

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Liz Sturgill is in cardiac critical care at St. Francis hospital Indianapolis with double pneumonia and sepsis and in need of fervent prayer.
Jeff Sturgill continues to recover from a sore on his foot and is doing better.
Ray and Liz's brother-in-law, Teddy Adams, in Kentucky is recovering from surgery to remove a tumor in the back of his neck
Ray Sturgill's sister, Louise Boggs, in Kentucky is in the hospital.
Jesse Riddle is experiencing weakness but is sometimes able to attend Sunday AM service. He recently has been placed under hospice care.
Virginia McKinney is in need of our prayers. She has been diagnosed with cancer and is scheduled for surgery April 11th.
Bob Hawkins continues to receive treatment for the veins in his legs.
Shawn Mathews is on a new medication to help with his digestive system issues.
Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling cancer.
Please pray for Mike and Doris Parnell's neighbor's son, Jake..
Karen Sproles had a nerve block injection in her knee. A biopsy taken from a sore on her leg tested positive for melanoma. She is waiting to see the doctor for next steps.
Karen Sproles' daughter is had stomach surgery last week.
Nan Coons, wife of Darian and daughter-in-law of Eldon and Glenda Coons was is home and now able to eat and slowly improving.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, John & 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..

2024 Gospel Meetings:

A spring gospel meeting will be held April 12-14 with brother Ronnie Whittemore of the Stop 11 Rd. Church of Christ in Indianapolis and a fall gospel meeting will be held September 6-8 with brother Tom House of the Plainview Church of Christ in Fulton, MS.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:00.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, April 14th, following the AM services. Following the dinner, we will meet at 1:00 PM to conclude our gospel meeting with brother Ronnie Whittemore.

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 7, 2024

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

AGREE TO DISAGREE

Denver Thomas

With the vast number of so-called religious faiths in existence in modern day history, it has become necessary for various religious leaders to arrive at some standard whereby religious groups can coexist in some sort of civility. In an attempt to address this dilemma, a group of representative religious leaders have championed a medium approach that tends to allay tensions among the many member organizations. It seems they have decided to agree to disagree.

The term agree to disagree or agreeing to disagree, is a phrase in English referring to the resolution of a conflict whereby all parties tolerate, but do not accept, the opposing position. It generally occurs when all sides recognize that further conflict would be unnecessary, ineffective or otherwise undesirable. And, while that may provide some relief of tensions regarding differences in various religious groups, it does nothing to arrive at unity among those involved. In the end, each group continues to do as they have done in days gone by. How does all this affect the brotherhood of churches of Christ today?

The Lord's church, as we view it, also has its share of differences when it comes to worship activity. It has been argued that each congregation is solely responsible for its own worship. However, it must be remembered that the Lord's church is composed of individual congregations of Christians around the world and that unity is of utmost importance. What is it the writer of Ephesians has to say? "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all" (Eph. 4:3-6).

I recently purchased a copy of Churches Of Christ In The United States (compiled by Carl Royster and published by 21st

Century Christian, 2809 12th Avenue South, Nashville, TN 37204). Inside the front cover is a list of some twenty "qualifiers" (my word) which sets one congregation apart from some other. Further, some five of those relate to the Lord's Supper alone. The obvious result is that there exists numerous ways in which various so-called church of Christ congregations have chosen to "worship" God. With that in mind, it would appear our brotherhood has adopted the "Agree to Disagree" philosophy of the sectarian world, especially since someone has seen fit to document as much.

When in travel status, it is no longer possible to just "drop in" to a congregation along the wayside and expect to worship in Spirit and in Truth (John 4:24) as one might desire. Some are known as "one cuppers". Some have one loaf. Some have mechanical instruments. Some have women in leadership roles. Some offer communion on alternate days. And the list goes on and on. Remember those twenty "qualifiers" referred to above?

One might ask "What would Jesus have to say?" if He were to visit so-called churches of Christ today as He did and is recorded in chapters 2 and 3 of the Book of Revelation? Might He say, "I have somewhat against thee, repent or I will...."

We need to give more earnest heed to what Jesus had to say in John 12:48, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day." When will we start? Time is running out!