

# 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 Jesus said to them, “All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night, for it is written: ‘I will strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered.’”

Mark 14:27 (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

## Healing Service Cancelled By God

Ben Bailey

**A** while ago there was an article in the Daily Ardmoreite, the Full Gospel Evangelistic Center advertised a healing service. After studying on this subject and witnessing these supposed healings, I realized this was not a biblical healing service. There are three voices that arise out of this emotional frenzy to teach that God has canceled miraculous healings by men.

**The Voice of the Healing.** The nature of the “healing event” itself was foreign to anything found in the Bible. The healing was nothing more than a play on people’s emotions. When I entered the building the music was blaring with tear jerking religious songs. The minister gave a short (but loud) pep rally speech. Directly before the healing, a short testimony that pulled on the heartstrings was also given. The actual healing event was like nothing I had read of in the Bible. For example, at the recent “healing service” about 10-15 people crowded around the sick and grunted and moaned and called down the Spirit sometimes in excess of ten minutes. Notice how this was different from a Bible miracle. A true biblical miracle was never for show. There was no music (especially instrumental music) present during New Testament healings. Teaching was done after the miracles as a sign of God’s approval of the speaker (John 6, 11). When Jesus and his Apostles healed people, it took only once and was instantaneous (Mk 1:42, 2:12, 5:29). Truly, the healing service at the Full Gospel Evangelistic Center was not a biblical healing service.

**The Voice of the Healed.** After watching several of the “healed” limp back to their seats and hold their arm in pain after being healed I asked one of the “healed” how it felt. The reply given is most

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# Healing

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shocking. When asked how the event felt the sick person replied, "it felt pretty good." I then inquired further. "Do you think you have been healed?" To this the sick one responded "I don't know yet"... "My arm still hurts." I then asked, "It was not an instantaneous healing then?" She replied, "No, I guess not." This testimony cries out to us that this service was a hoax. Every Bible miracle was instant in healing (John 5:9). Also, all Bible miracles were confirmed beyond a doubt, even by the critics (Acts 4:16). After the Lord did a miracle people felt so good that they jumped and shouted for joy (Acts 3:6-8, 14:10). Truly, the healing service at the Full Gospel Evangelistic Center was not a biblical healing service.

**The Voice of Scripture.** The Bible teaches that miracles had a very specific purpose and unique time boundary. The purpose of miracles was not for show or physical gratification. They were done to confirm the word of God (See Mk 16:20, Heb 2:3-4). Their time boundary was limited to the first century. Paul stated that when the perfect had come the partial (tongue speaking, miraculous knowledge, and prophecy) would come to an end (1 Cor 13:8-10). Toward the close of the first century James recorded that the perfect law of liberty had

come (James 1:25). Today we can confirm religious teaching by seeing if it matches up with the Word of God. Truly, these passages declare that the healing service at the Full Gospel Evangelistic Center was not a biblical healing service.

This service made religion into nothing more than a joke. Yet even worse, it was a cruel hoax on a hurting society. We challenge those of the miraculous persuasion to do a notable miracle. Prove yourselves to be a real miracle worker. Go to the cemetery and raise the dead. Set up shop on the street corner and start healing those with missing limbs. Or, start handling poisonous snakes as the Apostles did (Mk 16:19ff). Dear reader, please do not be deceived. Miracles performed by men are not happening today. May we all test the spirits to see whether they are of God (1 John 4:1).

**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.



## 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** Ruth Minyard fell and hurt her hip. She went to the ER and no bones were broken, but there may be soft tissue damage. **Tabitha Ray-Barton** has gone to MD Anderson in Houston and started a clinical trial for her cancer last Friday.

**Lisa Brown**, friend of the Gravelles, has gotten a good report back in regards to her cancer. **Earl Mann** is scheduled for back surgery October 7th. **A.W. Roberts**, Darlene Pennington's brother, fell and broke his hip in three places. Doctors put in a rod and two screws. 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** • **Ray Harness** • **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** • **Marty Stinson** • **Pat Morrison**, Olga Sue Stinson's sister • **Virgie Burchfield** • **Dorthea Phillips** • **Madeline Minyard** • Sharon Ryan's mother, **Mary Griffith** • Larry Ryan's mother, **Lorraine** • and those shut in/nursing home members.

We want to remember Cecil Hargrove in the passing of his brother, **A.L. Hargrove**, last week. Please keep this family, as well as others that have recently lost loved ones.



**Response** Sis **Jaccie Pirtle** came forward last week confessing sin in her life. She asked for prayers of the congregation for strength in living her Christian life.

**Wedding shower** Everyone is invited to attend a wedding shower for **Nicholas and Taylor Aldridge-Morgan** after evening services tonight. Please bring finger foods to share. Plans are underway for a money tree. Please give your "leaves" to either Arlene Castleman or Dana Meece.



## *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

### September

- 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  
Teen Stewart
- 23 Jimmie Jacobson
- 24 Clifford Bateman  
Ray & Tomi Harness '86
- 25 Charles & Marie Williams '64  
Ginger Waller
- 26 Ray Harness

**Assistance** It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could check the pew around where they sit after each service to see if there are items that need to be thrown away. Several of the song book racks have been full of items meant for the trash. Your time spent in tidying your area is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**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.



## Those to Serve Today

Announcements..... Randy Scott

Lord's Table	Harold Dillard FA Shellenberger	David Johnson Robert McClannahan	Ron Jones Cecil Hargrove
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Song Leader..... Terry Waller  
 AM Opening Prayer .....Floyd Johnson  
 AM Scripture .....Alex Vinson  
 Closing Prayer ..... James Gravelle

PM Opening Prayer.....Tom Matlock  
 PM Closing Prayer.....Chock Aldridge  
 PM Lord's Supper.....F.A. Shellenberger

Greeters Sept 27 & 30.....James & Tammy Gravelle, Tom Matlock

### 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



**Today**

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

**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



**Broadcast  
Schedule**

- 10/4 Be Faithful Until Death #3-  
"What Must I Do To Stay Saved?"
- 10/11 Be Faithful Until Death  
#4- "Evangelism Encourages  
Faithfulness"
- 10/18 Ephesians Lesson #1- "The  
Importance of Being in Christ"

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Zechariah 13:7*