

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Liz Sturgill continues to have dialysis treatments at Spencer three times a week. She had a new stint port inserted last week.

John Richardson is recovering from COVID.

Debbie Cook, daughter-in-law of sister Shirley, fell and fractured her spine.

Ray Sturgill's brother Darrell in Virginia is suffering from a sore on his leg.

Karen Sproles is scheduled to have another cancerous growth removed.

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.

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)

Deepest Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Floyd and Judy Coley and their entire family at the passing of sister Sheila Wilson. A gravesite service was held on Friday.

Paris Church of Christ Ladies' Day:

The ladies of the congregation are making plans to attend a ladies' inspiration day at the Paris, IL Church of Christ on April 22nd. More information to follow.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next monthly pitch-in dinner will be held Sunday April 2nd 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, April 5th at 5:00 PM.

2023 Gospel Meetings:

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.

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

SEVEN ANTI-CHRISTS

What do we mean by anti-Christ? “Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time” (1 John 2:18, c. 69 A.D.).

One should compare John’s statement: “it is the last hour” with that of Jesus in Matthew 24 concerning the destruction of Jerusalem which occurred in 70 A.D. This is not to suggest the “anti-Christ” that have arisen among us foretell of any imminent destruction of our land, but it ought to make us diligent as citizens of the kingdom of heaven to do more to “leaven” our society. It is written of our Lord, “Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened” (Matt. 13:33). It is obvious that we are having very little effect in this matter and there are many anti-Christ in our land. Here are seven that seek to destroy America, but they are tools of Satan, whose ultimate goal is to eradicate the church of Christ from the earth.

I. Islamic Terrorism:

Example: on 9/11 Islamic terrorists in the name of their god murdered about 3,000 in New York City. Again they continued their murderous ways in the Boston Marathon in Chattanooga, TN, in Philadelphia, PA, and in San Bernardino, CA. In great contrast, Jesus said, “Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Matt. 19:19). Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (John 14:6). See: [Bing: Mosques on the front lines in the war against America, by Carol Brown.]

II. Denominationalism:

There are 9,000 sectarian bodies in the U.S. claiming to be of Christ [Bing: Denominations]. Yet, Jesus, shortly before he was crucified prayed, “Neither pray I for these alone [apostles], but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me” (John 17:21). Denominationalism is a major component of Satan’s arsenal against Jesus and His kingdom (Matt. 16:18-19; Acts 2:1-4, 16, 41, 47; 8:12; Col. 1:13).

III. The Destruction Of The Nuclear Home:

Jesus said, “For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife...” (Matt. 19:5). 2.2 million men in America are incarcerated in jails and prisons [Bing: Men incarcerated]. 83% come from homes without fathers [See Bing, Homes without fathers].

IV. Immorality:

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate,

nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God” (1 Cor. 6:9-10). “Most children will be born out of wedlock [in 2016]. The proportion of children born to unmarried mothers hit a record 47.5 per cent last year, according to the Office for National Statistics. The figure has risen from 25 per cent in 1988 and just 11 per cent in 1979. If the trend continues at the current rate, the majority of children will be born to parents who are not married by 2016” [Bing: Children Born out of wed-lock. By Steven Swinford, The Telegraph, Wednesday 09 March 2016].

V. Idolatry: Gross Materialism:

“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows” (1 Tim. 6:10). On January 14, 2016, millions risked their money for a chance of winning the \$1.5 billion payout in the power ball lottery. The Holy Spirit said, “covetousness...is idolatry” (Col. 3:5). The idolatry of covetousness greatly over-shows the worship of images which is also rampant in our land.

VI. The “Gay” Agenda:

June 25, 2015: the United States Supreme Court without any authority from the constitution declared marriage can include two males or females living together. The Holy Spirit has said, “Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire” (Jude 7).

VII. Abortion and Euthanasia:

“These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren” (Prov. 6:16-19). The world was horrified in the 1930s and 40s when the Nazis destroyed 11 million people in the holocaust in the most horrible ways [Bing: How many deaths in the holocaust?] Yet, since January 22, 1973, the slaughtering pens of America (called “abortion clinics) have exterminated 58 million, 586 thousand, 256 (more than five times the number murdered in the holocaust). These most innocent human beings (babies, infants) were ripped from their mothers wombs as though they were vermin.

These anti-Christ movements and others are the work of Satan; the apostle Peter by the Spirit warned, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). – Jim Waldron