

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?

“Behold! My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased! I will put My Spirit upon Him, And He will declare justice to the Gentiles.”

Matthew 12:18 (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

The Identity of the New Testament Church

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To identify the church of the New Testament, it is imperative to recognize the person with the authority to establish it and the pattern he used. In our world there are numerous religious inventors, and numerous man-made creeds to follow. However, in the Bible there is only one founder of the church—Jesus Christ, and only one pattern—The Bible.

Jesus Christ is the sole founder and builder of the church. Paul said that He could be the only foundation. “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Cor 3:11). Jesus Himself promised he would be the builder of the church. “I will build My church...” (Matt 16:18). The New Testament teaches that Jesus is the owner of the church. “...the church of the Lord, which He purchased with His own blood” (Acts 20:28). Today, Jesus is still the head of the New Testament church. “And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church...” (Eph 1:21-23). In matters of doctrine, Jesus has all authority in His church. “All authority has been given to Me in Heaven and on Earth” (Matt 28:18-20). Since the church is the bride of the Lord (Eph 5:21-31), it should wear the name of her husband—Jesus Christ. All of these passages and principles come together to teach us that the church belongs solely to Jesus and it should follow His direction and wear His name. The implication is that it is sinful for men to come along thousands of years later and name the church after some man and make up creeds for it to follow. If we are going to be members of the Lord’s church we had better wear His name and follow His teaching.

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Identity

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It is the Christian's God-given responsibility to "prove all things" (1 Thes 5:21). Let me encourage you to take this challenge. After reading the Scriptures found in this article, go and find out who established your church. Also, find out why the church you are a part of wears some other name than the name of Christ. If your church was established by any other person than Jesus and wears a man-made not God-given name then it is not the church of the New Testament.

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.



Pantry Teachers, please encourage your Bible students to bring one pantry item each week. This will help each student develop a giving spirit.

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
Lovel & Mary Hughes
Lonnie Harris
Rick & Suzanne Tidwell
Tom Matlock
Sharlene Wallis & Rebecca

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 Hicks, 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.

Road trip!

The under 39ers are planning a trip to the Ft Worth Zoo on Saturday, September 19th. The group will leave the building at 8:00 am. Admission for adults is \$12.00, children 3-12 is \$8.00 and toddlers 2 and under are free. If you have questions please see Jennifer Johnson or Alex Vinson.



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.



Dortha Phillips is in room 309 at Mercy Memorial with heart problems. Patti Culpepper fell and broke three ribs. Robert Schumacher is recovering at home after having his gall bladder removed. Jan Barlow, Sue Creecy's daughter and Tammy Gravelle's sister, received good tests results back. Earl Mann is scheduled for back surgery October 7th. Barbara Walker, a friend of Norman Perkins, had surgery last week

in OKC to remove a cancerous spot. Another friend of hers who recently had a hip replacement has had complications with infection. Trent Jacobson, Jimmy's son, is having thyroid problems. Christy Murray's cousin has found a lump. She will be having diagnostic testing. Please continue to remember: Ruth Carr's two-month-old grandson • A.L. Hargrove, Cecil's brother • Louise Johnson, David & Linda's sister-in-law • James Harris • Ray Harness • Deborah Thomas • Betty Higgins • Louise Harris' father, Charlie Stevens • 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 • Olga Stinson • Nancy McClanahan • 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 • Dortha Phillips • Madeline Minyard • Sharon Ryan's mother, Mary Griffith • Larry Ryan's mother, Lorraine • and those shut in/nursing home members.

Meeting The Healtan congregation will have a meeting September 16-19 with Brandt Stubblefield on the topic of "Let the Bible Speak". Look for additional information on the back bulletin board.

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.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

September

- 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
- 8 Mary Ashley
- 11 Chelsea Aldridge
Vernon & Arlene Castleman '63
- 12 Randy Scott
Darrelyn Phillips
- 14 Louise Harris

The Gospel of Christ Kevin is wrapping up a Gospel Meeting today in the West Virginia and Virginia area. Last week while in another congregation in Oklahoma, he brought back \$3,000 in support. This past week a television station was picked up in Hawaii on a local access station that goes to 50,000 homes.

Media available *There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board if you would like to have a complete set of Ben's lessons on Revelation.* If you'd like a copy of another specific lesson taught from the pulpit, please write down your name and which lesson(s) you are interested in and give to Melba Wallace. Don't forget that tracts are available in the tract racks at the back of the auditorium and in the hallway to the offices. **The Gospel of Christ** CDs and DVDs are available at the back of the auditorium for use in your own Bible study or in evangelistic efforts. If there is a CD or DVD that is not out that you'd like copies of, please use the order forms in the tract rack on the right side as you are facing the back. Also available are transcripts of **The Gospel of Christ** media.



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

September 23

10:00 am Ladies class
7:00 pm James Meece gives devotional

September 27

7:00 pm Aldridge-Morgan Shower



Broadcast Schedule

- 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"

Scripture from front page: Isaiah 42:1

Those to Serve Today

Announcements..... Randy Scott

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

Song Leader.....Chock Aldridge PM Opening Prayer..... Barton Pettit
AM Opening PrayerJames Meece PM Closing Prayer.....Harold Dillard
AM ScriptureBo Fore PM Lord's Supper.....David Johnson
AM Closing PrayerAndy Smith

Greeters Sept 13 & 16..... Christie Bailey, James & Dana Meece

Elders

Charles Aldridge
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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
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Scott Saner
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