

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Liz Sturgill continues to receive dialysis treatments.
Judy Coley is suffering from shingles.
Delores Hendrickson has a fractured pelvis and is in The Spring rehab center.
Michaela Mathews is undergoing testing for fainting spells.
Aleta Sturgill, friend of Ray and Liz Sturgill is suffering from kidney problems.
Mike Parnell's brother, Bill is under hospice care.
Dave Knoy had a PET scan performed last week and is awaiting results.
Shirley Cook's brother was discharged from the hospital and is at Shirley's home.
Jim Bay, who visited with us recently, has heart problems and is under hospice care.
Iris Hash is still suffering from stomach problems.
Bob Hawkins had another procedure performed on one of his legs.
Virginia McKinney is still experiencing some balance and hip problems in addition to problems with her back and legs. She also has a broken wrist.
Karen Sproles is doing better but continues to receive steroid injections in her knee.
Karen's husband, Chet, is still recovering from a broken leg.
Please keep Karen's daughter, Jean English, in prayer as well.
John Richardson is still suffering from a sore on his leg.
Shannon Jones, daughter of Linda and Randall, is still undergoing chemotherapy.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, Virginia McKinney, John & Terry Richardson

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See latest mission reports on the bulletin board in back of the auditorium.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be held Sunday, August 6th immediately after the morning service. Following the meal, we will reconvene at 1:00 PM for a singing then dismiss for the day.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, August 2nd at 5:00.

Benevolent Opportunity:

Throughout the month of July we are asked to donate twin size bedsheets, pillow cases and comforters in solid colors or with soft patterns.

Fish Fry:

Our annual fish fry will be held on Saturday, September 23rd at the Martinsville City Park. More information will follow.

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).

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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 (March through October)

Radio Program:

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

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

THE SAMARITAN WOMAN: AN EVANGELISM MODEL

Scott Richards

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While reading through the account of Jesus' interactions with the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well ([John 4:3-43](#)), it occurred to me that it gives a blueprint for evangelism. Several important aspects of God's plan to redeem man are demonstrated as well as some examples of how to go about bringing people to Christ.

Evangelism is not limited to any particular race, nationality or tribe. We cannot allow any personal prejudices to limit the scope of our efforts. Jesus talking with this woman powerfully demonstrates God's desire for "all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" ([1 Tim. 2:4](#)). By speaking to a Samaritan Jesus breaks social and ethnic barriers. As she said, "Jews have no dealings with Samaritans" ([John 4:9](#)). When His disciples returned they, "marveled that he talked with a woman" ([John 4:27](#)). God's grace, only found in the Christ, is available to all people. Later at Cornelius' house, Peter proclaimed, "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him" ([Acts 10:34-35](#)). The great commission leaves no place for racism or prejudice.

Jesus took a common physical need and used it to begin a conversation about the spiritual need of this woman. He said, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water" ([John 4:10](#)). While she failed to understand at first, she soon realized she was speaking with the Messiah. How often do we speak with people we don't know and never say anything about Jesus or his church? How many times do we fail to sow a small seed that could develop into a personal Bible study with someone? Jesus demonstrates for us how to turn a physical conversation into a spiritual discussion and perhaps a Bible study will result.

Everyone is subject to the Gospel. Have you ever prejudged a person's receptivity based upon what you knew about them? Unlike our Lord, when we meet someone new, we do not know their spiritual condition. The woman at the well was in a spiritual mess. Jesus knew

all about the turmoil and trauma she experienced in life —five husbands and currently with another man! We might be inclined to give up on her without saying a word. God did not give up on David when he sinned with Bathsheba, nor did He give up on Saul when he stood by and held the coats of those who stoned Stephen. By reaching out to the Samaritan woman Jesus shows us that His redeeming blood can cleanse a person who seems hopelessly mired in sin —if they will repent and obey the Gospel.

The zeal of this woman resulted in many additional believers. After recognizing that Jesus was the much anticipated Messiah, she promptly forgets everything else, leaves her water pot and rushes back to the city to tell others about Jesus. Her excitement was contagious and as a result the men of the city came out to meet Jesus themselves. They wanted to see if what the woman was saying was true. While "...many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman, which testified, He told me all that ever I did. ... many more believed because of his own word" ([John 4:39-41](#)). There is a lesson in this for us. We need to take full advantage of the excitement that new converts have to bring their friends and family to Christ.

Our task is to do the will of God. After returning with food His disciples say to Jesus, "Master eat," but our Lord replies, "...I have meat to eat that ye know not of. ... my meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work" ([John 4:31-34](#)). The disciples exhibit the human preoccupation with the physical when they ask, "Hath any man brought him ought to eat?" Jesus responds, "Say not ye, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest" ([John 4:35](#)).

Our Lord's work was to "...seek and to save that which was lost" ([Luke 19:10](#)). Jesus' work on earth was finished by His death, His burial and resurrection. We carry on His work when we enter the field and spread the Gospel of Christ with everyone we can. It requires us to "lift up our eyes" and see the harvest fields. We must boldly proclaim, "this is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world."