

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Liz Sturgill has been in the St. Francis Indianapolis hospital this past week for treatment of a urinary tract infection.
Jeff Sturgill has a sore on his foot and had to return to the hospital for a procedure to remove a vein in his upper leg and place it in his lower leg to help his sore heal.
Ray and Liz's brother-in-law in Kentucky is recovering from surgery to remove a tumor in the back of his neck.
Jesse Riddle is experiencing weakness but is sometimes able to attend Sunday AM service. He has been placed under hospice care which will allow him to not have to travel outside for doctors' appointments.
Elena Hawkins is slowly improving from her allergic reaction but is still weak.
Bob Hawkins continues to receive treatment for the veins in his legs.
Shawn Mathews will meet with a surgeon to see if he needs gall bladder surgery.
Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling cancer.
Please pray for Charlene Boggs' granddaughter who enlisted in the Navy.
Bobby Epeards, son of Iris Hash, who suffered a heart attack, is doing much better.
Karen Sproles is suffering from COVID and kidney issues. At some point she hopes to have a nerve block injection in her knee.
Glenda Coons, former member, is struggling with as of yet undiagnosed health issues and is in need of prayer.
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.

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..

2024 Gospel Meetings:

A spring gospel meeting will be held April 12-14 with brother Ronnie Whittemore of the Stop 11 Rd. Church of Christ in Indianapolis and a fall gospel meeting will be held September 6-8 with brother Tom House of the Plainview Church of Christ in Fulton, MS.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, March 6th at 5:00.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, March 3rd 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:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

WHAT ASSEMBLING WITH THE SAINTS WILL DO FOR YOU

Ivie Powell

The attitude of “What’s in it for me?” has become so ingrained in the public that the religious world has built facilities to accommodate both the spiritual and the physical man. This is done all under the guise of “meeting the needs spiritually, physically and emotionally.” It would not be surprising to learn many are erecting medical facilities in their building. Thus, the whole man’s needs, spiritually, physically and emotionally will be met all in one complex. It should not surprise us if many of our brethren follow in like pursuit. After all, so many have patterned their “appeal” after the denominational world!

Brethren, when the church assembles on the Lord’s day, it is for one purpose and only one purpose, that being to worship God “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24)! The Lord has set forth only five acceptable expressions in New Testament worship:

- Singing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16).
- Praying (Acts 2:42; 1 Thess. 5:17).
- Preaching (Acts 2:42).
- Lord’s Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-29; Acts 20:7).
- Contribution (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

Any addition or subtraction from these five authorized areas of worship is without Bible authority (Col. 3:17) and is a flagrant departure from the word of God (2 John 9-11; Rev. 22:18-19)!

There are only three ways Scripture authorizes:

- Direct command (Acts 10:48).
- An approved Bible example (Acts 20:7).
- Necessary inference or implication (Matt. 3:16).

There is no doubt that orchestras, dramas, choruses, testimonials, recreation and entertainment have an appeal to the flesh. However, New Testament worship is not based on man’s likes and dislikes, but solely on biblical authority (Col. 3:17)! The diligent student of God’s

word quickly observes that all of the aforementioned are the direct result of man’s departure from God’s word. Whenever biblical authority is set aside, then, man will resort to his own devices, and when that takes place, biblical chaos ensues!

When speaking of worship, the attitude of some is: “What’s in it for me?” Well, that really depends on what you bring with you. If you bring an attitude of sincerely worshipping God “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24), then you will receive the following:

- You will have a greater knowledge of God’s word (2 Tim. 2:15)!
- You will be preparing for a better and happier life (Phil. 4:4; 1 John 1:4)!
- You will be assured of the hope of eternal life for the faithful (Rom. 8:24-25; Titus 1:2)!
- You will be drawn closer to God (John 4:23-24; James 4:7-10)!
- Your faith will be strengthened (Rom. 10:17; Col. 3:16)!
- You will acquire a deeper insight into the truth found only in God’s word (James 1:25)!
- You will be admonished in “psalms and hymns and spiritual songs” (Col. 3:16)!
- You will have the fellowship of brethren who need your strength and in turn will strengthen you (Acts 2:42)!
- You will be preparing for your eternal home with God, Christ, the Holy Spirit and all the saved of all the ages (Rev. 21:22)!
- You will be prepared for the uneven journey of the many wiles of the devil (Eph. 4:10-18).
- You will be strengthened in the Christian graces that are needed in remaining faithful (2 Peter 1:5-13)!