

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

Gloria Hale is in the Heartstone rehab center, near Bloomington, Room 617.  
Mike Parnell's sister, Brenda has cancer.  
Charlie Henard's mother suffers from Alzheimer's in Tennessee.  
Charlie Henard's sister recently had both hips replaced.  
Karen Sproles is still suffering with problems in her knee.  
Iris Hash is being treated for stomach, nasal and back problems.  
Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law, Darrell Grimes is enrolled in a clinical trial treatment program for his cancer in Nashville, TN.  
Ken Roosa's friend and a member at the Shelbyville Rd. Church of Christ, Gary Short, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.  
Ray & Liz Sturgill's neighbor's granddaughter, Kyleigh Mabie, has terminal brain cancer.

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

**Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:**

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia)  
Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru) (Scheduled to move to Peru June 3<sup>rd</sup>)

**Ladies' Community Outreach Work:**

The ladies of the congregation will be donating items on a monthly basis for the Morgan County Department of Child Services (DCS) and to the local women's shelter. For the month of April, the item to be donated is baby food. If you would like to support this work, please bring this in throughout the month so they can be delivered at month's end.

**Summer Gospel Meeting:**

Our summer gospel meeting will be held June 10-12. Our speaker will be former Morgan St. gospel preacher Randall Jones who currently preaches at the Richardsville, KY Church of Christ. Services will be held at 7 PM on Friday and Saturday evenings. Following the Sunday morning service there will be a pitch-in dinner followed by a 1 PM service to conclude the meeting. Please pray for our meeting.

**Radio Program:**

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

**God's Plan For Our Salvation:**

1. **Hearing** the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).
2. **Believing** what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).
3. **Repentance** (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).
4. **Confession** (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).
5. **Baptism** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).
6. **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

**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

# WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE USA?

Jason Patrick Hilburn

***I'm thankful our King does not change every four years! I'm thankful our King can never be defeated by His enemies! I'm thankful our King loves righteousness and hates iniquity! That is why God the Father exalted His Son Jesus to be our Righteous King — the King of all kings and Lord of all lords.***

What does God have in store for the USA? I do not know, but I know what He does NOT have in store. Friends, the USA will not last forever. The USA is not the everlasting kingdom foretold in the Old Testament to begin in Jerusalem during the days of the Roman kings (Daniel 2; Isaiah 2; Joel 2; Haggai 2). The USA is not the “*holy nation*” referred to in 1 Peter 2:9. It's not the kingdom that will be delivered up to God when Jesus returns (1 Cor. 15:22-24). Those descriptions belong solely to the Lord's church/nation/kingdom that He died to establish (Matt. 16:18-19, 28; Acts 20:28). The USA needs to remember what Psalms 9:17 says: “*The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God*” (cf. Prov. 14:34). If the USA chooses the path of rebellion against God, that path leads to destruction.

Also remember that God has often used even wicked leaders to accomplish His will (Exodus 9:16; Daniel 4:17; Habakkuk 1; John 19:11). There are things God does in His providence that are beyond our understanding (Isa. 55:8-9; Rom. 11:33; 13:1-7). Clearly, God's main goal is for people to be in Heaven with Him forever (Rom. 5:8-10; 1 Tim. 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9). This nation and this world need to be seen the way God does, with eternity in mind (1 Cor. 2:16; 2 Cor. 4:16-18).

I love the USA, and I am not saying the USA is about to fall, but one day it will come to its end, just like every other earthly nation (2 Peter 3:10-12). Until then, Christians in America need to pray for its leaders and be godly citizens (Rom. 13; 1 Tim. 2:1-5; 1 Peter 2:13-23). We need to make sure we are faithful members of Christ's everlasting kingdom and that our citizenship is in Heaven (Matt. 16:18-19,28; Col. 1:13; Phil. 3:20; Heb. 12:22-29; Rev. 1:9). Maybe we need to be reminded that Christians are like those of ancient times who were “*strangers and pilgrims on the earth,*” desiring “*a better country, that is, a heavenly*” (Heb. 11:13-16; cf. Matt. 6:19-21; Col. 3:1-2).

When I compare Christ's kingdom to the USA, I'm so thankful our King does not change every four years! I'm so thankful our King can never be

defeated by His enemies! I'm so thankful that our King loves righteousness and hates all sin! That is why God the Father exalted His Son Jesus to be our Righteous King — the King of all kings (Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:9; Rev. 17:14). Our King does not use profanity. He is the epitome of humility. He hates the shedding of innocent blood. He hates racism, adultery, homosexuality, pedophilia, and sins of every kind (Prov. 6:16-19; Luke 10:25-37; 1 Cor. 6:9-11; Jude 7). He has never committed even one sin (Heb. 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22).

Our King commands men to love God first and love their neighbors as much as they love themselves (Matt. 22:36-40; Phil. 2:3-5). He commands His followers to pray for their enemies and do good to them (Matt. 5:43-48; Rom. 12:9-21), and if there is one thing our nation is missing, it's LOVE! That is because most people do not understand who the True Ruler is, and that He is love (1 John 4:8-11). One day they will. One day every person who has ever lived will bow down before King Jesus, confessing His glory with their mouths: “*For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God*” (Rom. 14:11; cf. Phil. 2:9-11). On that day it will be too late to be saved from God's wrath. There is no day that compares with the day the Lord God Almighty returns in judgment against this wicked world — the day the righteous Lamb returns in the clouds as the Lion of Judah (Matt. 24:35-39; 1 Thess. 4:13-5:3; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Rev. 5:5).

Nothing is more important than getting ready for that day. All men are amenable to King Christ's law, whether they realize it or not. We will all be judged by His Words (Matt. 28:18-20; John 12:48; 1 Cor. 9:21; 2 Cor. 5:10; James 1:22-25). Seek His kingdom now, before it's too late (Matt. 6:33)! A penitent believer in Christ must be born of water and of the Spirit to enter that kingdom, remaining faithful after water baptism (John 3:5; 6:63; Acts 2:36-41; 10:6,35,47,48; 22:16; Eph. 5:26; Heb. 10:22-31; 1 Peter 3:20-21; 2 Peter 2:20-22; 1 John 1:6-2:6).

Regardless of who the president is, if persecutions come, or even if the USA falls, citizens of Christ's eternal kingdom can have a peace that passes understanding, trusting God with nothing to fear (Prov. 3:5-6; Rom. 8:31; Phil. 4:4-13; 2 Tim. 1:7). That said, our main mission is to spread God's Word in this world. It will always be controversial (Matt. 28:18-20; John 8:40; Gal. 4:16; 2 Tim. 3:12).

No matter what happens, serve the King, pledge allegiance to Him, and stand up and proclaim His Word without fear!