

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.

Jesse and Susie Riddle are both battling respiratory infections.

Jeff Sturgill is recovering at home from back surgery.

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 is in 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.

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

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)

2023 Planning Sessions:

The men and women of the congregation are invited to attend a session on Saturday, January 21st at 8:00 AM at the church building to discuss planned works of the church for 2023. A pitch-in breakfast will be served then following breakfast, the men and women will have separate meetings to identify planned works for 2023. All are invited to attend.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next monthly pitch-in dinner will be held Sunday, February 5th, 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, February 1st 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).

January 15, 2023

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

Time Management

As another year passes, we should think about how we are using our time. We need to redeem the time (Eph. 5:16; Col. 4:5). Redeem means “buying up” or “buying out.” Every opportunity must be snapped up as if we have found a bargain. We should make the best of our opportunities while supplies last. Life appears for a little while, then vanishes away (James 4:14).

David prayed, “LORD, make me to know my end, and what *is* the measure of my days, *that* I may know how frail I *am*. Indeed, You have made my days *as* handbreadths, and my age *is* as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state *is* but vapor” (Psa. 39:4, 5). Think of how much David accomplished in his life—from his youth as a lowly shepherd boy to his ascension as the great king of Israel. His name is one of the most mentioned in the Bible. His accomplishments are retold today, thousands of years later. However, he was mortal and frail. At his best, he was only vapor. His son, Solomon, commented on the meaninglessness of accomplishing great works and accumulating wealth that will only be left to someone else (Ecc. 2:17-23). No matter how great some people look or how much they seem to have it all together, everyone is fragile. Each person’s life on this earth has an expiration date.

In desiring that the life God had given him would be meaningful, Moses prayed, “establish the work of our hands for us” (Psalm 90:17). In Psalm 90, Moses is speaking on behalf of the Israelite community. God’s is beyond time. He

is from everlasting to everlasting (Psa. 90:2). In light of God’s immortality, Moses reflected on man’s mortality and the fragility of life (Psa. 90:3-6). Moses and Israel faced various trials throughout their earthly lives. Israel brought some of the suffering on themselves through their disobedience. His desire was to not waste time in sin that brings on the wrath of God, but rather to please Him who is eternal, to whom we must give an account. God’s people in all subsequent ages can identify with the request of Psalm 90:10-12: “The days of our lives *are* seventy years; and if by reason of strength *they are* eighty years, yet their boast *is* only labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away. Who knows the power of Your anger? For as the fear of You, *so is* Your wrath. So teach *us* to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Numbering our days means evaluating how we spend our time. We will be judged by how we use what God has given us (Matt. 25:14-30). If we are too busy with other pursuits to spend time pleasing God, then we must reconsider and repent. Do you take time for God’s word at the time of day when you are at your best mentally to take it in? When you spend time with family, are you distracted? Are you present with them so that you can be the kind of family member God wants you to be? When you attend church services, is your heart into what you are doing? Or is your mind somewhere else? Make the most of the little time you have left.

- Mark Day