

**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 doing better but is still in need of prayer.  
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. The biopsy result from the growth removed was negative. She continues to receive steroid injections in her knee.  
Karen Sproles' daughter, Jean England had surgery on May 4<sup>th</sup> for colon cancer and is in St. Francis hospital..  
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) See latest mission reports on the bulletin board in back of the auditorium.

**Ladies' Bible Class Resumed:**

The ladies' Bible class continues to meet on Thursdays at 11:00 AM.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be held the last day of our gospel meeting with brother Ben Vick, Sunday, May 21st following the morning services. Following the meal, we will reconvene at 1:00 PM for the final service of the meeting.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, June 7th 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. The theme for the sermons is "Messages From The Messianic Prophet". Flyers for the meeting are on the table in the back of the auditorium. Please take them and send to family and friends and continue to pray for the meeting.

**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](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## REMEMBER GOD NOW – Garland Robinson

Remember God when we're young, young adults, middle age, old age. There is no time when it's acceptable to not remember God!

Amos 4:12 reminds of a great principle — “prepare to meet thy God.” The vast majority of individuals who depart this life are unprepared to meet God. They are not ready. Are YOU ready? Won't you make preparation to be ready? All humanity will stand before the righteous judge of all the earth some day to give an account of how they lived. Romans 14:12 makes this clear in saying, “So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.” It does not matter if you believe it or not. It does not change the fact of it. Judgment is real! It is in our future.

The time to make preparation is NOW. There is no promise of tomorrow or next week or next year. Though most young people make it to adulthood does not mean all will. Today is the day of salvation (2 Cor. 6:2).

God expects us to remember Him NOW, especially in youth. “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them” (Eccl. 12:1).

### WHY SHOULD WE REMEMBER GOD?

**1) We need to remember God because of our SIN against Him.** “There is none righteous, no not one...all have sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:10,23). Our sins separate us from God. “Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear” (Isa. 59:1-2). “The wages of sin is death” (Rom. 6:23) — eternal separation from God. The only way to escape eternal death and damnation in the hell prepared for the devil is to be forgiven. For the individual who truly feels the tragedy of their own sins, forgiveness can hardly be imagined. How can a holy, righteous God forgive such a debt? But, the Bible tells us that God is not willing for anyone to perish. Instead, he desires all to come to repentance and obey the Gospel (cf. 2 Peter 3:9). The obedient, the faithful to God, are forgiven! Should we not serve Him? We can only begin to appreciate forgiveness (salvation) when we realize the weight and burden of sin that has been lifted from our soul.

**2) We need to remember God because we need GUIDANCE.** We can't “go it alone” and think we will meet God's approval. It's impossible without God. Jeremiah 10:23 says it is not within man's ability to direct his own life. There are so many ways that “seem” to be right in our eyes, but contrary to our own belief, they are the ways that lead to eternal separation from God (Prov. 14:12; 16:25). Philip was sent to the man from Ethiopia to teach him the Gospel. He found the man reading from the book of Isaiah. Philip asked, “...Understandeth thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I,

except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him” (Acts 8:30-31). As a result of being shown the truth, the eunuch was baptized (immersed into water for the forgiveness of his sins). This is exactly what those on Pentecost were told to do. “Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...” (Acts 2:38). He went on his way rejoicing.

**3) We need to remember God because He loves us.** “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). “For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. ... God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:6,8). We cannot imagine such love. We are unworthy, undeserving. Our sins and iniquities are as filthy rags. “But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away” (Isa. 64:6). Oh, if it were only so that multitudes would comprehend such love! “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Rom. 5:8). Young people, appreciate the love of God on your behalf. It is real. It is genuine. It is for YOU and the whole world.

**4) We need to remember God because He gives purpose to our lives.** Paul said, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal. 2:20). “I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 3:14). Countless numbers of young people are aimlessly wondering through life with no clue of their purpose, no goal for their life, caring not what their life will be like tomorrow. They live only for the moment — for the “buzz” of a high. There's more to life than the fleeting days of youth. If they would only learn that lesson now. Untold numbers of those who have reached the wisdom of years see the uselessness of the time wasted and the tragic end of the indiscretions of their youth.

**5) We need to remember God because there is a reward awaiting us.** “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). “In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also” (John 14:2-3). “...There is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing” (2 Tim. 4:8). Is heaven worth it? Oh yes, many times over!