

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?

“...as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every male who opens the womb shall be called holy to the LORD’ ”

Luke 2:23 (NKJV)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 am

Worship10:30 am

Worship6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 pm

Are You Saved?

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Are you saved? Someone may ask, “Saved from what”? The bird flu? No. The threat of terror attacks? Not completely. Are you saved from the destructive affects of sin? Sin is much worse than any kind of threat we have in our world today. Sin brings spiritual death to those who are involved in it (Rom 6:23). All of us at one time or another have succumbed to the temptation of sin (Rom 3:23). As a result of sin, we have become separated from God (Isa 59:1-2). Yet, in the midst of this ugly picture of sin and death there is great hope. Jesus came to seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). Jesus died so that all could go to Heaven (2 Cor 8:9). The question each of us must answer is: “Are you saved from your sins through Jesus Christ?” How does one become a part of the saved? What does the Bible say I must do to be saved?

You must believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior. Jesus said, “Unless you believe that I am He, you will surely die in your sins” (John 8:24). John records for us, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). While belief is essential to salvation, it is not all one must do to be saved. James teaches us this when he says, “We see then that a man is justified by works and not by faith alone” (James 2:24). Just believing in the existence of God and the ability of Jesus to save will never save anyone. The demons believe and tremble, yet they are not saved (James 2:19).

You must repent of your sins. Our Lord said, “Unless you repent you shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). Peter commanded, “Repent and be converted that your sins may be blotted out...” (Acts 3:19). Repentance defined from Scripture is a changed will that leads to a changed way. John teaches us that repentance is a changed will when

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he says, “bring forth fruits worthy of repentance...” (Luke 3:8). Paul further teaches that repentance demands a changed way of life when he says Christians are to “walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). Thus, to truly repent I must not only turn away from that which is wrong I must also embrace that which is right.

You must confess Jesus as your Lord.

The Savior said, “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven” (Mt. 10:32-33). Paul also expressed the need to confess Jesus when he said, “With the heart one believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation” (Rom. 10:10).

You must be baptized for the remission

of your sins. When Jesus sent his disciples out to preach the gospel He told them, “He that believes and is baptized will be saved, he that believes not will be condemned” (Mark 16:16). Peter said, “...baptism does now also save us...” (1 Peter 3:21). On the Day of Pentecost the crowd was told to “repent and be baptized for the remission of your sins...” (Acts 2:38). Ananias commanded Saul

to “arise and be baptized and wash away your sins calling on the Lord’s name” (Acts 22:16).

Friend, I ask you again, “Are you saved?” If not, the members of our congregation would love to help you become a child of God. We would be glad to have a Bible study with you. If you want to learn more about God’s plan of salvation, please contact myself, one of the elders or deacons. If we can be of assistance to you, please don’t hesitate to let us know. We are here to serve.

Identified Last week sis **Gwen Waddle** asked to be identified with the McLish congregation. She comes to us from the congregation in Lone Grove. Her address is 1409 Healdton, here in Ardmore; phone 223-7344. Be sure to welcome her to the family here at McLish.

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

Prayer List



Sylvester Johnson is in room 307 of the local hospital. Flo Brown, sister of Joyce Gilliam, has been diagnosed with cancer. Glenda Vinson and Bill Burchfield have both been released from the hospital. Tim Hicks, Todd's father, had gall bladder surgery last Friday. Haley Willis will have gall bladder surgery on the 17th. Please continue to remember:

Lisa Morris, Earl Mann's niece • Mildred Pennington's sister, Geneva Long and her sister-in-law Billie Gilliam • Marty Stinson • April Willis' grandmother • Earl & Sue Mann • Ruth Minyard • 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 Vinson • Nancy McClanahan • Murray Goforth • Rebecca Stafford • Glenda Vinson's sister and brother • Deborah Thomas' mother • Pat Morrison, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • Virgie Burchfield • Dortha Phillips • Pat Ballard's mother • Madeline Minyard • Sharon Ryan's mother, Mary Griffith • 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.

Added to the church Thursday afternoon, Jaccie Pirtle's husband **Winston Pirtle** was baptized into Christ. He will be out of town with Jaccie this Sunday but will be here Wednesday night. Let's be sure and do all we can to encourage him as he begins his Christian walk. We also want to remember **Erica Harding**, Josh Gravelle's friend in Dallas. She can up last week and studied with the Gravelles and was baptized for the remission of sin. The next time she is in town visiting, be sure to take the time to encourage her as well.

Responses We have had several respond to the invitation: **Gloria Clark, Cecil Hargrove, Ray Harness, Jason Smith, Adela Scott** and **George Jones**. All have made public statements regarding sin in their lives and have asked for the prayers of the congregation. Please remember to encourage each of these at every opportunity.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

November

- 9 Wanda Shellenberger
- 12 Murray Goforth
- 13 Jerry & Glenda Vinson
- 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

