

# 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?*

“Then they crucified Him, and divided His garments, casting lots, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet: “They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots.””

Matthew 27:35 (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

## The Church of Scientology — It Ain't Cruisin'

Ben Bailey

**T**om Cruise has been in the spotlight for his involvement with and promotion of the church of Scientology. If you watched Tom Cruise berate Brooke Shields on Good Morning America for taking depression medicine, you probably began to realize that something was not right about his belief system. The belief system of Scientology, which Tom Cruise holds, is one of the scariest ideologies out today. Allow me to explain what about Scientology and its teachings.

Scientology is the “brain-child” of L. Ron Hubbard. He started this religion in December of 1953. From the outset a person might think that Scientology is built upon science. That is not the case at all. In fact, Scientology has nothing to do with modern science. The official statement of [Scientology.org](http://Scientology.org) says, “Scientology is the study and handling of the spirit in relationship to itself, others and all of life... In Scientology no one is asked to accept anything as belief or on faith. That which is true for you is what you have observed to be true. An individual discovers for himself that Scientology works by personally applying its principles and observing or experiencing results.” From this statement a person can realize that Scientology is nothing more than humanism and subjectivism clothed in a five-dollar word. Scientology believes that you are trapped inside your own body and until you go through the steps laid out by L. Ron Hubbard you cannot be freed to reach your full potential.

Please understand that Scientology and Christianity are incompatible in their teachings. For example, Scientology presents a very

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# Scientology

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awkward view of man when they say, “Apparently, trillions of years ago thetans became bored, so they emanated mental universes to play in and amuse themselves. Soon, however, they became more and more entranced in their own creation until they were so conditioned by the manifestations of their own thought processes that they lost all awareness of their true identity and spiritual nature” (L. Ron Hubbard, *Scientology: A History of Man*, pp. 12-76). Instead of something off of Star-Trek, the Scriptures plainly reveal that God created man in His own image and man chose to sin and became corrupt (Gen 1:26; 3:1ff; Rom 5:12). Another example of the far-out views of Scientology is found in their account of creation. They believe that 75 billion years ago some galactic ruler named Xenu paralyzed certain people with drugs, brought them to earth and detonated hydrogen bombs around them and out of that we were created (For a detailed explanation visit <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Xenu>). Not only is this a very odd story of creation, it is in direct conflict with the Bible. The Bible teaches that God spoke man and all that exists into being. We are the

product of his genius, not some cosmic explosion (Gen 1:1; Ps 19:1-4).

As a person studies Scientology it will become apparent that this is not “science” but rather **science fiction!** Although it may be the popular religion to be a part of in Hollywood, it won’t get one to Heaven. Remember, Jesus is the way, the truth and the life and no man gets to the Father except by Him (Jn 14:6).

## Pictorial directory



If you haven't had your picture taken for the new directory, James Gravelle is still willing to take your snapshot! Please get with him today so that the directory will be complete. Time is running out!

## Website update

James has been working on updating the McLish website, [www.mclishchurchofchrist.com](http://www.mclishchurchofchrist.com). There are several things still under construction, but everything should be complete in a short period of time!

<b>Ben's upcoming meeting</b> Oct 11-14 ..... Nashville, AR
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# 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



**Our sick Earl Mann** is scheduled for back surgery October 7th. **Ruth Minyard** is slowly improving with the help of a physical therapist. Lucy Hagan is asking for prayers on behalf of **Richard Knapp**. **Jamie Feroli** is starting a new round of treatments. **Marty Stinson** had surgery on his foot and some

toes removed. Glenda Vinson has also asked for prayers for her daughter, **Keyla Scaggs**. Please continue to remember: **Tabitha Ray-Barton** • **A.W. Roberts**, Darlene Pennington's brother • **Dortha Phillips** • **Patti Culpepper** • **Trent Jacobson**, Jimmye's son • **Christy Murray's cousin** • **Deborah Thomas** • **Betty Higgins** • Louise Harris' father, **Charlie Stevens** • **Madeline Minyard's son Dale** • **Deborah Williamson** • **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** • **Sue Mann** • **Pat Morrison**, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • **Virgie Burchfield** • **Dorthea Phillips** • **Madeline Minyard** • **Sharon Ryan's mother, Mary Griffeth** • **Larry Ryan's mother, Lorraine** • 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!



