

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?

“I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, ‘He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.’”

John 13:18 (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

Part two

Can We Really Live For Jesus?

Johnny Ramsey

Protection: When we walk with God, we can look for and expect constant protection from above as long as the world stands: "Lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world" (Matt 28:20). He will be with us in all situations (Psa 91) and provide avenues of escape, regardless of severe trials and the chicanery of the devil. "There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear; but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it" (1 Cor 10:13). The psalmist wrote, "Our help is in the name of Jehovah, Who made heaven and earth" (Psa 124:8).

Providence: Those who live a life of spiritual purity and integrity are in the hands of One who is able to deliver us (Dan 3:17). While we are upheld by His arms, no harm can befall us: "The eternal God is thy dwelling-place, And underneath are the everlasting arms. And he thrusts out the enemy from before thee" (Deut 33:27). Under His wings, we are kept safe: "Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings" (Psa 17:8). In the constant care of God, we are continually sustained and granted peace and spiritual success (Isa 26:3). We are caused to soar as eagles, regardless of earthly problems and human failures: "But they that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; they shall walk, and not faint" (Isa 40:31).

Power: The power of God motivates us to holiness and sanctity that gets the attention of an unbelieving world (Heb 7:16). In Acts 4:13 we read of the reaction of unbelievers to the lives of the apostles: "Now when they beheld the boldness of Peter and John, and had perceived

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Really Live For Jesus

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that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." And the apostle Peter caps it all when he writes that we have "an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Pet 1:4,5).

Prayer: The tremendous concourse of prayer keeps us close to the throne of God and gives us confidence. The Scriptures say, "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us" (1 John 5:14). We understand that the door of heaven is always open to us when we ask according to the will of God: "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek,

and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you" (Matt 7:7).

Propitiation: The propitiation of the blood of Jesus Christ has the efficacy to cleanse us and to draw us near to the great reservoir of strength that motivates and cheers us on to higher ground. "My little children, these things write I unto you that ye may not sin. And if any man sin, we have and Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world" (1 John 2:1,2). Those who teach that it is not possible for people to live up to the standard of godliness that Christianity demands are wrong. Yes, we can live the life the Bible sets forth because we get so much help from the Savior. May we never turn back.

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Children's homes 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.

The Christian Worker If you would like a free e-mail subscription to *The Christian Worker*, a monthly publication of the Southwest church of Christ in Austin, go to <http://www.swcofc.org>. James Gravelle has joined the publication as a staff writer. You may have seen some photocopies of past issues on the table in the front foyer.



Today at noon we will gather for a fellowship meal. If you are visiting with us, we would love to have you as our guest. There is always an abundance of food and we'd like to get you know you better!

The Gospel of Christ The website continues to be a source of information for many who are searching on the internet. 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*.

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 by **May 16th**.



*Remember
Our Sick*

Lucy Hagen requested prayer for **Freda Knapp** who is scheduled to have surgery. **Sue Mann** has started treatment at St. Anthony's in OKC. She is home for the weekend, but please call Earl's cell phone before visiting (580.504.1095).

Dorothea Phillips is in rehab after a stay in the local hospital. **Kevin Pendergrass** had good news that tests confirmed he does not have MS. Please continue to remember:
Jean Cary • Arlene Castelman's brother-in-law, **Klaus Gruenfeldt** • **Carla Evans** • **Ginger Waller's father** • Darrelyn Phillips' brother **Dawson** • **Dora Hector** • **Betty Higgins** • **Esther Godwin** • **Hattie Williams** • Laci Sandefur's grandfather, **Dale Houglan** • **Ben Tomlinson** • **Brenda Anderson** • **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.



Our sympathy is extended to family and friends of **Mildred Pennington** who passed away Friday afternoon. Services are tentatively set for 1 pm Tuesday at Harvey Douglas with graveside at Lone Cedar.

Response Last Sunday bro **Cecil Hargrove** came forward during the invitation. He asked for prayers of the congregation that he may become a stronger worker for the Kingdom.

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



Baby Shower Everyone is invited to a shower for **Leah Smith**, daughter-in-law of Andy and Melody Smith, tonight after evening services.

Please bring finger foods to share. She is registered at Target, Wal-Mart, and KiddieLand, or if you prefer, Jennifer Johnson is collecting funds for a money tree.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

- 2 Kaitlin Aldridge
- 6 Sean Bugbee
- 7 Todd Hicks
- 8 Arlene Castleman
Bo & Huberta Fore '51
- 11 Bo Fore
- 14 Helen Walker
Claire Castleman
Floyd Johnson
- 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 Waincott
Beverly Sadler
Deborah Willaims
- 14 Patti Culpepper



Media Tammy keeps the center display rack at the back of the auditorium filled with a selection of *The Gospel of Christ* CDs and DVDs. If there is something that is not out that you'd like copies of, order

forms are in the tract rack on the right side as you are facing the back.

Parking New sod was laid on the south side of the house next to our property. Please do not park on the grass under the trees in the NW Parking lot.

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

Assistance It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could check the pew around where they sit after each service to see if there are items that need to be thrown away. Your time spent in tidying your area is greatly appreciated.

Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....	Jerry Beavers		
Lord's Table.....	Ronnie Byrd	Scott Saner	James Meece
	John Johnson	Bo Fore	Cecil Hargrove
Song Leader.....	David Johnson	PM Opening Prayer.....	John Johnson
AM Scripture.....	Daniel Jones	PM Closing Prayer.....	Alex Vinson
AM Opening Prayer.....	Randy Scott	PM Lord's Supper.....	Ronnie Byrd
AM Closing Prayer.....	Larry Waller		
Greeters May 2 & 5.....	James & Tammy Gravelle		

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

May 2 Nashville, Arkansas



Today

12 noon Fellowship Meal
7:00 pm Smith Baby Shower

May 5

7:00 pm James Gravelle gives devotional

May 12

7:00 pm David Johnson gives devotional

May 16

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



June 2

7:00 pm Great Bible Chapters - Acts 2, Ben Bailey

Scripture from front page:
Psalm 41:9