

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Elena Hawkins had a heart catheterization on June 29th and the results showed no significant artery blockage so no need for stints.
Floyd Coley is experiencing back pain associated with nerves in his spinal area and is scheduled to have another injection next week to hopefully relieve the pain.
Eric Bowlen has been diagnosed with Non-alcoholic Cirrhosis of the liver and also is dealing with some cardiac issues. As a result, Eric has opted to retire from his position as Superintendent of the MSD of Martinsville at the end of 2026.
Joni McConnell fell, fractured her hip and is in The Springs rehab center in Mooresville. She is hoping to be able to return home sometime this week.
Allen Davis is still recovering from surgery to remove a growth on his lung.
Bryan Dyer has completed his treatments for his cancer. Tests show it in remission.
Charlie Henard is receiving periodic infusions to treat his Multiple Sclerosis.
Alice Wade's sister Shirley is being treated for lung cancer and is now in the hospital with sepsis. Alice's sister Linda is also battling cancer that has spread to multiple locations and recently suffered a fall.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, and Kathy Malowitz

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb and his wife, Eta (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See reports of their works on the bulletin board.

2026 Morgan County Fair Booth:

We will once again have a booth in the merchant's building at the 2026 Morgan County Fair, July 10 – 18. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board to help out with this important work.

Benevolent Opportunity:

The MSD of Martinsville food pantry where we have been making food donations has closed. In its place we will begin making food donations to the Gunner Burnham food pantry that supplies food needs to needy residents of Martinville. The pantry is in honor of Gunner who passed away from brain cancer while in Middle School and is operated by his mother. For the month of July we will be donating peanut butter..

Men's Business Meeting:

The next monthly men's business meeting will be Wednesday, August 5th at 5:00.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be today, following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song then dismiss.

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).

July 5, 2026

MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**540 E. Morgan Street
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

Radio Program:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

STUDY TO SHOW THYSELF

Wayne Coats

The inspired apostle gave some explicit instructions to Timothy relative to studying and preaching. This instruction cannot be misunderstood unless one has expert help. It is certain that Paul did not tell Timothy to study or give diligence to show-off. Do you suppose any preacher would be tempted to show-off? Do you suppose a congregation of sensible people is so demented and deranged as to not be aware of what is happening with the show-off pulpiteer?

Some years ago, I worked as a counselor with the old Federal MDTA Program under the Lyndon Johnson Administration. "The Great Society" sounded great and insofar as I could see, the only great thing about the program was its great cost and waste.

We tried to infuse some energy and work ethics in school drop-outs. The most frequent trait to be seen among the trainees was the desire to show-off, get attention, run-off the mouth, and perform on center stage.

There was no limit as to how many dollars we could spend for materials to be used in our efforts. One very interesting film strip which we used was titled, *"The Show-off."* The show-off student suffered from low self-esteem. The school drop-out used various mechanisms in order to get attention. The usual effort to show-off was to babble a lot and wag the tongue. This characteristic is so often seen by little toddlers who have been the objects of very close personal attention. Sadly there are some preachers who never leave this trait of infantilism behind. It is seen in its worst form when one ambles upon the church house podium and begins to show-off. Do the auditors not know? Do those who slumber not discern? Does the show-off not know that the auditors know?

Who among readers of the New Testament do not remember the great show-off who arrayed himself in royal apparel (Acts 12:21)? Why did Herod do this? He wanted to attract attention to himself. Would we approve of a Gospel preacher getting into the pulpit wearing the habit of a Monk or Amman? Such would get a lot of attention for sure. The show-off wants attention.

I doubt not that some preachers would exchange the Deacons bench for old Herod's throne and sit thereon in order to get attention. If the aim is to show-off, what difference does it make regardless of what freakish tactics one uses? The show-off craves attention.

No preacher of sound judgment would study to show himself in the aforementioned ways, but notice that Herod *"made an oration unto them."* Do you suppose the old reprobate was vying for attention with his

masterful words? His royal robe and the great swelling words would get a lot of points for Herod before the worms had their lunch.

We recall how Simon the sorcerer amazed the people in Samaria. What an attraction! What a show-off! What a curse! Simon told the people how great he was. His speeches, utterances, and babblings pointed to himself as "some great one." Like Simon, the show-off feigns himself to be "some great one." This kind of preacher performs in such manner as to get dead-heads to mutter something about the show-off being, "the great power of God." In comparison, the Goodyear blimp is small compared to the self-esteeming, high-minded, bloated, show-off preacher.

In 1951, a faithful Gospel preacher wrote an article titled, *"To Greek or Not To Greek."* The brother dealt with the practice of the smatterer who desires to show-off by spouting forth what the Greek says. Why do brethren act in this manner? The purpose is to get attention and honesty will admit as much.

When Paul wrote to Timothy he said, "Of these things put them in remembrance, charging them before the Lord that they strive not about words to no profit, but to the subverting of the hearers" (2 Tim. 2:14).

The fellow who desires to show-off may demonstrate his dullness by presenting some new, novel, far-out, *exegeses* of Bible verses, which is but an effort to declaim, "I know more about these matters than all the saints and sages who have ever lived. Let me show you how smart I really am. You have heard it said by others, but I say unto you, and what I say is correct."

Words to no profit! How useless! Time-servers revel in such absurdities while the flock of common people groan and move along in a backward direction waiting until relief shall come. Timothy was told to give diligence as a workman who would not be ashamed to stand before the Lord in the final day.

If we can get the picture of a working man who is to be paid for his labor, we will be able to see what Paul is saying to Timothy. The young preacher was to be diligent. He would have to give account of his work and he did not need to be slovenly, lest he would be ashamed. Timothy would meet Jehovah God and he would need to work so as not to be ashamed. The truth must be handled aright.

A very close friend and I were hunting on the vast Fort Campbell military area. It was time for us to come out of the woods for breakfast. As I sat silently in my deer stand, I heard my friend ambling along somewhat like one of Hannibal's elephants and he was singing, "It's hard to be humble, as great as I am." How many of our preachers sing that song?