

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 He says: “In an acceptable time I have heard you, And in the day of salvation I have helped you.” Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. ”

2 Corinthians 6:2 (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 Light Near Damascus

W. Curtis Porter

Not long after the church was established in Jerusalem a great persecution arose that scattered the disciples abroad. The opposing Jews wished to stamp out the religion of Jesus Christ, and they expected persecution to accomplish their desires. But the dispersion of the church meant the increase and growth of the Lord's cause.

In the work of persecution no name is more prominent than the name of Saul of Tarsus. “He made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison” (Acts 8:3). He was not content to persecute the Lord's disciples in his own city, but went even to strange cities. On a mission of persecution we find Saul, with some companions, on the way to the city of Damascus. As they neared the city, there was a great demonstration. In the language of Saul himself, we have it related this way: “And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and was come nigh unto Damascus about noon, suddenly there shone from heaven a great light about me” (Acts 22:6).

With respect to this heavenly light, the questions are often asked, “What was its purpose? Why did this light shine about Saul?” Some have thought it was evidence of his salvation and they have often

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insisted that such has been experienced by them. This, however, is a mistaken idea. The light did not shine around Saul as an evidence of his salvation. Neither did it appear for the purpose of saving him. I know that this heavenly light led, even directly, to his conversion, but that was not the purpose of the light. To understand the purpose of this light, we must keep some divine statements in mind. These may be found in the following:

During the personal ministry of Christ He selected a number of men to be His witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth. These He called "apostles." While the two words, of course, are not synonymous, they are applied to the same men. Apostles are those who are sent. Witnesses are those who testify of things they know from what they have seen. But the two words are so used of the same men that we almost think of them as interchangeable terms.

The apostles were to go into all the world to preach the gospel, and in so doing they were to testify concerning Christ. Hence, Peter declared,

"Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, even to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach unto the people, and to testify that it is he which was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead" (Acts 10:40-42). There can be no doubt that the witnesses here mentioned were the apostles whom the Lord had chosen, and to them the Lord declared, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

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Children's homes Westview Boys'

Home will be back in November and is requesting: ravioli, Kool-Aid/Tang, canned chicken, spaghetti sauce, flour/corn tortillas, blueberry muffin mix, ready made cake frosting, tub or stick margarine/squeeze Parkay, grated cheddar/American sliced cheese, toilet paper, paper towels, batteries-all sizes 9-volt/AA/AAA/C/D, non-drowsy cold medications (pill form). **Hope Harbor** will be here in December and is requesting: coffee, canned refried beans, canned fruit cocktail, canned chicken, canned potatoes, pop tarts, hot dog chili/chili no beans, bottled water, baked beans, individually packaged snack items (such as cookies, beef jerky, cheez-it style crackers, trail mix, 100 calorie packs, but *not* sandwich style crackers), plastic or styrofoam divided plates, and rectangle foam plates, dryer sheets, liquid laundry soap, dish soap, shampoo and conditioner, body wash, styrofoam/plastic cups, napkins, paper towels and toilet paper.



TGOC media The newest disk from *The Gospel of Christ* are now in the disk rack in the back of the auditorium labeled "Newest DVD". The disc contains lessons on "Authority". Ten copies of the most recent newsletter are on the table in the foyer. Those that do not have e-mail can pick up a copy to review.



Ladies' 10 am class The ladies' Wednesday morning class has begun again. If your schedule permits, please plan to attend this Wednesday.



Remember Our Sick

Eva Mae Gibbs was moved to rehab last week. Winston Pirtle has been moved from ICU to room 756 of Integris Baptist Hospital in OKC. Darrin Castleman, Ashley's father, had hernia surgery on Tuesday. Please continue to remember: **Jazmin McGee** • **Eula Grant**, Glenda Vinson's mother • **Jaccie Pirtle** • **Clarine Wainscott** • Scott's father, **Ken Saner** • **Harry Phipps** • **Ronnie Byrd** • **Earl & Sue Mann** • **John Yarborough**, neighbor of the Harris' • **Hazel Gilstrap**, friend of Ruth Parker • Luke Evans's mother, **Freida Page** • **Raymond Green**, neighbor of the Denisons • **Tommy Higgins**, Betty's uncle • **Mary Aldridge** • **Charles Breaux**, Jennifer Johnson's brother-in-law's father • **Murray Goforth** • **Nancy McClanahan** • **Rebecca Stafford** • **Linda Grant**, Glenda Vinson's sister-in-law • **Nelda Grant**, Glenda Vinson's sister • **Ginger Waller** • **Betty Higgins** • **Bill Burchfield** • **Jean Cary** • **Christie Bailey** • Joyce Gilliam's sister, **Flo Brown** • **John Parton**, Norma Perkins' grandson • **Gracie Smith** • **Jamie Feroli** • **Mary Ann Ashley** • **Ruth Minyard** • **Patti Culpepper** • **Jerry & Glenda Vinson** • **Deborah Thomas' mother** • **Pat Ballard's mother** • **Bessie Childress** • **Madeline Minyard** • and those shut in/nursing home members.



