

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Judy Coley underwent bladder surgery on Thursday of this week.
Karen Shanafelt, daughter of sister Shirley Cook, is recovering from surgery.
Beverly Anderson is still recovering at home.
Joni McConnell's daughter-in-law's mother is doing better.
Brother Bob Hawkins received an outpatient infusion for his chronic back pain.
Mike Parnell's sister, Brenda has cancer and is undergoing radiation.
Shirley Cook is still recovering from her fall in Florida.
Charlie Henard's mother is recovering from pneumonia and also has Alzheimer's.
Karen Sproles is still suffering with problems in her knee.
Iris Hash is being treated for stomach problems and also has neck pain.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

Pray For The Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia)

Guest Speaker:

Brother Daniel Goshorn, of the Flatwoods, KY Church of Christ will be our guest on Sunday morning. He will teach the Bible class and deliver the morning sermon. Brother Goshorn is from the same congregation as our Brother Mark Day, who held our gospel meeting last fall. Brother Goshorn is preparing to begin a mission work in the country of Peru.

Ladies' Community Outreach Work:

The ladies of the congregation will be donating items on a monthly basis for the Morgan County Department of Child Services (DCS) to assist in the care of children who have been removed from their homes. For the month of February, the item to be donated is baby diapers (multiple sizes). Please bring these in throughout the month so they can be delivered.

March Monthly Pitch-in:

Our next monthly pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, March 6th, immediately following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a song service then dismiss for the day.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd at 5:00 PM. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

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).

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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

Radio Program:

“Preparing For Eternity”
Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD

Steve Miller

Man has always been impressed with power. Power is “the ability to control others; to have authority; and to have influence” (Webster’s New World Dictionary). Some men have spent a lifetime trying to obtain power only to abuse it. Others have been successful in using it. There is a power that can divide asunder the soul and spirit (Heb. 4:12). It is the Word of God.

The Psalmist said, “*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path*” (Psalm 119:105). The Word reveals the way to heaven. It is the guide for our lives. We cannot go wrong in following God’s inspired Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

A study of the Word of God shows its effect upon the disciples in the early church. When Paul and Silas came to Berea, they found those who “*were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so*” (Acts 17:11). The Bereans did not go home and take the preacher’s word for what they heard. They studied the Word of God to see if the message was correct. How many people in the pews do this today? How many return home from worship to discuss, much less to study the passages they heard in the sermon or Bible class? Hopefully, more than we can tell. People who take the message as “Gospel” without checking the Word of God are living dangerously in their attempt to be pleasing to God. An open mind and heart in our study of the Scriptures is essential in having the attitude of changing our lifestyle or religious beliefs to fit God’s standard. There is power in the Word —if we will study it!

The powerful Word of God brings results. When Peter preached the first Gospel sermon on the first Pentecost after Christ’s resurrection, the Word he preached brought results. “*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls*” (Acts 2:41). Paul stated, “*I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek*” (Rom. 1:16).

The power is in the Gospel, the Word, the good news of Christ. God’s Word convicted the people on Pentecost of their sins and it will do the same today when it is preached uncompromisingly and in love. The Word of God will bring results if we will just preach it, teach it and most of all, live it.

Not only is the Word powerful enough to bring results, but it can also be a comfort to those who are in Christ. Paul comforted the Thessalonian brethren by revealing the truth concerning the dead in Christ. “*For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him ... For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words*” (1 Thess. 4:14-18). It is comforting to know that Jesus has prepared a home for the faithful. We should look forward to the second coming of Christ in that we will be taken up with Him in the clouds to stay for ever and ever.

The Word of God is just as powerful as it was in the days of Abraham, Moses, Peter and Paul. Even man’s wisdom in 2022 cannot surpass the all-inspired, authoritative, living, active, comforting, convicting, powerful Word of God. Let us be prepared to “*take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*”