

# 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 this is he of whom it is written: ‘Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You.’”

Matthew 11:10 (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 three

## The Nature of the New Testament Church

Ben Bailey

If a group of people on an unknown island found a Bible, read it and decided to do exactly what it said, what church would they set up? These people would not be able to set up many of the denominations we have today because they have no knowledge of the restoration or reformation movements that occurred in our country. Their only safe option would be to try and establish the church of the first century, and nothing more. Let us consider two characteristics needed to set up the New Testament church.

**The Established Period.** The Bible tells us exactly when the church of the Lord would be established. In Daniel 2:44, we are told that in the time of the fourth kingdom God would set up a kingdom which would never be destroyed. Beginning with the time of Daniel in Babylonian rule and going through the Medo-Persian, and Grecian empires there was no new kingdom set up. God's people were still under the Old Covenant kingdom. But, in the time of the fourth kingdom (the Roman empire) God did establish a new kingdom. Jesus promised He would build His kingdom, which is the church (Matt 16:18-19). On the day of Pentecost the preaching of the gospel opened up the “new” kingdom and the Bible says, “The Lord added to the church daily... (Acts 2:47). From this information we can learn that the church of the Bible was established on the day of Pentecost in AD 30. This is very important to note because most modern man-made denominations began between 1500-1800 AD. Most modern churches were established 1500 years too late. If the church you are a part of was established some other time than AD 30, it is not the church of the New Testament.

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# Nature

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**The Established Place.** The Bible also tells us where the church of the Lord would be established. In Isa 2:1-4, God promised that the “Lord’s house” would be established in Zion, which in context is Jerusalem. It is very important to note that Isaiah cannot be talking about the Old Testament Temple because it was still in existence during the time of Isaiah’s writing. What is this “house of the Lord” that Isaiah is speaking about? This phrase refers to the church of the Lord. In 1 Tim 3:15 the Bible says that the “house of the Lord... is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of truth.” In Jerusalem, on the day of Pentecost, the Lord’s church was established when we are told for the first time “the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:38-47). Did the church you are a part of begin in Jerusalem or somewhere else? Please remember that most denominations in existence today began in either the America’s or England.

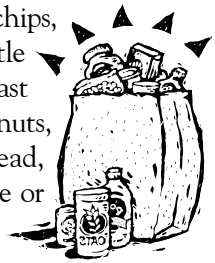
Today, it must be our goal to go back to the Bible and establish the first century church. Remember, the Bible says the church began in AD 30 at Jerusalem. We must stand behind the teaching of the Bible on the one church and its nature!!

**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!



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.

**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.



**Meeting** The Lone Grove congregation will have a meeting September 11-13 on the topic of Archaeology and the Bible. Dewane Bryant will be the speaker. Look for additional information on the back bulletin board.

## 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



James Meece asked for prayers for **Ruth Carr's** two-month-old grandson who has been diagnosed with leukemia. **A.L. Hargrove**, Cecil's brother, came through his surgery last week. **Louise Johnson**, David & Linda's sister-in-law, is having complications after back surgery. **James Harris** is battling brain cancer. **Ray Harness** came through surgery well this past week. Both **Deborah Thomas** and **Robert**

**Schumacher** will have their gall bladders removed in the near future. **Jan Barlow**, Sue Creecy's daughter and Tammy Gravelle's sister, is to get tests results back soon. **Earl Mann** is scheduled for back surgery October 7th. Please continue to remember: **Betty Higgins** • Louise Harris' father, **Charlie Stevens** • **Raymond Lewis**, father of Kenneth Lewis • Madeline Minyard's son **Dale** • **Deborah Williamson** • **Tabitha Ray-Barton** • **Daylon Lewis** • **Glenda Vinson's mother** • Ruth Minyard's nephew, **Roger Parker** • Ruth Parker's friend, **Beth Fincher** • **Jerry & Glenda Vinson** • Mildred Pennington's sister **Geneva Long** and sister-in-law **Billie Gilliam** • **Carrie Leonard**, Earl Mann's cousin • **Lisa Brown**, friend of the Gravelles • **Dana Meece** • **Olga Stinson** • **Nancy McClanahan** • **James Johnson**, an employee of the Manns • **Jamie Feroli's sister, Dara Robison** • **Wayne Price**, Jennifer Johnson's uncle • **Murray Goforth** • **Tom Matlock's two brothers-in-law** • **Rebecca Stafford** • **Glenda Vinson's sister, Marie Daube** • **Harvey Grant**, Glenda Vinson's brother • **Deborah Thomas' mother** • **Sue Mann** • **Marty Stinson** • **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.



