

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 and is now battling a kidney infection.

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

Iris Hash is still suffering from stomach problems. She is taking probiotics for her stomach and strong pain medication for her back pain.

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

Elena Hawkins is suffering from back pain.

Virginia McKinney is still experiencing some balance and hip problems in addition to problems with her back and legs

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

Deepest Sympathy:

Our prayers go out to sister Julie McIntyre and her family at the passing of former Morgan St. member brother Kevin McIntyre. Kevin succumbed to issues associated with prostate cancer. Services for Kevin were held in Martinsville on Saturday.

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 on Sunday, June 4th immediately after the morning service. Following the meal, we will reconvene at 1:00 PM for a singing then dismiss for the day.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, June 7th 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

GOD'S GREAT GOSPEL

Roger Campbell

If we want lost souls to hear the Gospel, it is our responsibility to get it to them. Let us put forth a renewed effort to communicate the only message that can save the souls of men.

In the epistle which was addressed to “the saints and faithful brethren in Christ which are at Colosse” (Col. 1:2), Paul commended them for their faith and love (1:4). He then spoke about their hope (1:5). What is not to like about the combination of faith, love, and hope?!

How did they have hope? It was through the Gospel. Here is what the apostle went on to write: “For the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as it is in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as it doth also in you, since the day ye heard of it, and knew the grace of God in truth” (Col. 1:5-6). What did he show them (and us) about God’s great Gospel?

The Gospel is a message of TRUTH. Again, Paul described it as “the word of the truth of the gospel” (1:5). Jesus said the Father’s word is truth (John 17:17). When we read, follow, and spread the Gospel of God, we have the assurance that it is truth. The Gospel is a message of HOPE. How did people in the city of Colosse hear about hope? Through the Gospel (1:5). And that hope pointed to what location? To heaven — “the hope which is laid up for you in heaven” (1:5). A bit later in this same letter, Paul spoke of “the hope of the gospel” (1:23). Christians have a singular hope (Eph. 4:4), which is eternal life (Titus 1:2). Only God’s Gospel of truth gives legitimate hope to humans! Any philosophy or teaching that is founded on human ideas of any sort cannot give real hope. In particular, we need to beware of teaching which is a mixture of God’s truth and human ideas. Having genuine hope is possible only through the God of hope (Rom. 15:13) and the Gospel of His dear Son.

God’s great Gospel is FOR ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. Paul wrote about the Gospel coming/going into all the world (1:6). Such language reminds us of the Great Commission — the charge of Jesus to preach the Gospel to every creature in all the world (Mark 16:15). As the old song says, “The Gospel is for all.” There is no such thing as one

Gospel for the Gentiles and a different Gospel the Jews. There is one Gospel, period. God’s wisdom and power makes the Gospel “fit” the needs of every person of every race in every place.

The Gospel BEARS FRUIT. Paul declared the Gospel which came to Colosse “bringeth forth fruit” (1:6). When the incorruptible seed is sown and people receive it, they are “born again” (1 Peter 1:22-23). Jesus spoke of sowing and reaping or sowing and a harvest (John 4:35-37). One “fruit” which the Gospel produces is saved people. A second type of fruit it produces is the spiritual development/maturity of Christians. In fact, we read about this kind of fruit here in Colossians 1, as Paul said he prayed for them to be “fruitful in every good work” (1:10), which would be the same as them “being filled with the fruits of righteousness” (Phil. 1:11). The Gospel produces God-glorifying fruit.

The Gospel is a message of GRACE. When the people in Colosse heard the Gospel, they “knew the grace of God in truth” (1:6). In Bible lingo, it is “the gospel of the grace of God” (Acts 20:24). God’s kindness is revealed through the Gospel, which shows humanity how to act in order to receive (and keep on receiving) God’s grace. The Gospel MUST BE COMMUNICATED. How did people living in Colosse get connected with the Gospel? Paul said, “...the truth of the gospel, which has come to you” (1:5-6; NKJV). So, we are looking at a historical fact: the Gospel came to Colosse. The Gospel getting to Colosse was the effect: what was the cause? God’s Gospel did not get there by accident. It did not just fall out of the sky. No, the Gospel was carried to the residents of that area by human messengers, one of whom is noted in verse seven, a brother by the name of Epaphras. Brethren, if we want lost souls to hear the Gospel, it is our responsibility to get it to them. Let us put forth a renewed effort to communicate the only message that can save the souls of men.

I love the simplicity of Acts 14:7. The whole verse consists of only a few words, but they give us a plain and powerful picture of what Barnabas and Paul did in one geographic region: “And there they preached the gospel.” Thank God for His great Gospel, which still has the power to deliver souls from sin and prepare those who continue to follow it for heaven.