

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?

“For everyone will be seasoned with fire, and every sacrifice will be seasoned with salt.”

Mark 9:49 (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

Stand Up for Truth!

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In our world of all-acceptance, it is easy for Christians to be tempted to bow at the altar of compromise. Instead of standing up for the Lord and His Word, too often we give in to the mentality to “go along to get along.” All of us must admit that times of conflict and confrontation are not at all enjoyable. Yet, when we compromise the truth or remain silent on biblical issues, are we doing anyone a favor? Let’s look at a few biblical examples where it would have been easier to compromise and determine who that would have ultimately helped.

It sure would have been a lot easier if Noah would have told the people that everything was “A-Okay” with God instead of preaching a message of repentance and destruction (Gen 6). However, if Noah would have compromised the truth or simply remained silent who would that have helped when the flood came? No one. Noah himself would have been lost for not preaching the word as God commanded. It would have been much more in line with popular view for Caleb and Joshua to give in to the “grasshopper-complex” rather than to put their trust in God. However, these men spoke an unpopular truth because they were trying to please God not men. John the Baptist could have very easily saved his head by compromising his views on marriage, divorce and remarriage to evil King Herod. Yet, John boldly stated, “It is not lawful for you to have your brothers’ wife” (Mk 6:18). Was John trying to hurt Herod’s feelings or did he have Herod’s best interest at heart? John was more concerned about Herod’s soul than making him happy for the moment. I wonder if God was pleased with what John said, or should he simply have “kept his nose in his own business”? I know God was pleased with John when our Lord said, “Among those born of women there has not risen a greater than John the Baptist” (Mt 11:11). Our Lord would have lived a lot longer and been a lot more popular if he had accepted the hypocritical Pharisees as they were, overlooked the

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Truth

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sin of the scribes and tax collectors, and viewed life with the “I’m okay, you’re okay” philosophy. Had Jesus done these things, would He be our Savior and would He have been pleasing to God? No! Jesus was the great Teacher and King of Israel because of His willingness to put God’s will before human feeling and emotion. From these great men of the Bible we learn that bowing at the altar of compromise will not do anyone, including ourselves, a favor now or in eternity.

Christians today must follow the same example of these great men of the Bible and stand up for the truth. We will not do anyone a favor by compromising or not standing up for the truth of God’s word. In fact, won’t it be a sad day when we stand at the Judgment bar of God and have to give an account for not teaching and standing up for the truth (Ezek 3). Stop and think about it friend. If you tell someone the truth of God’s word and they don’t obey it, who is to blame and who will give an account for their soul? The Bible teaches they alone will (Read Eze. 33:2-5). If they hear the truth and decide not to obey it, they will have to give an account for that not you. You did what you could by speaking the truth in love (Eph 4:15). However, if we compromise God’s truth or we suddenly become the Lord’s silent partner on biblical issues, who will

give an account for those who are lost by our lack of courage? The Bible teaches both parties will give an account on the day of Judgment (Read Ezek 33:6). Dear friend, the Bible pleads with you to stand up for the truth of God’s word and be a person of courage! May we be encouraged by the words of the Lord to Joshua: “Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go. This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success” (Josh 1:7-8).

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.*

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

Prayer List



Please continue to remember: **Ben Tomlinson** • **Travis Willis** • **Deborah Thomas** • **Flo Brown**, sister of Joyce Gilliam • **Jean Cary's son Scott** • **Ruth Minyard** • **Cole Tidwell**, Rick's father • **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** • **Patti Culpepper** • **Trent Jacobson**, Jimmye'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.

Cheer bags



We have forty on our cheer list this year and fewer are diabetics than we expected. Suggested items are individual veggie and fruit cups, pudding cups, individually wrapped peanut butter or cheese snack crackers, hot chocolate and cider mix, Hormel Complete microwave meals, canned hams and hard candy. **Items need to be at the building by December 19th.** If you would like to make a monetary donation towards fresh fruit or can help make deliveries, please see Mary Aldridge, Arlene Castleman or Dana Meece.

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.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

November

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
Jason Meece
- 21 Alaura Phillips
- 23 Paul & Joyce Giles
- 27 Barton & Marsha Pettit '74
- 29 Maxine Bellomy
- 30 Ron Jones
- 31 John & Jennifer Johnson '02

January

- 1 Krystal Lewis
Billie Waller
Mike & Beverly Sadler '05

