

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Gloria Hale has temporarily been moved from the rehab center to stay with her son Tim. Sheila Eyster is at her home recovering from COVID. Charlie Henard's mother suffers from Alzheimer's in Tennessee. Karen Sproles is still suffering with problems in her knee. However, she is now has a doctor and foot doctor making visits to her home every 6 weeks. Iris Hash is being treated for stomach, nasal and back problems and recently had laryngitis. Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law, Darrell Grimes is enrolled in a clinical trial treatment program for his cancer in Nashville, TN. John Richardson was moved back to the Bloomington hospital due to a leg infection. Terry Richardson is in the Waters Nursing Home recovering from an accident.

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 3rd)

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 May, the item to be donated is baby clothes. If you would like to support this work, please bring this in throughout the month so they can be delivered at month's end.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, July 6th at 5:00 PM. All men are encouraged to attend.

Stop 11 Road Church of Christ Gospel Meeting:

The Stop 11 Road Church of Christ at 6920 E. Stop 11 Rd. in Indianapolis is having a gospel meeting June 5 – 9 with Brother Tom House doing the speaking. Meeting times are 10 and 11 AM and 5 PM on Sunday and 7 PM Monday – Thursday.

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. The theme for the meeting is "The Christian Race", based on Hebrews 12:1-3. 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).

June 5, 2022

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

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

THE LORD'S DAY

Marvin L. Weir

Is there a special day the church is commanded to assemble together to worship the true and living God? Can that day be identified? Does both “Sunday” and “the first Day of the week” refer to the “Lord’s Day?” If such a day exists, what **must** the “church” do on that day?

We live in a society that now treats religion in a very casual manner. It is the age of “house churches” and congregations that divide up on Sunday evenings to gather in small groups in numerous homes (“cell groups”). What is implemented on Sunday evening will eventually come home to roost on Sunday morning. For decades now, the Sunday evening service has been treated as something less than the Sunday morning service. Are not both AM and PM assemblies Lord’s Day worship services?

There is no scripture that commands Christians to meet in a building, but the scriptures do demand that Christians assemble **together** on a certain day. The apostle John specifically mentions “*the Lord’s day*” (Rev. 1:10). Church historians, lexicons and Bible dictionaries all refer to “the Lord’s Day” as Sunday —the first day of the week.

The church of the New Testament assembled on a regular basis. Please note the language Paul uses to describe the regular gathering of Christians in the early church. Paul uses expressions like “*when ye are gathered together*” (1 Cor. 5:4), “*when ye come together*” (1 Cor. 11:18), “*when ye come together therefore into one place*” (1 Cor. 11:20) and “*if therefore the whole church be come together into one place*” (1 Cor. 14:23).

It is easy to prove from the Scriptures that the early church had a regular time to assemble. It is also easy to see the pattern for assembly involved the “*whole*” church —not just a part of the church. There is absolutely no Scriptural authority whatsoever for congregations dividing up into “cell groups” or multiple “house churches” for their Lord’s Day assemblies!

The devil never sleeps or fails to take advantage of any situation he can exploit. Covid-19 may turn out to be something Satan uses to lead brethren astray. Some brethren have not attended a worship service at their congregation in over a year. Yet, they go to the grocery store which is far more dangerous. Many have continued to go to work. They say these things are necessary. Think about this for a moment —is worship not necessary? Some brethren have become content to “worship” at home. Is this remotely akin to being “*gathered together*” (1 Cor. 5:4) or assembling “*yourselves together*” (1 Cor. 11:18)? The Lord intended that the “*whole church be come together in one place*” (1 Cor. 14:23) on Sunday or the first day of the week. Brethren who are able to go to work, go to Wal-Mart, attend other activities during the week, deceive themselves when they think they have engaged in a Lord’s Day worship service by themselves at home!

Hebrews 10:25 warns brethren not to forsake their assembling together. This verse of Scripture clearly depicts that the early church had a routine of “*assembling together*” and that some already had a habit of “*forsaking the assembling*” (Heb. 10:25).

We have examples of the early Christians coming together on the first day of the week. Paul and Luke refrained from further travel to gather with the local Christians on the Lord’s Day (no other explanation is given for their deliberate delay). In Acts 20:6-7 we read, “*And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we abode seven days. And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.*” Paul instructed the church at Corinth, “*Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come*” (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

The first day of the week is the day Christ rose from the dead. The Scriptures read, “*In the end of the sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. ... He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay*” (Matt. 28:1,6).

The Holy Spirit fell on the apostles on the day of Pentecost — the 50th day after the Passover. This would involve seven Sabbaths (49 days) plus one —the 50th day (cf. Lev. 23). It would be the first day of the week, and Peter preached his sermon (Acts 2) on that day (Sunday, the Lord’s Day).

The early Christians assembled together for a particular purpose — **to worship**. This is the very reason saints are to assemble together today! The most common word for worship (*proskuneo*) means “to kiss the hand toward.” One cannot help but observe that this word denotes an **act of reverence that requires a specific action!** The Scriptures declare that the early Christians “*...continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers*” (Acts 2:42). Worship does not occur automatically, accidentally or unknowingly.

We learn from the Scriptures that Abraham said to his young men, “*I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you*” (Gen. 22:5). In 1 Samuel 1:19 we read, “*And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped before the LORD, and returned, and came to their house to Ramah: and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and the LORD remembered her.*”

It is more than obvious that true worship of God has a beginning and an ending! The “all of life is worship” doctrine is blatantly false! May we desire to assemble with the saints to worship every Sunday which is also called the Lord’s Day — the first day of the week