

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Liz Sturgill continues to have dialysis treatments at Spencer three times a week. She is still having difficulty with her new infusion port.

Delores Hendrickson is still recovering at The Springs rehab center in Mooresville.

She recently had her staples removed and is undergoing physical therapy.

Iris Hash is still suffering from stomach problems.

John Richardson is having problems with dehydration and blood sugar levels.

Virginia McKinney is still experiencing some balance and hip problems.

Karen Sproles is doing better but continues to receive steroid injections in her knee.

Karen Sproles' daughter, Jean England had surgery on May 4th for colon cancer and is now back home. At this point there is no need for chemotherapy.

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.

Deepest Sympathy:

Our prayers go out to Eric and Lori Bowlen and their family at the passing of Eric's mother, Nita Bowlen. Also please remember her husband, Eric's father, Jack in prayer. Nita passed away Sunday evening May 14th. Funeral services were held on Friday at the Liberty Church of Christ where Nita was a faithful member.

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 today on the final day of our gospel meeting. 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 conclude today with brother Ben Vick of the Shelbyville Rd. Church of Christ in Indianapolis. The theme for the sermons has been "Messages From The Messianic Prophet".

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:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

THE LIGHT THAT WILL NEVER GROW DIM

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Las Vegas, Nevada is known as the city that never grows dark because of the abundance of neon lights. But one day those lights and all other lights in this world will never shine again! There is a light, however, that will never grow dim nor be extinguished. Most people today are putting their faith in artificial light that man has created while steadfastly rejecting “the light of the world” ([John 8:12](#)) which is Jesus Christ. He was the only source of complete “light” while living on this earth ([John 9:5](#)).

After Jesus’ death, it was by His power, purpose, and glory that through the inspired preaching of His apostles this light would continue to shine forth as long as this world exists. Upon the death of the last apostle, God’s revelation to man was once for all time completed. Such was announced by the apostle Paul in saying, “Love never faileth: but whether (there be) prophecies, they shall be done away; whether (there be) tongues, they shall cease; whether (there be) knowledge, it shall be done away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away” ([1 Cor. 13:8-10](#)).

The phrase “that which is perfect” refers not to Jesus Christ, but to completed revelation — the Word of God. Man-made lights flicker brightly and then burn out, but God’s source of light, His Word, will continue to burn brightly and lead the obedient to eternal life. Far too many today put their trust in man-made lights (creeds) while rejecting the light that comes from above (God’s Word)!

Jesus said, “...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life” ([John 8:12](#)). We live in a society where “the powers that be” think they are the “light of the world.” They revel in their worldly wisdom, take great pride in human power, and praise indecent and ungodly behavior. When the devil’s glitter and glamour no longer shines, all who follow him will find themselves in utter darkness.

This world we live in has plenty of “lights” that blind folks. Some are blinded by the “light of science” and foolishly accept every theory that comes from the mind of man. Theories such as the theory of evolution contradicts the Bible, but this is the bright light of many world renowned scientists. The fact that Adam could not find “a help meet for him” ([Gen. 2:20](#)) among the animals proves that God had to provide a suitable help by a special act of creation.

The second person of the Godhead (Jesus the Christ) is the creator of all things ([John 1:3](#)), but there were two distinct, special acts of creation — the

creating of Adam and Eve. Evolution, organic or theistic, has neither part nor parcel in anything that was created by God! As Franklin Camp so well stated, “If the Bible had said, Monkey thou art, and to monkey thou shalt return, then one might argue there is some basis for evolution in Genesis 2.”

The “light of philosophy” that comes from supposedly brilliant minds blinds some folks. It seems to matter not that for centuries philosophers have been contradicting one another! Christ does not contradict Himself, and is consistent with His teaching, yet people prefer to choose fallible man over infallible God.

The “light of psychology” that rationalizes why man’s sins aren’t really sins, blinds the majority of people. The sin of adultery is called “an innocent affair.” The sin of homosexuality is an “alternate lifestyle.” A drunkard or dope addict has a “disease.” A transgender person was mistakenly born the “incorrect sex.” Can you imagine one knowingly swallowing malaria or injecting himself with cancer? Psychology has attempted to make sin a figment of one’s imagination while leading folks in a dark abyss. Christ, the light of the world is rejected while people choose to fraternize with a world wallowing in spiritual darkness.

It should not surprise us that most folks stand in opposition to God. Jesus warns, “If the world hateth you, ye know that it hath hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you” ([John 15:18-19](#)). Christians will never be popular with the world! Perhaps this is the reason some have no desire to be a Christian. They love the world far too much to let it go!

This world in which we live will one day be burned up ([2 Peter 3:10](#)). What then? It is no wonder that John warns, “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vain glory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” ([1 John 2:15-17](#)).

Christ pleads with His followers to be the “salt of the earth” and the “light of the world” ([Matt. 5:13-16](#)). The reason why people do not obey the Gospel and live Christian lives is no mystery. Christ stated it well in saying, “And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reproved” ([John 3:19-20](#)).

We have fellowship with Christ and brethren of like precious faith only if we “walk in the light” of God’s Word ([1 John 1:7](#)). May we choose to follow the light that will never grow dim nor fade away!