

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Virginia McKinney is suffering with back and hip pain.
Kami Harrison, granddaughter of Jesse and Susie Riddle had a seizure, fell and broke several vertebrae. Please pray for a full recovery.
Joni McConnell's sister is recovering from shoulder issues after falling.
Evelyn Murphy has been struggling with respiratory issues.
Tim Burdsall is still recovering from knee replacement surgery.
Judy Coley has a growth in the front of her right ear and one in the lymph node near the larynx area. She is to have a biopsy done to determine the type of carcinoma.
Delores Hendrickson continues to need our prayers for sustained health.
Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling terminal cancer.
Karen Sproles is still dealing with pain in her knee.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, The Waters: Kathy Malwitz, 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.

Benevolent Opportunities:

We are now collecting macaroni and cheese, instant pastas and rice meals.. These items will be donated to the Martinsville school food pantry.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be today, following the AM services. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a sermon instead of the regular singing service.

Area Gospel Meeting:

The Eagle Valley Church of Christ at 8465 Crawfordsville Rd. in Indianapolis is hosting a gospel meeting April 6 – 10. Week night services will begin at 7:00 PM. Brother A. J. Cox will be doing the speaking.

2025 Gospel Meetings:

Our spring gospel meeting with former Morgan St. gospel preacher Randall Jones will be held April 25 – 27. Services Friday and Saturday will start at 7:00 PM. Following the Sunday morning service we will have a pitch-in dinner and a service will be held afterwards at 1:00 PM to conclude the meeting. Meeting flyers are on the table in the back of the auditorium to be handed out or mailed to family, neighbors and friends.

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 6, 2025

MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**540 E. Morgan Street
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

Radio Program:

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Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

THE REALITY OF DEATH

Regardless of the culture in which one lives it is a universal fact that the concept of a human death is not one that brings excitement to our minds. There are those who try to avoid speaking about death, because to them, such a thought is simply too morbid. Others refuse to talk concerning death because they are afraid discussing it will bring bad luck.

Why do humans die? In Romans 5:12, it is written “...*by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.*” It was “sin” that caused death to come into the world —the sin of Eve and Adam. Because of their violation of God’s will, God cast man out of the Garden of Eden, in His own words, “*lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever*” (Gen. 3:22). Today, you and I do not have access to the tree of life on earth, so we die.

Generally, people are living longer today than people of recent generations did. Improved medical practices, discovered cures for some diseases, improved health education, and improved dietary choices are some of the factors which have contributed to man’s longevity. Yet, despite our efforts to maintain our fitness and prolong our exit from this world, we will die one day. Death shows no partiality. It comes to the highly educated and less educated, to the poor and to the rich, to the ungodly and to the godly. Just before his death, King David told his son, “*I go the way of all the earth*” (1 Kings 2:2) —a clear reference to the universality of death.

It is an unavoidable truth that “*it is appointed unto men once to die*” (Heb. 9:27). Physical death is part of the human experience. There have been two exceptions to this rule in the past, the prophets Enoch and Elijah did not die. When Jesus returns, those still alive at that time will not pass through physical death, but all will be changed (1 Cor. 15:51).

Death is a separation. It is a fact that “*the body without the spirit is dead*” (James 2:26), so at death, the spirit of a person is separated from (that is, no longer in) the physical body. Thus, death is the closing chapter of one phase of our existence —the earthly stage. However, there is an eternal aspect of our being, as each human has a spirit that

will never pass through death or go out of existence. “*Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it*” (Eccl. 12:7).

Some mistakenly assume that their death will come “much later” rather than sooner. The young often give no thought to death, or if death does enter their mind, they tell themselves that they will not have to face such an unpleasant matter for many years. The truth is, life is like a vapor that appears for a little while then vanishes away (James 4:14). Many say, “But I should still have a lot of good years left.” There is no guarantee of that is there? Hear these sobering words: “*Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth*” (Prov. 27:1). The undeniable truth is, none of us knows how long we will live on the earth. Death sometimes comes to the young as well as to the healthy, does it not?

We understand that on the human side of things, once death has occurred, it is good for those who are grieving over a person’s passing to have what we call “closure.” After Sarah’s demise, Abraham declared a desire to “*bury my dead out of my sight*” (Gen. 23:4). Many take great care to have their funerals well planned. It is a serious folly, though, for a person to give more thought in preparing for their funeral/memorial service than for their death. Why is that? Because after we die, we will face judgment (Heb. 9:27). Being in the right relationship with the Lord so we will be ready for judgment is of far greater importance than planning in advance for a wake or funeral arrangements.

Great multitudes of people are terrified by the thought of dying. Why is that? For many, it is because they are unsure of what lies on the other side of death. The Bible teaches that Jesus came to release men from the bondage of fearing death (Heb. 2:14). The great news is, by God’s grace Jesus tasted death for you, me, and every other sinner (Heb. 2:9). Through Jesus’ *death*, we can have *life*! Via the physical death of the Redeemer, all can have spiritual life! For the saved, death is a passage into a wonderful eternity. Praise God for it and pass on the good news!

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