

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Bob Hawkins will have an MRI and other tests August 17th to try and determine the cause of his dizziness.

Doris Parnell recently had an endoscope and is awaiting results of a biopsy.

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

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.

Shirley is currently in serious condition and Alice went to Florida to be with her.

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.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, September 2nd at 5:00.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, September 13th, the last day of our gospel meeting, following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have worship including the final lesson from brother Ronnie Whittemore 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.

Fish Fry:

Our annual church fish fry will be Saturday, September 26 at 5:00 PM at the Martinsville City Park, Shelter House No. 1. Fish will be provided and all are encouraged to bring side dishes, desserts and drinks.

Ladies' Day:

The ladies of the congregation will be hosting a Ladies' Day on Saturday, October 17th beginning at 9:30 AM. Ladies from area congregations will be invited.

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 16, 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

“LOVE YOUR ENEMIES”

Gary McDade

The gentle Savior pled with the human family to love our enemies (Matt. 5:44; Luke 6:27). And in this, His teaching was, and still is, revolutionary today.

Revolutionary: “involving or causing a complete or dramatic change.” Emerging from the teaching in the Old Testament was the concept of being saved from your enemies or being delivered from them. Consider Numbers 10:9, “*And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the Lord your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.*” Also look at 2 Kings 17:39 in this connection, “*But the Lord your God ye shall fear; and He shall deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies.*” Removing the fear and danger emanating from enemies by fearing God instead, is the deliverance herein promised.

The obvious question is, “How could anyone possibly love their enemies?” The word “how” is defined, “By what way or manner; by what means?” Did you know that Jesus actually answers this very question? He said, “*But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil*” (Luke 6:35). Many people depart from Christ [right here] simply because they do not want to do what He is teaching His disciples to do. Yet, other incentives exists as to why everyone should love his enemies.

Why should everyone love their enemies? Because the opposite of love is hate, and hate is destructive. Not only will it keep a person from being a follower of Christ and being saved eternally, but it also will destroy a person from within, giving the enemy victory over the child of God. The deliverance from the enemy spoken of earlier in the Old Testament will no longer be possible. Love of enemies is done by those who “*shall be children of the Highest.*”

A further incentive exists for all to love their enemies from the warning of the inspired apostle Peter, “*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world*” (1 Peter 5:8-9). Simply put, Paul taught, “*But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath [extreme anger], malice [deep-seated ill will or desire to harm others], blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of Him that created him*” (Col. 3:8-10).

The Bible urges, “*If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good*” (Rom. 12:18-21).