

**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 has been suffering from gallstones.

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

Ray Sturgill's brother Darrell in Virginia is recovering at home from a leg sore.

Karen Sproles had another cancerous growth removed. She is also still receiving steroid injections for her knee.

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)

**Movie Night:**

A movie night for all ages will be held at 5:00 PM on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the church building.

**Ladies' Bible Class Resumes:**

The ladies' Bible class has resumed on Thursdays at 11:00 AM.

**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 22<sup>nd</sup>. More information to follow.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next monthly pitch-in dinner will be held today 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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".

**Deepest Sympathy:**

Our thoughts and prayers go out to McKenzie Ritter, Dave and Tina's oldest granddaughter, at the passing of her half-brother, Devon Ritter, at the young age of 18.

**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 (March through October)

**Radio Program:**

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## The Thousand Year Reign

The devil has made it his aim to deceive people to sin and follow him to eternal ruin (2 Cor. 4:4; 11:3; 1 Pet. 5:8; Mt. 25:41). Yet, sin leading to death does not have to be our final end. Through His own death, Christ gained the victory over sin and eternal death for all mankind potentially (Heb. 2:14, 15). This victory becomes reality for the faithful of all ages—not only those who lived after His death, but also those who lived before (Rom. 3:25; Heb. 2:9; 10:11, 12).

The book of Revelation has a comforting message: those who remain faithful to Jesus by overcoming trials and persecutions are able to reign with Him for a thousand years (Rev. 3:21; 20:4). One thousand is a high power of ten, symbolizing the complete power God exercises over the devil in restraining him from deceiving the nations. It is not a literal number. A literal interpretation is not supported by the Scriptures. The book of Revelation is symbolic (Rev. 1:1). A thousand years is a symbol of the complete power (10 times 10 times 10) of the King of Kings, and Lord of Lords (Rev. 17:14; 19:16; Lk. 1:33; Dan. 2:44). The actual length of time represented by these thousand years is unknown. This number was chosen simply for its symbolic significance. These one thousand years are not mentioned elsewhere in the Scriptures in literal contexts.

Revelation 20 is often used for proof of the teaching that Christ will come back to earth to reign on David's literal throne in Jerusalem for a definite period of one thousand years (called the millennium). However, the passage does not mention Christ's return. Nor does it mention the reign

being on earth, David's literal throne, or the city of Jerusalem. If the 1,000 years were literal, then when the 1,000 years have expired, these people would cease to live and reign with Christ.

But it is obvious that these are symbols as Revelation begins by noting that it is signified (1:1); it is highly figurative and symbolic. Ask yourself some other questions regarding elements in Revelation 20 and whether they are literal or figurative. Is the key literal? Is the bottomless pit literal? Is the great chain literal? Is the seal that is upon Satan literal? Are the thrones literal? Were all these souls literally beheaded? Is the beast literal? Is the mark of the beast a literal mark on one's forehead and hands? These are all figures.

Instead of giving us a timetable of events to happen on earth in the future, the chief concern of Revelation 20 is the devil meeting his end and the victory of the saints. Troubles and worries may abound for Christians trying to stay faithful to Jesus in the face of an ungodly world that persecutes them, but whether one it is the first century or the twenty-first, we know that complete victory is found in Christ. Do not let anything separate you from Him who gives you the victory. Jesus is King (Eph. 1:20-22; Col. 1:13). He reigns and will reign (Acts 2:22-36; 1 Cor. 15:24-26). Does He reign in your life?  
-- Mark Day