

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

Liz Sturgill will be having her dialysis stint relocated soon, and continues to have dialysis treatments at Spencer three times a week.

Jesse Riddle was treated in the emergency room with a kidney infection.

Sherrie Williams had successful back surgery and is recovering at home.

Michaela Mathews hurt her wrist and is wearing a brace awaiting further evaluation.

Sheila Wilson has completed her first round of chemotherapy.

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. She is being treated for some skin cancers. She also has a cyst on her knee.

Iris Hash is feeling better and is staying with her daughter however, she is being treated for macular degeneration in her eye.

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

Jessica Knoy, Dave and Tina's daughter-in-law's mother, Celia Fletcher, is still in the hospital, has suffered another stroke and is not responding to treatment.

Jessica Haynes, Dave and Tina's daughter-in-law, had surgery on January 26<sup>th</sup> to remove a small growth at the base of her brain and is now recovering at home.

### **Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, Virginia McKinney, John Richardson, Terry Richardson

### **Deepest Sympathy:**

Gerald Dunn, brother of sister Susie Riddle and uncle of sister Cindy Murray, passed away. Funeral services were held on Thursday in Bedford.

Joni McConnell has asked for prayers for her cousin at the passing of her cousin's husband.

### **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, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM.

### **Valentine's Family Game Night:**

All are invited to an evening of food and games at the church building on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup> starting at 5:00 PM. More information to follow.

### **2023 Gospel Meetings:**

The men of the congregation have scheduled two gospel meetings for 2023. A Spring meeting will be held May 19-21 with brother Ben Vick of the Shelbyville Rd. Church of Christ in Indianapolis. A Fall meeting will be held November 10-12 with brother Bill Boyd of the Rockliff Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN. Please plan ahead to support these meetings.

### **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**

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](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## **BUY THE TRUTH**

Robert Stapleton, deceased

Proverbs 23:23, “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.”

We are living in a world of buying and selling. Directly or indirectly, we are dependent upon it for our livelihood. In the text for this article, the commercial terms “buy” and “sell” are used to teach an important lesson relative to the importance of accepting the truth. With this article we want to consider what it means to “buy the truth and sell it not.”

### **BUY THE TRUTH**

Truth is the commodity we are urged to “buy.” With that in mind, we ask the question that Pilate asked of Jesus, “what is truth” (John 18:38)? First, we see that it is the Word of God (John 17:17). Second, we see that Jesus is the manifestation of the Truth (John 14:6). Third, we take note that the Gospel with its commands, facts and promises is the truth (Acts 26:25; Gal. 2:14). Once we come to the understanding of what the truth is, we ask, why “buy” it? The answer to this question is simple, it will save our soul (James 1:21) and is needed in every effort to live the Christian life.

It is not sufficient to hear about it. It is not sufficient to hear and know about it. It is not sufficient to recommend it to others. It is not sufficient to intend to buy it. To be blessed by the truth, we must “buy” — accept it (Matt. 7:21-23; John 8:32; Heb. 5:9; James 1:22).

### **BUY ONLY THE TRUTH**

We realize that not everything that is sold is as good as it is said to be. We must be careful so as to buy what is authentic and not a “knockoff.” With that understood, we take note that not everything said to be the truth is the truth. Due to this, we need to examine what is said before we “buy” or accept it. We need to examine the doctrine that is taught to verify that it is from God (Acts 17:11; 1 Thess. 5:21). If the Bible teaches it, if it is in harmony with what the Bible teaches, then we should accept it. But if not, it should be rejected! We must discriminate between truth and error (John 5:39). Just about everything

of importance has been counterfeited. When it comes to matters of religion, it is important to reject all error, no matter who is teaching it.

### **BUY ALL THE TRUTH**

It is just as bad not to “buy” all the truth as to “buy” what is not truth. Whether we buy a car or a sewing machine we want all of it. It will do no good to have just part of it. When it comes to the Bible, some will accept part of the truth, but not all of it. Some accept the truth concerning the need for salvation, but want to leave out baptism. Others accept the truth when it comes to the need to worship, but want to leave out the Lord’s supper or congregational singing.

### **BUY THE TRUTH REGARDLESS OF THE PRICE**

We need to be willing to “pay” whatever the price is (Luke 14:26-33). We must be willing to “pay” the price of self-denial (Luke 9:23). Whatever is necessary, we must be willing to “pay” the price, even to the very point of death (Rev. 2:10).

### **BUY THE TRUTH NOW**

Scripture teaches the urgency of obeying NOW (2 Cor. 6:2; James 4:14). Look at all the “cases of conversion” in the book of Acts. Notice that in each case they obeyed when they heard, not putting it off, realizing the urgency of prompt acceptance of God’s Word. Too often we put it off until it is too late, and the “damage is done” (Acts 24:25; 26:28).

### **SELL IT NOT**

When “purchasing” the truth, we need to do so as a permanent investment. It should be “purchased” as that which we intend not to part with. We do not “sell” it for livelihood, pleasure or anything else. We are cheated when we bargain it away, even if we do so for the whole world (Mark 8:36-37).

It is important to “buy the truth and sell it not” while we can. Tomorrow may be too late. For those of us who have already “bought” it, we must be careful to not bargain it away as we are drawn away after worldly desires (James 1:14).