

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?

“ Their feet are swift to shed blood; ”

Romans 3:15 (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

The Light Near Damascus

W. Curtis Porter

But for a man to be a witness of the Lord he must be qualified, and an essential qualification for a witness was that he must see the Lord after His resurrection. How could one testify that God had raised up Christ from the dead unless one saw Him after His resurrection? The necessity of this is shown in the proceedings by which one was selected to take the place of Judas. Judas was one of the apostles — one of those chosen to be witnesses. Therefore, someone who could testify of the resurrection of Christ was selected to be his successor. The divine record says concerning the matter, “Wherefore of these men which have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a witness with us of his resurrection” (Acts 1:21-22). As a result, Matthias was chosen. He could be a “witness of the resurrection” because he had seen the Lord after His resurrection — he was with them until the Lord was taken up from among them. No one then could be an apostle — a witness — unless he had seen the risen Lord. Keep this in mind as we study Saul.

The divine record tells us in plain words the purpose of that light — if we understand what caused the light. Jesus appeared to Saul as he neared Damascus. When He appeared, it was a glorious appearance. The glory of Jesus was so great that Saul was stricken blind. “And when

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Damascus

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I could not see for the glory of that light, being led by the hand of them that were with me, I came into Damascus" (Acts 22:11). It was at this time that he saw Jesus, and His glory was so great that the physical eyes of Saul could not endure it.

Let us read the purpose of this appearance of the Lord. Was it to give proof of Saul's salvation? What was its purpose? When Saul reached Damascus and there waited for information that had been promised him, we learn the Lord sent Ananias, a disciple in that city, to him. Here's what he said to Saul when he arrived: "The God of our fathers hath chosen thee, that thou shouldest know his will, and see that Just One, and shouldest hear the voice of his mouth. For thou shalt be his witness unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard" (Acts 22:14-15). How could Saul be His witness without seeing Him? He could not.

If we need it to be made any plainer to us, it is made so in Acts 26. Reading verse 16, we find the language of Saul as he later rehearses the matter, giving the Lord's words as they were spoken to him: "But rise, and stand upon thy feet: for I have appeared unto thee for this purpose..." Here we have it. The Lord is actually telling the "purpose" of His appearance to Saul — "I have appeared unto thee for this purpose." For what purpose? To save him? To prove he was already saved? No. For what purpose then? "I have appeared unto thee for this purpose, to make thee a minister and a witness both of these things which thou hast seen, and of those things in the which I will appear unto thee."

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5th Sunday singing

We'll have a 5th Sunday singing this afternoon Please plan to be at the building at 5 pm to share in this time of praise.

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.



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

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.





*Remember
Our Sick*

Sue Mann went to the ER last week for a tranfusion. Donna Henson asked for prayer for her friend Sherry Bruces who had a baby boy 5 weeks premature. Jessica Love, granddaughter of MaryAnn Ashley, delivered her baby boy prematurely. Both are in ICU; Jessica is fighting bacterial pneumonia. Clarine Wainscott is in stable condition after another heart attack and is in room 323. Ray Denison was admitted to room 214 of Mercy Memorial with COPD. Eva Mae Gibbs is in room 23 of Mercy's rehab unit. Winston Pirtle is back at home. Savanna Mann is still in some pain after her day surgery on Friday. Jazmin McGee has an appointment with a cardiologist on December 3rd. Vernon Padgett has asked for our prayers. Darlene Pennington's brother fell and broke three ribs. Please continue to remember: Jaccie Pirtle • Darrin Castleman • Harry Phipps • Ronnie Byrd • Earl Mann • Mary Aldridge • Murray Goforth • Nancy McClanahan • Scott's father, Ken Saner • 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 • Charles Breaux, Jennifer Johnson's brother-in-law's father • Rebecca Stafford • Eula Grant, Glenda Vinson's mother • Linda Grant, Glenda Vinson's sister-in-law • Nelda Grant, Glenda Vinson's sister • Ginger Waller • Betty Higgins • Bill Burchfield • Jean Cary • Joyce Gilliam's sister, Flo Brown • Jamie Feroli • Mary Ann Ashley • Ruth Minyard • Patti Culpepper • Deborah Thomas' mother • Pat Ballard's mother • Bessie Childress • Madeline Minyard • and those shut in/nursing home members.

Thank you to everyone that pitched in last night. From stew cooking to game organizer to candy buyer, all your efforts were appreciated. Both children and adults had an enjoyable time.



It's time to "fall back" Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before going to bed this coming Saturday.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

October

- 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

December

- 2 Bobby & Melba Wallace
- 3 Irene Riley
Marvin & April Willis '94
Daylon Lewis

