is even greater is his wealth is not a monetary passing pleasure but in eternal mercy which is realized with each Christian. As Paul reminded Titus, “through the Lord's mercy we are saved” (Titus 3:5).

“The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, Slow to anger and great in mercy” (Ps. 145:8). What makes God's nature so wonderful is that he is not a capricious and vindictive God. While God does get angry with the wicked (Ps. 7:11), his mercy toward those who love and obey Him far outweighs His anger. In reality, if each one of us got what we deserved we would be lost in Hell for all eternity. As the Psalmist pondered this he said, “He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; As far as the east is from the west, So far has He removed our transgressions from us” (Ps. 103:10-12).

The Christian owes a great debt of gratitude to Almighty

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# Mercy

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God for his marvelous mercy. May we show our appreciation for God's mercy by humbly submitting to His will. Friend, have you received the mercy of God? Have you obeyed the gospel? If not, you can obey God's will today by hearing God's word (Rom. 10:17), believing in Jesus as the Son of God (Jn. 8:24), repenting of past sins (Luke 13:3), confessing Jesus as Son of God and Lord of your life (Rom. 10:10), and being baptized in water for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). May each of us constantly be reminded of the marvelous mercy of Almighty God!

**Next Sunday** at noon we will come together for a fellowship meal.

Please plan to attend and bring a little extra for any visitors we might have. This is a great opportunity to get to know your brothers and sisters a little better.



**Interested?** If you would like to be added to the list for greeters or as one of the men to give Wednesday night devotionals, there is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board.

## 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



## 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.

## Pictorial directory

James Grav-elle is planning to take photos to update the pictorial directory. The process should start toward the end of May.





Marie Williams had shoulder surgery last week. Jim Bowman had three stints inserted in his heart last week in OKC. Frank Pennington is in room 202 of Mercy Memorial with a compressed disk. Rebecca Stafford is

scheduled to have a rib removed this Thursday at Children's in the City. Please continue to remember: Betty Higgins • Cap Stewart • Jean Cary's nephew • Debra Thomas' mother • Earl & Sue Mann • JW Hobbs' brother • Marty Stinson • Darlene Tibbs, friend of the Willinghams • Donald Moyers • Pat Morrison, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • Jaccie Pirtle • Jean Parker • Virgie Burchfield • Mary Ann Ashley • Norma Perkins' friend, Jerry Lover • Ben Tomlinson's mother Nita • Dorthea Phillips • Madeline Minyard • Jerry & Glenda Vinson • Harry Phipps • Sharon Ryan's mother, Mary Griffeth • 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 no later than Sunday, June 1st.* Our elders are offering to pay the registration fees for all our campers.



**Today** 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

- 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  
Kayla Walker
- 10 Braden Willingham
- 11 Melba Culbreth

**Over 39ers** The over 39ers will meet Thursday, May 21st at 6:00 pm at Prairie Kitchen.

**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.



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.

**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 TGOc** 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*.

## Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....	Jerry Beavers		
Lord's Table	Ronnie Byrd	Scott Saner	James Meece
	Bill Stewart	Bo Fore	Cecil Hargrove
Song Leader.....	Josh Gravelle	PM Opening Prayer.....	Chock Aldridge
AM Opening Prayer .....	Ron Jones	PM Closing Prayer.....	Barton Pettit
AM Scripture .....	Steve Mann	PM Lord's Supper.....	James Meece
AM Closing Prayer .....	Andy Smith		
Greeters May 17 & 20.....	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**  
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 1**

noon Fellowship meal

**June 4**

7:00 pm Ron Jones gives devotional

**June 7**

Floyd Johnson camp session begins

**June 10**

7:00 pm Floyd Johnson gives devotional

**June 17**

7:00 pm James Meece gives devotional

Scripture from front page:  
(NKJV) John 1:13