

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Bob Hawkins will have tests later this month to try and determine the cause of his dizziness.

Doris Parnell is being treated for an infection following a dental procedure.

Ray Sturgill's brother-in-law, Darrel Short is in bad health.

Eric Bowlen has been diagnosed with Non-alcoholic Cirrhosis of the liver and also is dealing with some cardiac issues.

Joni McConnell fell, fractured her hip and is now back home and receiving therapy.

Allen Davis is still recovering from surgery to remove a growth on his lung.

Virginia McKinney is still dealing with back pain.

Karen Sproles' daughter, Jean England, is having a lot of pain due to stomach issues.

Alice Wade's sisters Shirley and Linda in Florida are both suffering with cancer.

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 their reports on the bulletin board.

Benevolent Opportunity:

For the month of August, we will be donating canned pasta in support of the Gunner Burnham food pantry.

Support For Victims of Peru Earthquake:

The country of Peru recently suffered an earthquake, leaving homeless many in need. The men agreed to send \$2000 in support of their needs to brother Daniel Goshorn, our missionary in Huancayo, Peru. If you wish to donate additional funds individually, make checks payable to: Flatwoods Church of Christ, 2100 Argillite Rd., Flatwoods, KY 41139. Write a note on your check: "Peru Earthquake Fund".

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 for the day.

Fall Gospel Meeting:

Please pray for our upcoming fall gospel meeting which will be September 11 – 13. Our speaker will be brother Ronnie Whittemore of the Stop 11 Road congregation in Indianapolis. Services will be at 7 PM on Friday and Saturday evenings and at the regularly scheduled times on Sunday. Please pray for a successful meeting.

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

Radio Program:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

BIBLE AUTHORITY MUST BE RESPECTED

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God is the Creator and man is the created. The created is never **greater** than the Creator. Isaiah noted that man was created to glorify God (Isa. 43:7). The apostle Paul admonishes, “*Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God*” (I Cor. 10:31).

The majority of people today refuse to abide by Biblical authority because they desire to glorify themselves! So many folks prefer to do what **they** want to do, and they fully intend to do it **their** way. This type of attitude spawns religious division and promotes denominationalism. It also produces liberalism and modernism within the Lord’s church.

The Bible plea is “...*that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment*” (I Cor. 1:10). The Holy Spirit instructed the Colossian brethren in saying, “*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him*” (Col. 3:17). All unscriptural religious division today is the direct result of people refusing to abide by the authority of the Scriptures.

God’s law has been absolute and binding in every dispensation. Those in denominations and liberal members of the Lord’s church absolutely abhor the principles taught in the Old Testament regarding Bible authority. They have nothing but disdain for Bible examples that clearly show the wrath of God upon those who reject and spurn a “*thus saith the Lord.*”

Since God is “*no respecter of persons*” (Acts 10:34), we know He communicated with both Cain and Abel regarding an offering acceptable unto Him. God has respect for Abel’s offering, “*but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect*” (Gen. 4:4-5). Man has never been given permission to deviate from what God has specified! God expected folks under the Patriarchal dispensation to be submissive and obedient to His will.

The Mosaical dispensation reveals to us the story of Nadab and Abihu. The Scriptures read, “*And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD*” (Lev. 10:1-2). There is no getting around the fact that Nadab and Abihu were killed because they took the liberty to do that which God “had not commanded them.”

God’s will is still to be honored and respected in the Christian age. Jesus makes it clear that what we say must agree with what He demands that we do if we are going to be with Him in Heaven. The Lord warned, “*Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven*” (Matt. 7:21). Again, the Master admonished, “*And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say*” (Luke 6:46)? Remember that the words of the apostle Paul in Colossians 3:17 were “*whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus....*”

If we abide by the teaching of Christ, it does not allow us to hear and do not! James clearly states that we are to be “*doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves*” (James 1:22). Jesus teaches that the “wise man” who hears His word and respects and follows it is building upon the “rock,” but that the “foolish man” who hears and does not abide by His word is building upon the “sand” (Matt. 7:24-27). It is said of the one who refused to abide by a “thus saith the Lord” and built upon the sand — “*and great was the fall of it.*” The standard of authority by which we are to abide is not “majority rule” (Matt. 7:13-14; Exodus 23:2), the Pope of Roman Catholicism, or some man who founds his own church. Christ is the head of His church which is His body (Eph. 1:22-23). Jesus has been given **all** authority “*in heaven and on earth*” (Matt. 28:18). This leaves **no** authority for the Pope nor any other man or woman. As the Scriptures teach, “*For ever, O Jehovah, Thy word is settled in heaven*” (Psa. 119:89).

All people will be judged by the word of God -- not the word of man. Jesus teaches, “*He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day*” (John 12:48). It is true that Christ has become unto all them that obey him the author of eternal salvation (Heb. 5:9).

The great battle that is being fought today is over the authority of the Bible. Bible authority must be understood, taught, and put into practice if we are to please the Lord. Bible authority is **not** full of comfort for those who insist upon worshiping as they please, but for those who want to go to Heaven it **is** their refuge and source of strength.

We need more folks like the Bereans of Acts 17:11 who searched the Scriptures daily!