Don't miss out! Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 22 at 6:00 pm for the annual fish fry. Please bring sides and desserts along with your appetite.

**Children's homes Westview** will be back in November and is requesting: candy bars, sweet cereal, flour tortillas, canned fruit, chocolate chips, canned chicken, potato or tortilla chips, 100% juice/Capri Sun, cookies/Little Debbie cakes, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, mixed nuts, cashews, peanuts, Squeeze Parkay, margarine spread, spaghetti and picante sauce, apple or cherry pie filling, styrofoam plates, bowls and saucers.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### October

- 2 Jessica Johnson
- 3 Adela Scott
- 4 Taylor Aldridge
- 5 Margaret Sparger
- 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
- 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
- 31 Marie Cornish

### November

- 1 Hattie Williams
- 2 Vernon Castleman
- 6 Tomi Harness
- 7 Pam Schumacher  
Tamela Millhollon



Tammy Gravelle is collecting labels for the children's home. Both soup labels and Duncan Hines labels can be redeemed by them for equipment and supplies.

## Those to Serve October 2009

Announcements.....		Todd Hicks	
Lord's Table .....	Lovel Hughes Ray Harness	James Gravelle Bobby Wallace	Scott Saner Steve Mann
4th Song Leader.....	David Johnson	PM Opening Prayer.....	Harold Dillard
AM Opening Prayer.....	Earl Mann	PM Closing Prayer.....	James Meece
AM Scripture.....	Ronnie Byrd	PM Lord's Supper.....	Lovel Hughes
AM Closing Prayer.....	Ron Jones		
11th Song Leader.....	Randy Scott	PM Opening Prayer.....	Jerry Beavers
AM Opening Prayer.....	Barton Pettit	PM Closing Prayer.....	Larry Waller
AM Scripture.....	John Johnson	PM Lord's Supper.....	James Gravelle
AM Closing Prayer.....	Tom Matlock		
18th Song Leader.....	Harold Dillard	PM Opening Prayer.....	Ronnie Byrd
AM Opening Prayer.....	Vernon Castleman	PM Closing Prayer.....	John Johnson
AM Scripture.....	Alex Vinson	PM Lord's Supper.....	Scott Saner
AM Closing Prayer.....	Floyd Johnson		
25th Song Leader.....	David Johnson	PM Opening Prayer.....	F.A. Shellenberger
AM Opening Prayer.....	Chock Aldridge	PM Closing Prayer.....	Randy Scott
AM Scripture.....	Bo Fore	PM Lord's Supper.....	Ray Harness
AM Closing Prayer.....	Alex Vinson		
Greeters Oct 11 & 14.....	Earl & Sue Mann, Ron & Peggy Jones		
Oct 11 & 14.....	Randy & Adela Scott, Ray Harness		
Oct 18 & 21.....	Bill & Gail Stewart, Cap & Teen Stewart		
Oct 25 & 28.....	Robert & Pam Schumacher, Lexie		

## Kevin's schedule

Today:

East Gate church of Christ in  
Siloam Springs Arkansas



### October 4

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

### October 7

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

### October 14

10:00 am Ladies Bible class  
7:00 pm Barton Pettit gives devotional

### October 21

10:00 am Ladies Bible class  
7:00 pm Floyd Johnson gives



## Broadcast Schedule

- 10/11 Be Faithful Until Death #4- "Evangelism Encourages Faithfulness"
- 10/18 Ephesians Lesson #1- "The Importance of Being in Christ"
- 10/25 Ephesians Lesson #2- "The Church that Jesus Built"

*Scripture from page  
Psalm 22:18*

### 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**  
226-2920

**Jerry Vinson**  
223-3865