**Wedding showers** Everyone is invited to attend a wedding shower for **Matt Jackson and Cindy Shellenberger** after evening

services Sunday, September 20. They are registered at The Brown Paper Bag, Target and Dillards. A print out of the on-line registries has been posted on the back bulletin board. Please bring finger foods to share. If you have questions, please see Shelly, Christie Bailey, Doneta Carter or Tina Saner. Then on Sunday, September 27th after evening services we will "shower" **Nicholas and Taylor Aldridge-Morgan**. Plans are underway for a money tree. Please give your "leaves" to either **Arlene Castleman** or **Dana Meece**.

## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### September

- 2 Sharlene Wallis
- 5 Aaron Mann  
Bill & Virgie Burchfield '74
- 6 Allison Hicks
- 7 Joshua Gravelle
- 9 Zaylon Boyd
- 10 Joseph Tipton  
Cecil Hargrove
- 13 Tony Brinkley
- 14 Ronnie Byrd  
Lacie Aldridge
- 15 David & Liz Aldridge
- 16 Scott Saner
- 17 Lindsay Patrick
- 18 George Jones
- 20 Sue Mann
- 21 LaToya Dotson  
Clay Brinkley
- 25 Eva Mae Gibbs  
Linda Johnson  
Robert & Nancy McClanahan '07
- 28 Jason Willingham  
Esther Godwin
- 29 Tom Jones
- 30 Raymond Boutwell  
Lovel & Mary Hughes

### October

- 2 Jessica Johnson
- 3 Adela Scott
- 4 Taylor Aldridge
- 5 Margaret Sparger
- 6 Bobby & Lara Austin '01
- 7 Cap Stewart

**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.



**Today**

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal

**September 9**

10:00 am Ladies class

7:00 pm Ronnie Byrd gives devotional

**September 16**

10:00 am Ladies class

7:00 pm David Johnson gives devotional

**September 17**

6:00 pm 39 & Over meet

**September 20**

7:00 pm Shellenberger-Jackson Shower



**Broadcast Schedule**

- 9/13 Great Bible Lessons #12--"The Inspiration of Scripture"
- 9/20 Be Faithful Until Death #1--"After Baptism, Then What?"
- 9/27 Be Faithful Until Death #2--"The Second Coming of Christ"
- 10/4 Be Faithful Until Death #3--"What Must I Do To Stay Saved?"
- 10/11 Be Faithful Until Death #4--"Evangelism Encourages Faithfulness"

Malachi 3:1  
*Scripture from front page*

**Those to Serve September 2009**

Announcements..... Randy Scott

Lord's Table      Harold Dillard      David Johnson      Ron Jones  
                             FA Shellenberger      Robert McClannahan      Cecil Hargrove

6th Song Leader.....Vernon Castleman      PM Opening Prayer.....Lovell Hughes  
 AM Opening Prayer.....Todd Hicks      PM Closing Prayer.....Earl Mann  
 AM Scripture.....James Gravelle      PM Lord's Supper.....Harold Dillard  
 AM Closing Prayer.....Scott Saner

13th Song Leader.....Chock Aldridge      PM Opening Prayer.....Barton Pettit  
 AM Opening Prayer.....James Meece      PM Closing Prayer.....Harold Dillard  
 AM Scripture.....Bo Fore      PM Lord's Supper.....David Johnson  
 AM Closing Prayer.....Andy Smith

20th Song Leader.....Scott Saner      PM Opening Prayer.....Jerry Beavers  
 AM Opening PrayerVernon Castleman      PM Closing Prayer.....Ronnie Byrd  
 AM Scripture.....John Johnson      PM Lord's Supper.....Ron Jones  
 AM Closing Prayer.....Larry Waller

27th Song Leader .....Terry Waller      PM Opening Prayer.....Tom Matlock  
 AM Opening Prayer.....Floyd Johnson      PM Closing Prayer.....Chock Aldridge  
 AM Scripture.....Alex Vinson      PM Lord's Supper.....F.A. Shellenberger  
 Closing Prayer.....James Gravelle

Greeters Sept 6 & 9.....Ron & Peggy Jones, Harold & Martha Dillard  
 Sept 13 & 16.....Christie Bailey, James & Dana Meece  
 Sept 20 & 23.....David & Linda Johnson, Ronnie Byrd  
 Sept 27 & 30.....James & Tammy Gravelle, Tom Matlock

**Elders**

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 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