

**Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**

Bryan Dyer, Susie Riddle's son and Cindy Murray's brother, is now back home recovering after undergoing cancer treatment. He is awaiting additional treatments. Bill Brown, Evelyn Murphy's brother, is being treated for pain, swelling in his legs. Lisa Bunch is being treated with low dose cortisone for polymyalgia muscle pain. Charlie Henard is receiving periodic infusions to treat his Multiple Sclerosis. Virginia McKinney is at her home but dealing with kidney failure. Alice Wade has two sisters which have been diagnosed with cancer. One recently had surgery and will begin radiation treatments. Charles Blair, gospel preacher at the Stop 11 congregation, is recovering from spinal surgery and is receiving physical therapy at home. Brother Ronnie Whittemore of the Stop 11 congregation, is scheduled to undergo a cardiac ablation for his heart. Floyd Coley is experiencing issues with his hip, back and is dealing with GI issues. Deloris Hendrickson is dealing with problems sleeping, back pain and GI issues. Joni McConnell had a heart valve replacement and is undergoing physical therapy.

**Pray For Our Shut-Ins:**

Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, Virginia McKinney and Kathy Malowitz

**Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:**

John Grubb and his wife, Eta (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See reports of their works on the bulletin board.

**Benevolent Opportunity**

For the month of March, we are collecting spaghetti noodles and sauce for donation to the Martinsville school food pantry.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next monthly men's business meeting will be Wednesday, April 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:00 PM.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, April 12, during our gospel meeting. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have the final service of the meeting.

**Spring Gospel Meeting:**

Our 2026 spring gospel meeting will be held April 10 – 12 with services at 7:00 PM on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday services at 9:30 and 10:30 AM. A pitch-in dinner will be held following Sunday morning services followed by a final service at 1:00 PM. Our speaker will be brother Bill Boyd of the Rockliff Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN. The theme for the meeting sermons is "Lessons From The Book of Romans".

**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).

March 29, 2026

***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:**

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Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

**Website:**

[www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## THE GREEK MEANING OF “FORSAKE”

The word “forsake” in Hebrews 10:25 means to: “leave behind, abandon, desert, leave in straits or helpless.” The idea of this word is not only that one decides to quit the church and never return, but also includes the neglect of attending any of the assemblies. The obvious meaning of the verse regards those who choose to forsake, abandon, not attend, the assembling of the church. A faithful child of God will be at the services whenever and wherever they may be if it is within his power. The only time one will miss is because there is no way for him to be there, not because he chooses not to be. Far too many use whatever “excuse” to forsake the designated assemblies and then attempt to cover it over by saying “I was providentially hindered,” when in actuality, they could have been there and had they “really” wanted to, they would have been! God knows the difference between the two and, he is the judge! The faithful child of God will not miss! All the brethren should know that if “brother or sister so and so” is not at services, it is because it is not possible for them to be. Hebrews 10:25 is often read like this: “not forsaking the assembly of ourselves together.” Supposing the Sunday morning assembly where the Lord’s supper is observed is the one spoken of, they’ll usually try to be there. That is not the way the passage reads! It says we are not to “forsake the assembling”. No one certain assembly (singular) is spoken of. The wording is regarding whatever assembling (plural) — whenever the saints meet — do not forsake those assemblies! When the church assembles Sunday morning, Sunday evening, Wednesday night, be there! **WHENEVER** the church assembles, be there! To forsake any assembly of the church points out a definite problem with one’s heart (Matt.6:33).

“Assembling” (v.24) is a time for provoking (stirring up) one another “unto love and to good works.” Why would one not want to be there and do that? Would any be so brazen as to claim they can obtain the same benefits from “not assembling” that they can by assembling? Surely not! How can it be said any other way than to conclude that to forsake, abandon, desert, leave behind, leave helpless, just one assembling of the church is a SIN! The Lord’s command is straight forward and simple. **DO NOT FORSAKE THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER!** To be faithful unto the Lord, you’ll do what the Lord said! What’s more important? —Garland M. Robinson