

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

Liz Sturgill was readmitted to the St. Francis hospital for treatment of a UTI. Delores Hendrickson is still recovering at The Springs rehab center in Mooresville is improving and hopes to return home soon. Iris Hash is still suffering from stomach problems. She is taking probiotics for her stomach and strong pain medication for her back pain. Elena Hawkins is suffering from leg pain caused by issues in her back and recently had an MRI. She has been referred to a specialist. 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. Shannon Jones, daughter of Linda and Randall, is still undergoing chemotherapy. Jessica Haynes, daughter-in-law of Dave and Tina, is having a recurrence of headaches and pain.

**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 Connie Davis and her family at the passing of Connie's aunt in Ohio. Funeral services were held last week.

**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, 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".

**Upcoming Gospel Meetings:**

The Stop 11 Road Church of Christ is hosting a gospel meeting June 4 – 8 with brother Paul Sain doing the speaking. Meeting time is 7 PM on week nights. The South Keystone Church of Christ is hosting a gospel meeting June 25 – 28 with our brother Bob Hawkins doing the speaking. Meeting time is 7 PM on week nights.

**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).

June 4, 2023

***MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST***

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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

## THE ORIGIN OF THE CHURCH

James E. Rogers

When Jesus confirmed His deity in response to Peter's confident confession, He promised to build His church (Matt. 16:13-19). Jesus showed that His church would begin in the lifetime of some in the first century (Mark 9:1). Connected with the coming kingdom would be power. The apostles were to receive this power in Jerusalem and with that power they would preach repentance and remission of sins in Jesus' name (Luke. 24:47-49).

Before His ascension, Jesus told the apostles that the power would come when the Holy Spirit came (Acts 1:5,8). When the power came, the church was to come (Mark 9:1). So, the origin of the church of Christ can be traced to the coming of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles. All of this came about on Pentecost (Acts 2).

Since Acts 2 records the beginning of the church, we would do well to examine this chapter in order to appreciate the things connected with that great church.

1. Acts 2 records the coming of the power (2:1-4). When the power came, the church came (Mark 9:1; Luke 24:47-49; Acts 1:5,8). This power directed the things spoken by the apostles.

2. Acts 2 records the preaching that accompanied the beginning of the church (2:4-36; 38-40). As one examines this preaching he will find:

a. It was Spirit-directed (2:4). If one disagrees with anything preached on Pentecost, he disagrees with the Holy Spirit.

b. It was Scripture-filled (2:16-21, 25-28, 34, 35). The prophecies concerning the church were being fulfilled that day. Application is made of the prophecies of the patriarch David and the prophet Joel. The principles concerning the church which had been introduced in Isaiah 2 and Daniel 2 are fulfilled alongside those of Joel 2 and Psalms 16 and 110.

c. It was Savior-centered (2:22-36). Jesus' life, death, burial, resurrection, ascension and reign are discussed. His obedience to God's will is shown in His fulfillment of that will in His life. He was "approved of God" (2:22), "delivered up by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God" (2:23), "raised up" by God (2:24,32) and "made both Lord and Christ" by God (2:36).

d. It was Salvation-oriented (2:37-41,47) It called upon people to save themselves and told them how to do so. That which saved them added them to the church. The church could not have been started earlier than this time nor later than this time.

Salvation was provided and the saved were added to the church when they heard the preaching (2:14), repented of their sins (2:38) and were baptized (2:38,41). All these actions were prompted by faith (Rom. 10:17) and included in them was a confession of that faith (Rom. 10:9,10). This is the same way people are saved and added to the church today.

3. Acts 2 records the Pleasure of church membership (2:42-47). As a result of the joy of being added to the church, members are steadfast in worship (2:42), selfless in work (2:43-45), single in direction (2:46) and saved in eternity (2:47).

The church of Christ had its origin on that first Pentecost following the resurrection of Jesus as recorded in Acts 2. It came with power. It was established with preaching and the pleasures of membership in it are presented to encourage all to become members of it. Persons today need to obey the Gospel plan of salvation in order to become members of that wonderful church.

**Late addition:** Please keep the Randall Jones family in your prayers. Randall's brother Johnnie passed away Friday of Cancer. As I understand it he has been battling this disease for some time and God decided it was time to end his pain. I know Randall, his Mother and his siblings along with Johnnie's wife and children would appreciate our prayers.

In Christ,  
Alice Wade