

**Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**

Liz Sturgill is still struggling but continues to receive dialysis treatments.  
Jeff Sturgill has a sore on his foot and had to return to the hospital for treatment but is now back home recovering.

Jesse Riddle is experiencing weakness but is able to attend Sunday AM service.  
Floyd Coley is suffering from macular degeneration, affecting both of his eyes.  
Judy Coley, Mike and Doris Parnell and Ray Sturgill were unable to get out for Wednesday evening Bible study.

Shawn Mathews will meet with a surgeon to determine if he needs gall bladder surgery.

John Richardson is recovering from gall bladder surgery.

Bobby Epeards, son of Iris Hash, who suffered a heart attack, is recovering at Iris' house.

Karen Sproles is doing better and hopes to have a nerve block injection in her knee.  
Glenda Coons, former member, is struggling and in need of prayer. Please remember her and her husband Eldon in your prayers.

Nan Coons, wife of Darian and daughter-in-law of Eldon and Glenda Coons was is home and now able to eat and slowly improving.

**Out Of Town:**

Joni McConnell continues to enjoy the summer weather in Australia as she visits her sister. Pray for her safety and a safe return.

**Pray For Our Shut-Ins:**

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, John & Terry Richardson

**Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:**

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See latest mission reports on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium.. We will be blessed to have brother Goshorn and his family with us on Sunday, February 18<sup>th</sup>. He will provide us with and update of their work in Peru.

**Family Game Night:**

There will be a game night at the church building on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> starting at 6:00 PM. All members are invited and encouraged to bring their families and friends. Pizza will be provided.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, February 7th at 5:00.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, February 18th following the AM services. Following the dinner, we will meet at 1:00 PM for a service in song.

**Radio Program:**

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

**God's Plan For Our Salvation**

Hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).

Believing what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).

Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).

Confession (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).

Baptism (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).

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:**

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN 2024

Marvin L. Weir

We who are alive have been blessed to enter into another year. None of us know whether or not it will be our last year upon this earth. Neither do we know the opportunities that will be uniquely ours to be of service in the kingdom. May we be wise enough to recognize situations where we can make a difference for the cause of Christ! Let us meditate upon some ways we can be useful for the Master during the year of 2024.

First, Determine You Will Choose To Travel The Path That Leads To Eternal Life. The warning Jeremiah sounded so long ago should not be taken lightly. The prophet stated, “Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I set before you the way of life, and the way of death” (Jer. 21:8). Apostate Jews who remained in Jerusalem would die by the sword. Chaldean captivity, even though a cruel fate, was the only hope God gave His people if they wanted to live and have the opportunity to repent. Before all people today, God has set the “broad way” that leads to destruction and the “straitened way” that leads to life (Matt. 7:13-14). One must choose wisely the narrow gate and then resolve to “walk in the light as he is in the light” (cf. 1 John 1:7). Such is the only way we will ever have true fellowship with God and those of “like precious faith” (2 Peter 1:1)!

Second, Resolve To Be An Asset To The Lord’s Church. Far too many brethren are nothing more than a liability to the cause of Christ! Their influence is bad instead of good. Their habits are “stumbling stones” to those who might otherwise be interested in the church of Christ. Their education and abilities are used and admired by many in the business world while God is dismayed that they remain so ignorant and unwilling to work in the kingdom. Instead of being a shining light to others, they have placed their lamp under a bushel (cf. Matt. 5:15).

Third, Have A Burning Desire To Use Whatever Ability You May Have To The Glory Of God! All cannot be preachers, song leaders, teachers, elders or deacons. But each child of God can do something that will benefit the church and glorify the Father! Do not forget the teaching of the apostle Paul: “For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many. If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body. And the eye cannot say unto

the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Nay, much more those members of the body, which seem to be more feeble, are necessary: And those members of the body, which we think to be less honourable, upon these we bestow more abundant honour; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness. For our comely parts have no need: but God hath tempered the body together, having given more abundant honour to that part which lacked: That there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honoured, all the members rejoice with it. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular” (1 Cor. 12:13-27).

Fourth, Possess A Genuine Love For The Lord’s Church. It amazes me to see some brethren become fighting mad because one has slandered a member of their physical family but then show absolutely no emotion or concern when one shows disrespect and disdain for the precious body (church) of Christ! Could it be that many do not love the church as they should? Such is surely the case for a valiant soldier of the cross to rise up in righteous indignation at the mockery many today make of the blood-bought body (John 7:24; Matt. 21:12-13; Acts 20:28).

Fifth, Choose Wisely Who You Will Serve. Fathers need to be like Joshua so that their families will receive an inheritance that will exist forever. “Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD” (Joshua 24:14-15).

Sixth, Remember That Your Purpose In Life Is To Glorify The Creator (Isa. 43:7). God wants man that He has created in His image (Gen. 1:27) to humble himself before Him. Let us keep in mind this admonition of old: “If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land” (2 Chron. 7:14).

Seventh, Be Faithful To The Lord And His Cause As Long As You Are Privileged To Live In The World. The book of James reminds us that our faith is worthless unless it is put into action (James 2:14-17). “Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works” (James 2:18). If one is not faithful in living for Christ, how can he convince himself and others that he will die “in” Christ (cf. Rev. 2:10)?