Our sympathy We want to remember the family and friends of sis **Esther Godwin** in her passing on October 22. Services will be Friday morning at 11 am. There will be a meal here at the building for the family following the services. Please keep this family surrounded by your prayerful concern.

Response Sis **Jaccie Pirtle** came forward stating that she was making herself ill with worry and impatience. She asks for prayers for herself and her family that they put God first in their lives and rely on Him.

Fall festival Mark your calendars for hobo stew at 6:30pm and the festival following at 7:00pm on Saturday, October 30. Ingredients for the stew can be left in the kitchen. If you would like to help with the games, please see Ben or Doneta.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

October

- 23 Jimmye Jacobson
- 24 Clifford Bateman
Ray & Tomi Harness '86
- 25 Charles & Marie Williams '64
Ginger Waller
- 26 Ray Harness
- 29 Jazmin McGee
- 31 Marie Cornish

November

- 1 Hattie Williams
- 2 Vernon Castleman
- 6 Tomi Harness
- 7 Pam Schumacher
Tamela Millhollon
- 9 Wanda Shellenberger
- 12 Murray Goforth
- 13 Jerry & Glenda Vinson
Laura Austin
- 15 Larry & Ginger Waller '94
Jennifer McGee
- 16 Larry Ryan
- 17 Toby Austin
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

The Books of the Old Testament

This is a sample of the word searches found on our website

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GENESIS			
EXODUS	Y	Z	P
LEVITICUS	I	I	S
NUMBERS	C	H	N
DEUTERONOMY	R	A	N
JOSHUA	J	G	E
JUDGES	R	U	T
RUTH	S	G	N
SAMUEL	N	A	O
KINGS	O	I	M
CHRONICLES	I	C	O
EZRA	T	S	L
NEHEMIAH	A	E	O
ESTHER	T	G	S
JOB	A	E	O
PSALMS	T	G	S
PROVERBS	N	D	F
ECCLESIASTES	E	U	O
SONGSOLOMON	M	J	G
ISAIAH	A	R	N
JEREMIAH	L	A	O
LAMENTATIONS	D	A	S
EZEKIEL			
DANIEL			
HOSEA			
JOEL	JONAH	HABAKKUK	ZECHARIAH
AMOS	MICAH	ZEPHANIAH	MALACHI
OBADIAH	NAHUM	HAGGAI	

Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....	Todd Hicks		
Lord's Table.....	Lovel Hughes	James Gravelle	Earl Mann
	Scott Saner	Ray Harness	Bobby Wallace
Song Leader.....	Chock Aldridge	PM Opening	Lovel Hughes
AM Scripture	Billie Waller	PM Closing	Mike Castleman
AM Opening.....	Tom Matlock	PM Lord's Supper.....	Scott Saner
AM Closing.....	Lonnie Harris		
Greeters Oct 24 & 27.....	Cap & Teen Stewart, Ashley Castleman, Cecil Hargrove		

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

Oct 24-17 Little, OK
Nov 16-18 Shertz Lectures



October 27

10:00 am Ladies Bible class
7:00 pm Vernon Castleman gives devotional

October 30

6:30 pm Hobo stew
7:00 pm Fall Festival

October 31

5:00 pm 5th Sunday Singing



November 3

10:00 am Ladies Bible class
7:00 pm Kevin Pendergrass gives devotional



Broadcast Schedule

10/24 The Eternal Love of God
10/31 What Are the Differences Between the Church of Christ and other Religious Groups? Part 1

Isaiah 49:6

Scripture from front page: