

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?

“He answered and said to them, “Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: ‘This people honors Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.’”

Mark 7:6 (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 one

The Sinner's Prayer: A Spiritual Tragedy

Ben Bailey

Our world takes great exception to those who lead people to their own suicide. For example, the name Jim Jones still leaves a bad taste in people's mouths even today. Under the guise of religious freedom and safety, Jim Jones led over 900 people to their own suicide. We think of events like these and we are appalled at the utter disregard for human life this individual had. Yet, there is a greater tragedy occurring right here in America. Every year millions of people are led to their own spiritual suicide by being told to say the sinner's prayer and they will be saved. Is the sinner's prayer a biblical way of salvation? If so, where is it found at in the Bible?

Although multitudes of people say the sinner's prayer as a means of salvation, the shocking truth is it is not even found in the Bible one time! The sinner's prayer usually goes something like this:

“Heavenly Father, I know that I am a sinner and that I deserve to go to hell. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for my sins. I do now receive him as my Lord and personal Savior. I promise to serve you to the best of my ability. Please save me. In Jesus' name, Amen.”

A person can search his Bible from Genesis 1:1 all the way through Revelation 22:21 and he will never find this prayer or any variation of it mentioned anywhere in Scripture. Why then do so many people believe the sinner's prayer saves? People believe this is a way of salvation because they have put their trust in men and not God. The sinner's prayer was popularized and in many ways originated in America by Baptist preacher Billy Graham. Over the last half century Billy Graham

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Tragedy

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and denominational preachers like him, have taught multiplied millions of people a way of salvation that isn't even found in the Bible one time! Like Jim Jones, these charlatans have led people down the path to spiritual suicide. Remember, the Bible says "there is a way that seems right to a man, but the end thereof is the way of death" (Prov. 16:25).

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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.



There is a collection of thank you notes posted on the back bulletin board. Please take the time today to stop by and be encouraged.

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

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
Lovell & Mary Hughes
Lonnie Harris
Rick & Suzanne Tidwell
Tom Matlock
Sharlene Wallis & Rebecca

Children's homes Hope Harbor will be here in December and is asking for cream soup, canned fruit cocktail, canned pears, tomato sauce, canned pie filling, chili, tea bags, granulated sugar, Jello pudding mix, individually packaged snack items (but not sandwich style crackers), one gallon zip lock bags, antibacterial liquid soap refills, shampoo, conditioner, plastic silverware, laundry detergent, laundry stain spray and 33 gallon trash bags. Westview will be back in March and is requesting: sugar, canned fruit, sweet cereal, cooking spray, sloppy joe sauce, beef or chicken broth, powdered Gatorade, Fritos, potato/tortilla chips, au gratin/scalloped potatoes, peanut butter or cheese crackers, cream of chicken or mushroom soup, liquid Cascade, liquid detergent, ibuprofen/Tylenol.



Tammy Gravelle is collecting labels for the children's home. Both soup labels and Duncan Hines labels can be redeemed by them for equipment and supplies.

Over 39ers The over 39ers will meet Thursday, November 19th at 6:00 pm at El Tapatio on North Commerce.

Prayer List



Sylvester Johnson remains in room 307 of the local hospital. Ben Tomlinson has been admitted to Mercy Memorial room 308 with pneumonia.

Haley Willis will have gall bladder surgery on the 17th. Ruth Minyard has a compression fracture and it will take six weeks or longer to heal. She'd appreciate visits. Tom Matlock had a stint inserted in his heart recently. Neoma Schmidt, Tina Saner's mother, will

have a procedure Wednesday to see if she needs stints. **Jean Cary's son Scott** had kidney surgery last week. **Cole Tidwell**, Rick's father, is recovering from a fall. Please continue to remember: **Flo Brown**, sister of Joyce Gilliam • **Tim Hicks**, Todd's father • Mildred Pennington's sister, **Geneva Long** and her sister-in-law **Billie Gilliam** • **Marty Stinson** • **Earl & Sue Mann** • **Jamie Feroli** • **Keyla Scaggs** • **Patti Culpepper** • **Trent Jacobson**, Jimmie's son • **Christy Murray's cousin Misty** • **Deborah Thomas** • **Betty Higgins** • Louise Harris' father, **Charlie Stevens** • Madeline Minyard's son **Dale** • **Glenda Vinson's mother** • Ruth Minyard's nephew, **Roger Parker** • **Jerry & Glenda Vinson** • **Nancy McClanahan** • **Murray Goforth** • **Rebecca Stafford** • **Glenda Vinson's sister and brother** • **Deborah Thomas' mother** • **Pat Morrison**, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • **Bill & Virgie Burchfield** • **Dorthea Phillips** • **Pat Ballard's mother** • **Madeline Minyard** • Sharon Ryan's mother, **Mary Griffeth** • Larry Ryan's mother, **Lorraine** • **Jamie Feroli's sister, Dara Robison** • **Wayne Price**, Jennifer Johnson's uncle • **Jamie Feroli's mother, JoAnn Watson, and grandmother** • **Peggy Jones' sister, Mary Warner** • and those shut in/nursing home members.

Response Last week **Tomi Harness** publicly acknowledged sin and asked for the prayers of the congregation. Please remember to encourage sis Tomi and the others who have responded to the invitation at every opportunity.

Prayer request The Vinsons have asked for prayers for their son-in-law **Brad Scaggs**. He has been deployed to Iraq.

Need a ride to services?

If you need the van to pick you up for services, please see **Steve Mann**, **Scott Saner**, or one of the elders. *If you can help drive the van on Wednesdays, please see Steve or an elder.*



Birthdays & Anniversaries

November

- 15 Larry & Ginger Waller '94
Jennifer McGee
- 16 Larry Ryan
- 17 Doug Aldridge
Jake Bugbee
- 18 Lucy Hagen
Jackie Waller
- 20 Ronnie & Helen Walker
- 21 Reegan Lewis
- 22 Jennifer Johnson
- 25 Robert McClanahan
- 26 Huberta Fore
- 28 Fred Bellomy

December

- 2 Bobby & Melba Wallace
- 3 Irene Riley
Marvin & April Willis '94
Daylon Lewis
- 6 Ashli Austin
Sean & Nancy Bugbee '03
- 7 Cody Castleman
Bill Burchfield
- 9 Jean Cary
Charles Williams
- 12 Darlene Pennington
FA & Wanda Shellenberger
- 13 Ron & Peggy Jones '80
- 16 Rick & Suzanne Tidwell '75
Suzanne Tidwell
Tammy Gravelle
- 18 Lovel Hughes
Jacie Pirtle
- 20 Harry & Jeanine Phipps '53

