

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?

“Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty.” ”

2 Corinthians 6:17-18 (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 two

Alien Sinners Praying For Salvation

Perry B. Cotham

Then why should an alien sinner pray at all? Where does the Bible teach a sinner to “pray it out with the Lord,” or “stay on your knees in prayer until God saves you”?

The sinner must hear the gospel, believe, repent and, upon confession of his faith in Christ, be baptized in order to be saved. This is the Lord's way. Why change it?

To teach the mourners-bench system of salvation, instead of what the Lord has said, is to lead souls astray. What a terrible thing! Millions are being led into eternal damnation by this false doctrine. Better be careful (Matt. 15:14). It takes obedience — not prayer — to save (Lk 6:46). If one will not obey, God will not hear his prayer. God does not hear a sinner's prayer (Jn 9:31; Prov 28:9; Psa 34:15). Prayer belongs to the child of God, not to an alien. And the saved cannot pray to God to save the sinner independent of the sinner's obedience to the gospel.

I pray for sinners — that God may spare their lives until they have obeyed the gospel, that the sinner may obey the truth. This is the way Paul prayed for sinners (Rom 10:1-3). Prayer must be asked according to God's will, and I cannot ask God to save a sinner while the sinner is in disobedience to the Lord's law of pardon (1 Jn 5:14).

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Alien Sinners Praying

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God will not set aside His law to save a sinner, even though I pray for his salvation. The sinner must obey the Lord's law of forgiveness.

The rich man "in hell" (Lk 16:19-31) begged for mercy. It was denied him. Then he asked that a miracle be performed — that God would send Lazarus back to the world to warn his brothers not to come to that terrible place. This is the only time I ever read of anyone in all the Bible asking God to perform a miracle to save someone. Was this prayer answered? No. The reply from Abraham was, "They have Moses and the prophets [the Old testament

Scriptures]; let them [your brothers] hear them [Moses and the prophets]" (Lk 19:29).

Today we have Moses and the prophets, and, in addition, Christ and the apostles. If one refuses to hear what the Bible says, if he fails to obey the teaching as found in the book, he will die and be eternally lost. The sinner must in humble, submissive faith obey the Lord and be saved.

Adult classes Sunday starts a new quarter in our adult Bible studies. James Meece will be teaching from 1st Thessalonians in the large auditorium. Ron Jones will be teaching on the topic "Making the Most of Life" in the young adults class. Wednesday nights Ben Bailey will continue the study on "How to Study the Bible".

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 is on the table in the foyer. Those that do not have e-mail can pick up a copy to review.



Photos Sunday October 10th will be picture day for all new members and those who wish to have their picture updated. Pictures will be taken after only morning services.



Thursday October 21 at 6 pm plan to be at the building for all the fish you can eat! Bring a side dish or dessert, the fish is provided.

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 are 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.





*Remember
Our Sick*

Jerry Beavers will have a heart cath and possible stint inserted tomorrow at the OKC Heart Hospital. **Winston Pirtle** had a procedure last week to check for intestinal blockage. **Harry Phipps** was admitted to room 406 at Mercy Memorial. **Jan Barlow**, Sue Creecy's daughter and Tammy Gravelle's sister, will have a cyst removed. **Ronnie Byrd** had surgery on Thursday. **Earl Mann** had shoulder surgery on Tuesday. **Sue Mann** started another round of chemo Monday. **John Yarborough**, neighbor of the Harris', will have knee replacement. **Hazel Gilstrap**, friend of Ruth Parker, has kidney cancer. She has opted not to have surgery. Please continue to remember: **Clarine Wainscott** • Scott's father, **Ken Saner** • **Jaynie Gore**, Norma Perkin's daughter • **Raymond Green**, neighbor of the Denisons • **Tommy Higgins**, Betty's uncle • **Mary Aldridge** • **Esther Godwin** • **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.



Today at noon we will gather for a fellowship meal. If you are visiting with us, we would love to have you as our guest. There is always an abundance of food and we'd like to get you know you better!

Lessons Ben is in Cabot, AR for a Gospel Meeting. In his place **Jaimie Luna** from Brown Trail School of Preaching will give the lesson. Jaimie is from Brownsville, TX and has been preaching since he was 17.

Response Last week **Jacci Pirtle** came forward. She asked for prayers to overcome bitterness and resentment in her life and to make a fresh start. Let us all remember to take the opportunities presented to us to encourage one another.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October

- 2 Jessica Johnson
- 3 Adela Scott
- 4 Taylor Aldridge-Morgan
- 6 Bobby & Lara Austin '01
- 7 Cap Stewart
- 8 Mary Ashley
- 11 Chelsea Aldridge
Vernon & Arlene Castleman '63
- 12 Randy Scott
Darrelyn Phillips
- 14 Louise Harris
- 15 Mary Hughes
- 16 Harold Dillard
Gracie Smith
- 17 Austin Fletcher
- 20 Brenda Anderson
- 21 Earl Mann
Kevin Pendergrass
- 22 Vicki Willingham
Teen Stewart
- 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

Adam to Abraham

Use a Concordance to look up those you do not know.

ADAM	U R G R L E M E H S S S
SETH	M L E L A L A H A M E R
ENOS	E T A A L C E G R R T E
CAINAN*	M A H A L A L E L
MAHALALEL	T E E B M G E N U T H U
JARED	H A N R R A U G O H U E
ENOCH	U G A O A A D E A S N X
METHUSELAH	S E N R A H H A H O A L
LAMECH	E L I E E H H A C S D A
NOAH	L E A B E P A H M E E M
SHEM	A P C E E L L N A L R E
ARPHAXAD	H D A X A H P R A A C
CAINAN*	N A H O R P E U A H J H
SELAH	
EBER	
PELEG	
REU	
SERUG	
NAHOR	
TERAH	
ABRAHAM	

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

www.thegospelofchrist.com

*use only once in puzzle

Those to Serve Today

Announcements.....	Todd Hicks		
Lord's Table	Lovel Hughes	James Gravelle	Earl Mann
	Scott Saner	Ray Harness	Bobby Wallace
Song Leader.....	Terry Waller	PM Opening	Scott Saner
AM Scripture	Colin Saner	PM Closing	James Gravelle
AM Opening.....	David Johnson	PM Lord's Supper.....	Lovel Hughes
AM Closing.....	Alex Vinson		
Greeters Oct 3 & 6.....	Chock & Mary Aldridge, Rick & Suzanne Tidwell		

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 3-6 Chandler, OK
Oct 8 Tom Bean, TX



October 3

Lone Grove's meeting begins
Ben begins a meeting in Cabot, AR

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

October 10

New member photos taken

October 6

7:00 pm James Gravelle gives devotional
Group two turn in cards; group three picks up assignments

October 13

10:00 am Ladies Bible class
7:00 pm Ronnie Byrd gives devotional
Group three turn in cards; group one picks up assignments



Broadcast Schedule

10/3 Old Testament vs. New Testament
10/10 How to Ascertain Bible Authority

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Scripture from front page: