

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Liz Sturgill is back home and continues taking dialysis treatments..
Jeff Sturgill continues to recover from a sore on his foot.
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 recently has been placed under hospice care.
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.
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..

Deepest Sympathy:

Our prayers continue to go out for Randall and Linda Jones and family at the passing of Randall's mother. Services were held last Saturday in Bowling Green, KY.
We also pray for Judy Coley at the passing of her good friend, Judy Ayers.
Our prayers also go out for Charlie Henard at the passing of his cousin in TN.

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 today, 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

DID JESUS SIN WHEN HE TURNED WATER INTO WINE?

Robert Oliver

We know Jesus lived under the “old law” (and we know it was taken away when he was nailed to the cross; Col. 2:14; Heb. 10:9). Therefore, to be the sinless sacrifice, he had to live according to the old law absolutely perfect. One of the commands Jesus was required to keep is found in Habakkuk 2:15, “Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth thy bottle to him, and maketh him drunken also...”

The question is, did Jesus violate the text in Habakkuk? Did he make about 120 gallons of alcoholic wine at the wedding feast after the men had already consumed a large quantity of wine?

Read these words of John 2:6-10, “And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.”

Some believe that since Jesus created “good” wine, it must have been alcoholic. Their argument is that the Greek word oinos always means alcoholic wine. If that argument holds true, then Jesus sinned against that which was written and could not be a perfect sacrifice.

Let us examine the Greek word oinos. It is used in Matthew 9:17, “Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.”

The entire concept of this text indicates that you do not put freshly pressed grape juice into old bottles (which were animal skins), for the old bottles had already been stretched out, and, as the freshly pressed grapes fermented, they would expand and destroy the bottles, thus leaking out the juice. In that case oinos had to be non-alcoholic. It was fresh grape juice.

Another way to show that oinos can refer to freshly made grape juice and not alcoholic wine is that Jesus quoted from the Septuagint in Mark 7:6-7. That version translates the Hebrew word tirosh to oinos. That Hebrew word always means non-alcoholic wine, or what we would call “grape juice.” That being true, Jesus did not create alcoholic wine and did not sin by violating Habakkuk 2:15.

Therefore, the following Biblical accounts are accurate. First Peter 2:22, “Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth” Hebrews 4:15, “For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”

Jesus did not sin at Cana of Galilee nor did he tempt others to sin. James 1:13 affirms: “Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man.”

Finally, if anyone attempts to prove that drinking an alcoholic beverage today is justified because Jesus turned water into wine, he must understand that by taking that position, he is denying the perfection of Christ, and we are all dead in our sins.