

# The McLish Avenue Messenger

This is the message we have heard from Him... God is Light (1 John 1:5).

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MCLISH AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST • 607 McLish SW • Ardmore, OK 73401



*This New Testament passage quotes an Old Testament passage. Where is the Old Testament passage found?*

“And He said, To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’ ”

Luke 8:10 (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

## You Can Know You're Saved If...

Ben Bailey

**W**e live in a world that is full of doubt and worry. What will the stock market do tomorrow? Will gas prices rise again? How will our country stay safe in these times of terror? Many of these questions are really unknown to us. Yet, when it comes to a person's eternal salvation, he can know beyond a shadow of a doubt that he is saved. The Apostle John said, “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God” (1 John 5:13). He can know he is saved if he does the following things.

**1. Keep God's Commandments.** While we do not at all advocate salvation by works (Eph 2:8-10), God does make it clear to be saved we must do exactly what he says. Jesus said, “If you love me keep My commandments” (John 14:15). The Apostle John said, “Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments” (1 John 2:3). In fact, John makes it crystal clear when he says, “He who says, “I know Him,” and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (1 John 2:4). This principle especially applies to the initial steps in the plan of salvation. For example, many in our religious world do not teach the full truth on baptism. Many will say that while baptism is a good thing to do, it is not essential to salvation. Notice what Jesus and His followers said. Jesus said, “He who believes and is baptized will be saved, he who does not believe shall be condemned” (Mark 16:16). Peter said, “Repent and be baptized every one of you for the remission of your sins and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:38). Ananias told Saul, “Arise and be baptized and wash away your sins calling on the Lord's name” (Acts 22:16). From these

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passages and others it is clear that baptism is essential to having one's sins washed away. If a person is going to keep all of God's commandments he must obey what the Bible says on baptism.

**2. Love your Fellow Christians.** It seems odd that we would have to remind ourselves to love our Christian family, but it is at times necessary. For example, the church is a family (Eph 2:10). Just like a physical family, there are also problems that arise in a spiritual family. Tempers flare at times and people say things they shouldn't. It is at times like these that we must let our love for Christ and one another outweigh our own emotional impulses. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35). Jesus summed up the essence of knowing we are saved when He said, "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, like it, is this: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:30-31).

Dear friend, if we truly love God and do

what He says in the Bible and love our neighbors and friends as our selves it will be impossible for us not to go to Heaven. The imperative question we each must ask is, "Have I really obeyed what the Bible says?" Here at McLish Avenue church of Christ we would love to help you know God and be a part of his family.



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.



## 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



**A.L. Hargove**, Cecil's brother, had another rupture; hospice care has been called in. **Earl Mann** is scheduled for back surgery October 7th.

Please continue to remember: **Dortha Phillips**

• **Patti Culpepper** • **Robert Schumacher** • **Barbara Walker**, a friend of Norman Perkins • **Trent Jacobson**, Jimmie's son • **Christy Murray's** cousin • **Ruth Carr's** two-month-old grandson • **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** • **Dorthea Phillips** • **Madeline Minyard** • Sharon Ryan's mother, **Mary Griffeth** • Larry Ryan's mother, **Lorraine** • and those shut in/nursing home members.

**Congratulations** David and Linda Johnson have another grandson. Michael David was born on September 16th at 2:30 pm and weighed 8 lbs, 6 oz and was 21 inches long. Both baby and mom Audra are at home and doing well.

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

after evening services tonight. 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**.



## Birthdays & Anniversaries

### September

- 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
- 15 Bill & Gail Stewart '55  
Mary Hughes
- 16 Harold Dillard
- 17 Austin Fletcher
- 20 Brenda Anderson
- 21 Earl Mann  
Kevin Pendergrass
- 22 Vicki Willingham

**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 and a few things that aren't working right just yet, but in the next few days everything should be complete!

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

**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.

**Media** Tammy has filled the center display rack at the back of the auditorium with a selection of CDs and DVDs. If there is something that is not out that you'd like copies of, there are order forms in the tract rack on the right side as you are facing the back.

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## Those to Serve Today

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Announcements..... Randy Scott

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

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

Greeters Sept 20 & 23..... David & Linda Johnson, Ronnie Byrd

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### Elders

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**Charles Aldridge**  
 710 15th NW  
 223-4602

**Vernon Castleman**  
 3533 Dogwood Road  
 223-0983

**James Meece**  
 909 Davis  
 223-7637

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### Deacons

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**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



## Today

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

## September 30

10:00 am Ladies class  
 7:00 pm Scott Saner gives devotional



## October 4

12:00 noon Fellowship Meal



## Broadcast Schedule

- 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 page 6: Isaiah*