

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

Liz Sturgill continues to have dialysis treatments at Spencer three times a week.  
Delores Hendrickson fell at home and broke some ribs. She is currently in rehab at The Springs rehab center in Mooresville.  
Charlene Boggs' brother, Eric Trapp, is in need of prayer. He underwent surgery for cancer in his leg and his incision has become infected.  
Ray Sturgill's brother Darryl continues to recover from foot sores.  
John Richardson has been suffering from gallstones.  
Virginia McKinney is still experiencing some balance and hip problems.  
Karen Sproles had another cancerous growth removed successfully. She continues to receive steroid injections in her knee.  
Karen Sproles' daughter, Jean England is scheduled for surgery on May 4<sup>th</sup> for colon cancer.  
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)

**Ladies' Bible Class Resumed:**

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

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next monthly pitch-in dinner will be held Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> 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, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM.

**2023 Spring Gospel Meeting:**

Our spring gospel meeting will be held May 19-21 with brother Ben Vick of the Shelbyville Rd. Church of Christ in Indianapolis. Flyers for the May meeting are on the table in the back of the auditorium. Please take them and send to family 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 30, 2023

***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 (March through October)

**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

## 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!