

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Liz Sturgill had her dialysis stint relocated and continues to have dialysis treatments at Spencer three times a week. Ray is wearing a heart monitor for a month. 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 completed her first round of chemotherapy and had a port inserted. Virginia McKinney is still experiencing some balance and hip problems. She had 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 recently had some skin cancers removed. 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.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

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

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 Sunday, March 5th, following the morning services. Following the meal, we will reconvene at 1:00 PM for an afternoon song service.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, March 1st at 5:00 PM.

Benevolent Donations:

The congregation is encouraged to bring in cleaning supplies, paper goods, coffee and gift cards for groceries, gas, Taco Bell and McDonalds to be donated to Desert Rose, the local women's shelter.

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 Rockcliff Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN. Please plan ahead to support these meetings.

Upcoming Ladies' Days:

The Liberty Church of Christ will be hosting a Ladies' Day on Saturday, March 4th. The Paris, Illinois Church of Christ will host a Ladies' Day on Saturday, April 22nd.

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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Martinsville, IN 46151
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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

TRANSGENDERISM'S ATTACK UPON CHILDREN

Johnny O. Trail

Just recently news outlets on a local and national level revealed that Vanderbilt hospital has disclosed questionable motives behind its pediatric gender treatment department. In most cases, people who work in the medical professions serve in a decidedly altruistic manner. During the pandemic, doctors and nurses worked for the welfare of their patients in an admirable, sacrificial way.

That having been said, it is alleged that some working in the pediatric gender department at Vanderbilt are doing it for debased gain and greed. Notice what one doctor was recorded as saying, Vanderbilt University Medical Center's Clinic for Transgender Health physician Dr. Shayne Taylor describes how she persuaded the hospital to "get into the gender-transition game," ...The doctor emphasizes that gender transition is a "big moneymaker.... The female-to-male bottom surgeries, these are huge moneymakers," Taylor says in the video. "They make money," she adds of the transgender surgeries. "They make money for the hospital." 1

It is hard to imagine that a physician who has taken an oath to "do no harm" would even consider making such a statement. Many adults who have "transitioned" expressed troubling regrets over the decision to change sexes. What of children who do not have the maturity to make such a decision? 2

If these statements made by representatives of Vanderbilt Children's Hospital were not worrisome enough, certain states have taken steps to remove the power of parents to protect their children from life altering decisions. Notice what a recent decision from California does: California Gov. Gavin Newsom signed into law last week a bill that makes the state a "sanctuary" for gender-confused children who want to transition medically without the knowledge or consent of their parents. It is a monstrous law that undermines parental rights and puts at risk the mental and physical well-being of vulnerable children who are too young to see past the immediate consequences of their decisions ... The legislation is geared toward out-of-state residents, especially those who live in red states where medical and chemical sex-change treatments are restricted. It includes a number of provisions to shield California's medical industry from prosecution, including one that prohibits state agencies and law enforcement organizations from enforcing subpoenas by other states regarding where, when, and on whom sex-change treatments are performed. In other words, the law allows California doctors to alter children's bodies permanently, regardless of parental consent, without fear of consequence. This is exploitation, plain and simple. 3

The simple fact of the matter is that people within our nation want to take away our parental rights. Imagine a scenario where your child decides to run away to California for a gender reassignment surgery. You find the child and attempt to bring him or her back home and the state of California refuses your parental rights. This is simply horrific!

Suffice it to say, these positions fly in the face of God's plan for the sexes, families, and the raising of children. There are wicked, debased elements within American culture who want to totally redefine God's plan for these elemental parts of the society. What does God's word say about these things?

God only created two sexes. Genesis 1:27 says, "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them." There are situations where one is born with ambiguous genitalia, but these are extremely rare. In cases where such things happen, some determination is made to affix the gender that is most complimentary to the physiology and DNA of one who is "intersexed."

Families are to be headed by a man and a woman who then introduce children (1 Tim. 5:14) to the union. Matthew 19:4-5 says, And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?" This being the case, God has located marriage and family within the confines of a male and female unity that is scripturally married (Matt. 19:9).

Those children, whether adopted or born into the family, are to be raised by their parents and no other entity. Moreover, children are to obey their parents. Ephesians 6:1-4, "Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; which is the first commandment with promise; That it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." It is not the God-given right for the culture to raise children, but this is exactly what many within our government and culture want to do.

The values of our nation have been perverted by individuals who want to promote an agenda endorsing alternative, ungodly lifestyles. Christian families must be strong and stand firm in their belief that God's word is the only source that provides direction for successful training of children.