

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Ray and Liz Sturgill are still recovering. Liz will be having her dialysis stint relocated soon, is receiving dialysis treatments at Spencer three times a week and home health care visits.

Sheila Wilson continues to receive chemotherapy at IU Health Martinsville and home healthcare visits.

Delores Hendrickson is back home and doing better following a brief hospitalization.

Jeff Sturgill is recovering at home from back surgery.

Bob Hawkins is scheduled for another outpatient procedure for a problem with veins in his legs.

Gerald Dunn, brother of Susie Riddle, is in a health care institution in Bedford and is experiencing memory issues.

Virginia McKinney is still experiencing some balance and hip problems. She will have a monitor implanted to help determine if there are issues with her heart.

Karen Sproles is still confined at home and is receiving home health services.

Iris Hash is feeling better and is staying with her daughter.

John Richardson has been transferred to the Countryside Nursing Home in Avon, IN.

Terry Richardson is in rehab at The Waters in Martinsville.

Shannon Jones, daughter of Linda and Randall, is still undergoing chemotherapy.

Haven Duncan is suffering from some issues while in the Army at Ft. Benning, GA.

Jessica Knoy, Dave and Tina's daughter-in-law's mother, is recovering from a stroke.

Sheila Eyster is in Florida.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, Virginia McKinney

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru)

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next monthly pitch-in dinner will be held today, following the morning services.

Following the meal, we will reconvene at 1:00 PM for an afternoon song service then will dismiss for the day.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, January 4th at 5:00 PM.

Radio Program:

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

God's Plan For Our Salvation:

1. **Hearing** the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).
2. **Believing** what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).
3. **Repentance** (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).
4. **Confession** (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).
5. **Baptism** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).
6. **Faithful Christian Living**, after the above five steps (I Peter 2:11, 12; Rev. 2:10).

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MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Evening Service - 6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study – 6:00 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Study – 11:00 AM (March through October)

Radio Program:

“Preparing For Eternity”

Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

CONCERNING ASSEMBLING

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Heb. 10:25).

Many years ago when I first obeyed the Gospel of Christ, we didn't pass many Lord's days without hearing a sermon or at least part of a sermon which included the tenth chapter of Hebrews, verse 25. Members of the body of Christ, their elders, deacons and preachers took verse 25 as a command from God, delivered by the Holy Spirit, to members of the church. It was considered a command to be obeyed, and those who violated that command knowingly and wilfully without a “providential” reason considered themselves sinners.

Time is filled with swift transition. First, the world began to compromise or vice versa with people of religion, and the Lord's day became a day when business and industry operated as usual, men and women were expected to work various shifts, which engulfed the Lord's day and prevented attendance at worship or Bible classes.

The entertainment industry, major sports such as the National Football League and National Baseball Association made Sunday the premier day for their promotions. While in the old days, someone might sneak off “fishing” on Sunday, suddenly, the Lord's day became the one day of the week when everybody “did their own thing” with no hesitation.

Over a period of months and years, members of the church gradually fell in line with the world. Many Christians adjusted to the world to the point they gave little thought to working on Sunday, even when they were not required to do so. Young people, following Dad and Mom's example, began to take jobs, knowing full well they would be taken away from the one day of the week when their focus should be on spiritual things. Thus, they began to starve themselves to death (spiritually), and either left the church or took their worldly ways into the church.

Brethren, we need to go back and study Hebrews chapter 10 verse 23 through verse 30. Believe me, God was serious when He inspired this Scripture (2 Tim. 3:16-17). “All Scripture” includes Hebrews 10:23-30.

We are surely to “hold fast the profession of our faith without

wavering” (v.23).

We certainly must “consider one another to provoke unto love and good works” (v.24).

God meant it when He cautioned us not to forsake the “ASSEMBLING of ourselves together, AS THE MANNER OF SOME IS...” (v.25). Notice, the Holy Spirit did not say forsaking “the assembly” (Sunday morning); but rather, he said the “assembling” — whenever the saints assemble for worship and edification.

The conjunction or preposition “for” which begins verse 26 connects back to verse 25 and warns, “For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins.” Our Lord suffered and died for all of us “one time,” and He won't do it again. The redeeming power of the blood has been released “once for all time,” and there is none other.

God makes it plain to the unfaithful in verse 27, “But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation which shall devour the adversaries.” Judgment is coming for all and it will begin at the house of God!

Under the law of Moses in the Old Testament, a man was stoned to death at God's bidding by the whole congregation of the children of Israel because he was discovered picking up sticks on the Sabbath Day (Numbers 15:32).

God warns us (Christians), “Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?” (the Holy Spirit, v.29)

“...Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people” (v.30).

I was once asked to preach for a rural congregation which supported the work I did with the elderly and infirm. I centered my lesson on Hebrews chapter 10. I didn't compromise with business, industry, sports or entertainment. Know what? Three precious souls responded because of their negligence in attendance and dedication to Christ. How many more needed to do so? How many in the brotherhood have forgotten God's specific command in Hebrews chapter 10 verse 25? How many still believe it to be a sin to forsake the assembling of the church? God does! So does His Son, and likewise, The Holy Spirit.

-- Fred Dillon (deceased)