

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Liz Sturgill continues to receive dialysis treatments.
Jesse Riddle has been having trouble breathing and is battling with weakness.
Judy Coley is suffering from shingles.
Delores Hendrickson is making good progress, 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.
Shirley Cook's brother Richard Pflaum and his wife Judy are being treated at the Cleveland clinic and waiting to get into the hosp there. Judy needs by pass surgery.
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.
Mike Parnell's sister Brenda has been diagnosis with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be held Sunday, September 3rd immediately after the morning service. Following the meal, we will reconvene at 1:00 PM for the evening service and dismiss for the day.

Fish Fry:

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

Gospel Meeting:

Our fall gospel meeting with brother Bill Boyd of the Rockliff Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN will be held November 10-12.

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).

August 13, 2023

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 (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

WE HAVE A CHOICE

Having been invited to attend a banquet on a very special occasion, we are told by the host that we have a choice between two tables which have the food and drinks already laid out. On the first table we see raw rodent meat, molded bread, and muddy water to drink. On the second table we see sirloin steaks smothered with mushrooms and onions, baked potatoes, buttered rolls, chef salads, and fresh juice and iced peach tea to drink. Who in their right mind would choose the first table for their dinner? Of course, the second table would be an easy choice to make. Although this banquet is an imaginary event, it does serve the purpose of getting our attention on a choice of eternal importance, that those of us, who are accountable, will have to make!

After leaving the Egyptian bondage, the first generation died in the wilderness, except for Joshua and Caleb. Before entering the promise land, God set before the second generation of Israelites this choice: “I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you **life and death, blessing and cursing**: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live” (Deut. 30:19): Who, in their right mind, would choose death and cursing over life and blessing? Of course, anyone who chooses death and cursing must be deceived!

After the Israelites had entered the promise land, Joshua before his death said, “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the

LORD” (Josh. 24:15). They made the right choice while Joshua was living, “...and the days of the elders who overlived Joshua...,” (Josh. 24:31), but later during the period of the Judges, again and again they made the wrong choice.

Since God is love, He does not force us to obey Him, but allows us the right to choose! **We Have A Choice** this day to serve and to worship God or to serve “other gods,” such as: False religions including humanism; Falsely called science, which includes declaring the hypothesis of general evolution as a fact; Materialism, which is covetousness; Worldliness, which is enjoying the creation, but having no time for worshiping and serving the Creator; And sexual immorality, which includes sex outside of marriage, adultery, pornography, and all the current sexual perversions.

We Have A Choice between the following: (1.) Serving Christ or serving Satan (Matt. 6:24); (2.) Having knowledge of the truth and trusting God or being deceived and believing Satan’s lies (Prov. 3:5-7; John 8:31,32; Col. 2:8,9); (3.) Having eternal life in Heaven or being punished in the everlasting fires of Hell (Matt. 7:13-14; 25:31-46). Who in their right mind would choose serving Satan, being deceived; and being in the fires of Hell for eternity? It would be better to eat at the first table than to spend eternity in the fires of Hell! Since Jesus said “...few there be...” are making the right choice, could it be that the majority of the world is NOT aware that they have made the wrong choice? Are we of the few or of the many? It depends on which **CHOICE** we have made!

Bob Hawkins