

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Charlie Henard father passed away on June 10. Prayers are appreciated.
Ken shoulder and neck are doing good.
Jeri Adams (Tina's Aunt in Fla.) is not doing well.
Merl McCurry (Tina's Dad) is doing good.
Steve Flick (Tina's Uncle) had a stroke (Tuesday – 6-23-20).
Don Richardson is walking and eating better, still has some confusion but is improving.
Rusty Knoy (Dave's brother) is doing well and anxious to go home.
Iris Hash was at Church with her sister Ada Hamm on Sunday and is doing very well.
Karen Sproles has a problem with her balance, fallen a couple of times. She has an appointment in July for possible knee correction.
Liz Sturgis is experiencing some problems with an injury to her foot.
Delores Hendrickson
Deloris Hendrickson requests prayers for her brother.
Stephanie Sturgill – Cancer
Judy Merriman – Stage 4 Bladder Cancer
Carol Harris – Liver Cancer
Ernest Brown is scheduled for eye surgery on Tuesday (6-30-20).
Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy)
Rick Skiver, Ken Roosa's brother, is in Hospice care.
Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing)
Zachary Baxter, Susie Burdsall/Riddle's grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy
Edwin Parnell, cancer (Mike Parnell's brother)
Al and Gertrude Reynolds are at home. They are doing well.
Dean and Shirley Cook are home and doing well.
Jerry Pflaum (Shirley Cook's brother) has a problem with fluid on his lungs and still in need of our prayers.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Gloria Hale

Pray For The Work We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia)
Charles DiPalma (Mission work in Australia and New Zealand)
Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies

New Address: Eric & Lori Bowlen
2245 Legendary Dr.
Martinsville, IN. 46151

Upcoming Events:

Tomorrow with all of its Blessings!

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 28, 2020

MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study – 9:30 AM (**Resumed**)
Worship – 10:30 AM (**Resumed**)
Evening Service - 6:00 (**Resumed**)

Wednesday

Bible Study – 7:00 PM (**Resumed**)

Thursday

Ladies Bible Study – 11:00 AM (**Resumed**)

Radio Program:

“Preparing For Eternity”
Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

Masks

Limited only by imagination, children explore strange new worlds as they cultivate the art of pretense. A mask, a cape, or even some sort of inanimate prop can launch the mind of a child into a marvelous adventure of make-believe.

But, to borrow the language of the apostle Paul, there is a time to put “away childish things” (1 Cor. 13:11). Strange and alarming glances are cast in the direction of those choosing to live in a fantasy world without the accompaniment of children to explain their behavior.

Highly visible and in the forefront of our thinking these days, are masks worn for personal protection. But, there are others masks people wear—just not the overly conspicuous ones we donned in childhood.

Because a mask is a covering that conceals true identity, the masks we wear as adults often take on a sinister nature. We want to appear better than we are and so we pretend to be something we are not.

Satan is a master-deceiver (Jn. 8:44 “You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”). He pretended to be interested in Eve’s best interests; but he was only interested in the downfall of the human race (Gen. 3:1-5). Paul warns that “Satan disguises himself as an angel of light” (2 Cor. 11:14).

The deception he perpetrates on the world through his servants is no harmless game of “trick or treat”!

Similarly, Jesus had nothing good to say about those who merely play the part of being His follower while inwardly consumed by baser motives (Mt. 15:8). He warned against “practicing your righteousness” to be noticed by men (Mt. 6:1). A religiously-oriented theatrical production carries no weight before the throne of God.

God sees through every pretense—every hypocrisy. We may be able to deceive others; but we can never fool the One who “is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Heb. 4:12). Limited as we are by our fleshly nature, we are prone to make judgments based on appearance. But, “God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart” (1 Sam. 16:7). So, let ours be a sincere, heartfelt obedience to the word of God (Rm. 6:17). No masks. No pretenses. Just “open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do” (Heb. 4:13).

Glen Elliott

Greenbrier Church of Christ

Psalms 121:7-8 “The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever.”