

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Elena Hawkins is still dealing with knee pain.

Bob Hawkins will have TEE scope ultrasound on July 22nd to check his heart arteries for presence of any blood clots. If the results are positive for clots he will be treated. If the results are negative, he will be scheduled for a heart ablation to try and correct any heart rate issues that may be causing his dizziness.

Floyd Coley received a spinal injection to hopefully relieve the pain he is having.

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 now back home.

Charles Blair fell and suffered a concussion but is now back home.

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. He recently suffered an allergic reaction to an infusion but is now doing ok.

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:

Our booth in the merchant's building at the 2026 Morgan County Fair, will continue through July 18th. If you did not sign up to help out with this important work and would like to do so, please see brother Bob.

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 Martinsville. 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 PM.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, August 2nd 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 12, 2026

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

Radio Program:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

TAKING TIME FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Ronald D. Gilbert

Many things have changed over the past year or so due to the COVID-19 virus. Many congregations stopped their public worship services altogether. Others cut back to just Sunday morning only. In this very dangerous time of a pandemic, many were not going to public worship at all, but they were still shopping each week for food, clothing and other items. They were still going to work. Ladies were still going to the beauty parlor. Many were still eating out at restaurants. Many children were still going to school and some were even going on vacations — but not to worship! But this is a study for another time. In this article, I want to focus on the Lord's Supper.

Being involved in full time mission work for many years, my wife and I travel a lot visiting congregations giving mission reports and raising funds for mission efforts. During the past several months we have visited many congregations in several states. One thing we've noticed due to the virus is how congregations partake of the Lord's Supper. Most congregations now have individual plastic cups for members to pick up when they come into the building. This makes good sense to keep several people from handling the same piece of bread and eating after each other. Also, having individual cups for each member prevents anyone picking up a half-full cup that someone else has drunk from and placed back in the tray.

What I have observed at some places is that 10 minutes is given for the announcements, 8 or 10 songs are sung, an opening and closing prayer is offered, a 30 to 45 minute sermon is delivered and only seconds are given for the Lord's Supper! On two different occasions while visiting, my wife and I were not able to get the plastic off the cup for the bread fast enough and by the time we got it off, they were praying for the fruit of the vine!

Brethren, I am not exaggerating, in some places we have visited 10 to 15 seconds is given after the prayer for Christians to take the Lord's Supper! What are we teaching our children and visitors by this practice? We often refer to the Lord's Supper as a "memorial feast" but in some areas it could be referred to as a "quick memorial snack."

When I was a boy growing up in a rural area of middle Tennessee, sometimes when the men got up to serve the Lord's Supper, a brother might say, "we now come to the most important part of our worship, the Lord's Supper." That statement is not true. All avenues of worship are equally important because God authorized them in public worship. However, one wonders if some who visit and see the Lord's Supper being observed in less than 30 seconds if they should not start saying, "we have now come to the least important part of our worship, the Lord's Supper?" That statement obviously won't be said, but the practice speaks volumes as to how important some view the Lord's Supper.

Brethren, are we in that big of a hurry to get out of our worship assemblies? Can we not slow down and give the observance of the Lord's Supper the time and respect it deserves? Sure we can! What place on earth is more important than being with the saints worshipping God according to his prescribed order?