

The McLish Avenue Messenger

This is the message we have heard from Him... God is Light (1 John 1:5).

May 24, 2009

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*The following is the last verse of
what book of the Bible?*

“In that day,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel,’ says the LORD, ‘and will make you like a signet ring; for I have chosen you,’ says the LORD of hosts.”

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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

Principles for Happiness

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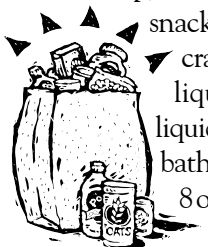
1 Be Content. The Apostle Paul stated, “...I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (Phil 4:11-13). True happiness can only be found in being content with what you have and where you are.

2 Love Others. Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13:34-35). Until we learn to love other people who are created in the image of God, we will not really be happy.

3 Be a Faithful Christian. Unless one is a faithful child of God he will not have real happiness in his life. This is especially true in the difficult times. One example of this is seen in a prison in the city of Philippi. Paul and Silas had been put in prison for being faithful to God and His Word. Yet, we see they were able to rejoice even in a dark foreign dungeon. “But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them” (Acts 16:25).

Dear friend, if you are going to have real happiness in this life, it will only come when we learn to be content with what we have and stop striving for more and more. Happiness will only come to you when you learn to love other people as yourself (Mk 12:30ff). And, happiness will be yours when you are a faithful child of God. May God help each of us to apply these principles for true happiness!

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.

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

Pictorial directory James Gravelle is planning to take photos to update the pictorial directory. He will take photos after both morning and evening services on May 31st.



5th Sunday singing We'll have a 5th Sunday singing next Sunday afternoon. Please plan to be at the building at 5 pm to share in this time of praise.



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

Need a ride to services? If you would like the van to pick you up for services, please see **Steve Mann, Scott Saner**, or one of the elders.

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.



Gary Dillard, Harold's son, has had a recurrence of cancer. **Adriane Brown** will have more testing. **Margaret Sparger** will have a stint inserted in her neck on July 12th. **Rebecca Stafford** had her surgery rescheduled for this coming Thursday. Please continue to remember: **Marie Williams • Jim Bowman**

• Frank Pennington • 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 • Virgie Burchfield • Mary Ann Ashley • Norma Perkins' friend, Jerry Lover • Ben Tomlinson's mother Nita • Dortha 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.



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.***

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.



KSBI The Gospel of Christ can be seen on KSBI, cable channel 76, at 8:30 am on Sundays.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

- 23 Alex Vinson
Brooke Murray
Larry Waller
- 26 Chock & Mary Aldridge

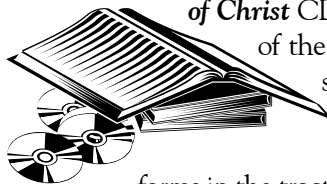
June

- 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
- 12 Lonnie Harris
Lori Patrick
Gail Stewart
- 14 Nancy Bugbee

Media available If you'd like a copy of a specific lesson taught from the pulpit, please write down your name and which lesson(s) you are interested in and give to Melba Wallace. Don't forget that tracts are available in the tract racks at the back of the auditorium and in the hallway to the offices. These can be used in discussing religious matters with friends and neighbors. **The Gospel of Christ** CDs and DVDs are available at the back



of the auditorium for use in your own Bible study or in evangelistic efforts. If there is a CD or DVD that is not out that you'd like copies of, please use the order

forms in the tract rack on the right side as you are facing the back. Also available are transcripts of **The Gospel of Christ** media. Don't forget to check out www.thegospelofchrist.com to access all the media available through that effort.

Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....		Jerry Beavers	
Lord's Table	Ronnie Byrd	Scott Saner	James Meece
	Bill Stewart	Bo Fore	Cecil Hargrove
Song Leader.....		Chock Aldridge	
AM Opening Prayer	David Johnson	PM Opening Prayer.....	James Meece
AM Scripture	Ethan Aldridge	PM Closing Prayer.....	Vernon Castleman
Closing Prayer	Larry Waller	PM Lord's Supper.....	Terry Waller
Greeters May 24 & 27		Lovel & Mary Hughes	

Elders

Charles Aldridge
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223-4602

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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

Kevin's schedule

Today:

Lebanon church of Christ



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

June 24

7:00 pm FA Shellenberger gives devotional

*Scripture from front page:
(NKJV) Hag 2:23*