

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

Brother Bob Hawkins was hospitalized last week at St. Francis due to feeling light headed. He was diagnosed with an electrical issue with his heart and is also being treated for pneumonia. He will be scheduled soon to have a pacemaker inserted. Evelyn Murphy's great granddaughter is home following treatment in Riley Hospital for an infection. Bryan Dyer, Susie Riddle's son and Cindy Murray's brother, is scheduled to begin additional treatments for his cancer. 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. Judy Coley has suffered with bladder issues and is undergoing additional testing. 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 April, we are collecting peanut butter for donation to the Martinsville school food pantry.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next monthly men's business meeting will be Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</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. Following Sunday morning services there will be a pitch-in 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 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).

April 5, 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:**

"Preparing For Eternity"

Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

**Website:**

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

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## MY SACRIFICE

Paul, in Ephesians 5:2, affirms that “*Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell*” (ASV unless noted). It is in this text that we see Jesus presented as our sacrifice. In this picture, we find many wonderful thoughts that thrill our souls. Let us think for a while about Jesus, my sacrifice.

### THE MOTIVE THAT MADE JESUS MY SACRIFICE

“Christ also loved you.” The command to the disciples to love one another was based on the fact that Jesus loved them (John 13:34). Jesus’ love for us makes us “*more than conquerors*” (Rom. 8:37). Jesus’ love for us is manifested in the fact he overcame the world (John 16:33) so we could overcome the world (1 John 2:15-17). Jesus showed the greatest love a man can have (John 15:13). Jesus’ love motivated him to do that which “*loosed us from our sins by his blood*” (Rev. 1:5). The love of Jesus is seen in his earthly ministry (Matt. 9:35-38; 14:14; 15:32; 20:34; Mark 10:17-21; Luke 7:11-15; John 11:3,35,36).

Jesus’ love for mankind is taught to little children through the song, “Jesus Loves Me.” Anna Bartlett Warner and her sister Susan lived in New York City in the 1800s. The depression of 1837 took the family’s finances and forced them to move into a ramshackle Revolutionary War-era home on Constitution Island on the Hudson, right across from the Military Academy at West Point ... Anna and Susan began writing poems and stories for publication ... One of their most successful joint projects was a novel titled *Say and Seal* in which a little boy ... is dying. His Sunday School teacher ... comforts him by taking him in his arms, rocking him, and making up a little song: ‘Jesus love me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so...’ ... The novel became a best-seller ... when hymnwriter William Bradbury read the words ... (written by Anna), he composed a childlike musical score to go along with them. ‘Jesus Loves Me,’ soon became the best-known children’s hymn on earth (Morgan 1:139).

Jesus loves me is the motive that made Jesus my sacrifice!

### THE MEANS BY WHICH JESUS BECAME MY SACRIFICE

“*Christ ... gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God.*” This references the cross by which he became my sacrifice. The saved are added to the church (Acts 2:47). Jesus “*loved the church, and gave himself up for it*” (Eph. 5:25). Jesus “*gave himself for our sins*” (Gal. 1:4). He stated this as his mission (Matt. 20:28). He was “*delivered up for our trespasses*” (Rom. 4:25) and “*died for us*” (5:8). It was his love that

motivated him to give “*himself up for me*” (Gal. 2:20).

“Gave up” is from *paredoken* from *paradidomi*, ... to surrender, i.e yield up, intrust, transmit” (Biblesoft’s). In Jesus’ case, it was the idea of delivering himself up to the custody of the Jews and Romans to be judged, condemned, scourged and crucified (John 18,19). He took my place on the cross because “*the wages of sin is death*” (Rom. 6:23). He, “*by the grace of God*” tasted “*of death for every man*” (Heb. 2:9). The cross allowed him “*once for all*” (Heb. 7:27; 9:12; 10:10) to offer “up himself” (Heb. 7:27; 9:14,28; 10:10,12). Christians remember Jesus, their sacrifice, every first day of the week (Acts 20:7) in observing the Lord’s Supper which proclaims “*the Lord’s death till he come*” (1 Cor. 11:23-26).

His sacrifice was “an offering” (*prosphoran* means that which is offered to God). It is sometimes used to denote an offering without blood (Rom. 15:16), but here it refers to the sacrifice of the Christ who shed his blood for us. His sacrifice was “a sacrifice” (*thusian* is usually used to denote a blood sacrifice). This was the idea of the atoning sacrifice for sin. This references our deserving the death sentence, but Jesus’ taking our place.

The cross is the means by which Jesus became my sacrifice!

### THE MEANING OF JESUS AS MY SACRIFICE

Jesus’ sacrifice is “*an odor of a sweet smell.*” The sweet-smelling fragrance is an anthropomorphic way of stating God’s accepting the sacrifices offered to him by men (Gen. 8:20-21; Lev. 1:1-9; Num. 15:1-3). This references the propitiatory (satisfactory) nature of the death of Christ (Rom. 3:24-25; Heb. 2:17; 1 John 2:1-2; 4:10). This also reminds us that “*God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son*” (John 3:16) and that “*God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us*” (Rom. 5:8).

The meaning in the context is that a recognition of Jesus as my sacrifice will regulate my lifestyle. I will be imitating God, as his child, as I live among people on the earth. The love Jesus manifested for me on Calvary will motivate me to manifest love in my lifestyle (Eph. 5:1-2). I will “*put on love, which is the bond of perfectness*” (Col. 3:14). This shows I am God’s elect (3:12).

Let us appreciate the sacrifice of Christ in our behalf and live for him who died for us! Oh! What a Savior! - *James E. Rogers*