

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

Darryl Grimes, (Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law) suffers from cancer.  
Gloria Hale has been moved from the rehab center to stay with her son Tim.  
Charlie Henard's mother in Tennessee suffers from Alzheimer's.  
Karen Sproles is still confined at home and is receiving home health services.  
Iris Hash is currently staying with her daughter and is awaiting further testing and an appointment with a kidney specialist.  
John Richardson is in a rehab facility in Greenfield.  
Terry Richardson is in rehab at The Waters in Martinsville.  
Steve Anderson is suffering from periods of dizziness.

**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)

**Congratulations:**

Congratulations to Christa Mathews who is a recipient of an Eli Lilly and Company Foundation grant which will allow her and her family to travel to Florida in July to pursue studies of marine life. She is one of a very few state-wide teacher applicants who received one of these grants. We are so proud of both Christa and Sean for their dedication to the teaching profession and wish them well in this endeavor.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 PM. All men are encouraged to attend.

**August Monthly Pitchin:**

Our next monthly pitchin dinner will be following the morning services on Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Following the pitchin we have a song service at 1:00 PM then dismiss for the day.

**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).

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***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](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## MALE AND FEMALE

In recent Senate confirmation hearings for the new Supreme Court justice, Judge Jackson was asked, “Can you provide a definition for the word “woman?” She answered, “I’m not a biologist.” In the March 3 edition of USA Today, a reporter stated, “Scientists agree there is no sufficient way to clearly define what makes someone a woman.” Apple computers have even placed a logo of a pregnant man in its software! These efforts to destroy the distinction between men and women are certainly related to Satan’s and our society’s intensified efforts to condone and justify homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle — which it’s not!

What does the Bible teach concerning the divinely designed distinction between man and woman? Between male and female?

In the beginning God said, *“Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them”* (Gen. 1:26-27). The Lord made man(kind) in two sexes: male and female. The first man (human) was male. Afterward, from the first male’s body (Adam), God made the first female. *“And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man”* (Gen. 2:21-25). Later, Adam called his wife Eve, because she was the mother of all living (Gen. 3:20). The Bible strongly teaches that it is God’s holy Will that males and females maintain and fulfill their created roles of life and service throughout time.

In the **Patriarchal Age** (the days of Abraham) we read of the destruction of Sodom, Gomorrah, and the cities of the plains — God’s first punishment of homosexual sins (Gen. 19). Modern man has sought to ignore and misrepresent why the people of these wicked cities were destroyed, but honest people can readily see God’s hatred of homosexuality (cf. Job 36:5-14).

In the **Jewish Age** (the days of Moses) under the Law, God continued to warn and condemn the blurring of the sexes. *“Thou shalt not lie with mankind [male], as with womankind [female]: it is abomination”* [loathsome, detestable]. *“If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be*

*upon them”* (Lev. 18:22; 20:13). The penalty for homosexuality/lesbianism was death. It was also an abomination for men and women to wear clothing that would intentionally make them appear to be of the opposite sex! (Deut. 22:5)

In the **Christian Age**, the Holy Spirit inspired the apostle Paul to reveal God’s truth, but the world rejected the truth, which is the same as rejecting God. This led the world to degenerate into homosexual sins. In Romans 1:18-32, Paul said the world did not want to retain God in their knowledge and was without excuse. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools and God gave them up to uncleanness, lusts, and to dishonorable, vile passions. Women exchanged the natural use of their bodies for what is against nature and men left the natural use of the woman and burned in their lust for other men. Paul calls this sexual immorality (fornication) shameful, debased, not fitting, unrighteous, and wicked. After writing a long list of various sins, he wrote, *“Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them”* (Rom. 1:32). This accurately describes the world today — particularly, the United States. The New Testament of Christ declares that the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah is an example against all today who would live ungodly in giving themselves over to fornication, going after strange flesh, and suffering God’s vengeance of eternal fire. Read 2 Peter 2:6-8 and Jude 5-7.

Today, if we confess sinful decisions, repent, and come to God through Christ through faithful obedience to His Gospel, we can be forgiven. In 1 Corinthians 6:9-20, God wrote that the unrighteous, including fornicators, idolaters, adulterers, homosexuals, sodomites, thieves, covetous, drunkards, revilers, and extortioners, can be washed, sanctified, and justified! God did not make our bodies for fornication! (1 Cor. 6:13)

Dear friends, barring tragic abnormal and unnatural differences between men and women in the birth process, the Bible is clear concerning the distinctions and differences between men and women — in their physical forms and in their God-given general roles of service and life to God, to family, and to their fellowman.

In all matters where we are given choices to make, may we choose truth and righteousness based upon the Holy Word of God (cf. John 17:17; Rom. 10:17) and not our own thinking or culture.

- Albert E. Farley