

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Jeff Sturgill continues to recover from a sore on his foot and is doing better.
Ray's brother-in-law, Teddy Adams, in Kentucky is recovering from surgery to remove a tumor in the back of his neck
Jesse Riddle is on hospice care but is often able to attend Sunday AM service.
Virginia McKinney had outpatient surgery for her cancer and is doing well..
Connie Davis underwent surgery to replace the left side of her hip. She is receiving rehab treatments and a full recovery will take approximately 8-12 weeks.
Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling cancer.
Karen Sproles had a nerve block injection in her knee. A biopsy taken from a sore on her leg tested positive for melanoma. She has several other spots as well. She has been referred to a doctor specializing in skin cancer.
Karen Sproles' son will be moving back to this area and will have knee surgery.
Karen Sproles' daughter had stomach surgery and is doing well.
Randy Shanafelt, Shirley Cook's son-in-law, is still in Florida with Karen because Randy is having heart problems. He is waiting to have the leads on his pacemaker replaced and needs a coronary artery blockage removed and a stent put in.

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 fall gospel meeting will be held September 6-8 with brother Tom House of the Plainview Church of Christ in Fulton, MS.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, May 5th, following the AM services.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, May 1st at 5:00 PM.

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).

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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:

"Preparing For Eternity"
Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

THE CATHOLIC ROSARY

The scope of the Catholic Rosary is far removed from the teachings of Jesus and the apostles. It is nothing more than an invention of man.

Most people not affiliated with Roman Catholicism do not understand what the Rosary is all about. We may have heard it mentioned here or there and we possibly have seen it used in an occasional movie scene, but many do not know of its origins or understand its intended purpose.

The Roman Catholic church began in 606 AD with Boniface III, but the use of the Rosary was not seen for another 600 years in the 13th century — about 1200 years after Jesus established the church. So, this “religious device” is clearly not a part of Christianity as found in the pages of the New Testament.

The Rosary originated when a priest by the name of Dominic supposedly had a vision of “the Blessed Virgin” Mary who presented him with a Rosary along with five special prayers to be introduced into the religion.

Dominic traveled widely, promoting and honoring Mary. His inordinate devotion was evident in the attention his Rosary placed upon this woman. In the ensuing years the Rosary would become another of many religious traditions integrated into Catholicism.

Though there are various forms of the Rosary, the standard Rosary is a necklace-type string consisting of 59 beads (or knots) and one crucifix (cross). Along the enclosed circuit, fifty-three smaller beads are arranged into five groups of ten beads each, and a final group, outside of the loop, which consists of three beads. The five prayers Dominic supposedly receive from Mary are recited in coordination with each section of beads. The prayers read:

The Apostles’ Creed. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Our Father. Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Hail Mary. Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

Glory Be. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Hail, Holy Queen. Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve, to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us. O Holy Mother of God that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. [Note: “clement” is the Latin word for “merciful”]

The “Rosary” (prayer, recitation) begins by making the sign of the cross on the crucifix and reciting the Apostles’ Creed, followed by one Our Father, three Hail Marys and one Glory Be. This is followed by reciting, at each of the six bead groupings, one Our Father, ten Hail Marys and one Glory Be.

The “Rosary” is concluded by praying the Hail, Holy Queen. Additionally, participants recite portions of the Rosary as penance for various sins. For example, in the confession booth, a priest may instruct one to say the “Hail Mary” prayer fifty times for penance of a sin to which they had confessed.

This man-made religious practice is completely absent from the scriptures and is contrary to the truth found in God’s word. Notice the following obvious contradictions:

The Apostles’ Creed is not from Jesus’ apostles. The apostles did not write such a creed. Their only teaching is found in the New Testament. This Catholic “creed” was conceived in the minds of uninspired man centuries after the first century church.

Mary is referred to as a virgin. That she remained a virgin throughout her life is paramount to Catholicism, but this much desired idea can be easily refuted in the pages of the Bible. Jesus is called Mary’s “firstborn,” meaning that she had other children (Matt. 1:25). Jesus had four brothers and at least two sisters (Matt. 13:55-56).

An obvious over-emphasis is given to Mary in the Rosary prayers. The belief that she is to be “hailed” as “Holy Queen” is blasphemous, as it suggests that Mary is virtually equal to God.

The repetitious nature of the Rosary prayers is excessive. Repeating the same phrases over and over is superfluous and needless. Some Catholics might take up to twenty minutes to complete the repetitive words of the Rosary prayers. This reminds us of Jesus admonition, “And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words” (Matt. 6:7). -- Jon Gary Williams