

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Liz Sturgill continues to receive dialysis treatments.
Jesse Riddle is having trouble with breathing, dizziness and weakness.
Judy Coley is suffering from shingles.
Shirley Cook will have knee replacement surgery next month.
Delores Hendrickson returned home on August 25th.
Mike Parnell's sister, Brenda, has been diagnosed with Alzheimers and dementia.
Aleta Sturgill, friend of Ray and Liz Sturgill has diabetes and kidney problems.
Shirley Cook's brother and his wife are at the Cleveland Clinic awaiting treatment.
Virginia McKinney is still experiencing some issues but is now able to get out.
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. Karen's daughter, Jean English, had surgery August 16th. Karen's former daughter-in-law is in a coma.
John Richardson is still suffering from a sore on his leg.
Shannon Jones, daughter of Linda and Randall, is still undergoing chemotherapy.
Dave Knoy will begin 7 weeks of radiation and 6 months of hormone treatments.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

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

Off To School:

Prayers and best wishes to Jaxon Mathews and his family as he begins college classes at Rose Hulman University next week

Congratulations and Prayers:

Congratulations to the Daniel Goshorn family who are expecting another child.
Please keep them in prayer.

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 Sunday, September 3rd after the AM services. After the pitch-in we will have a worship in song at 1:00 PM then dismiss for the day.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, September 6th.

Fish Fry:

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

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).

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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 CHURCH IS DIFFERENT

Franklin Camp, deceased

God has taught His people to be different. His people often forget this truth and lose their distinctiveness. Israel wanted to become like the other nations around them (1 Sam. 8). They did and God cast them off. Surely there is a warning for the church.

The Church Is Different From The World. The church is different from the world in its attitude and ambitions. “They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world” (John 17:16). Christian values are different from sinners values. Sinners live for self. Christians live to glorify God and serve others (Matt. 16:24; Mark 10:45). Are we losing this distinctiveness today? Are the ambitions of Christians different from non-Christians?

The Church Is Different From Judaism. Judaism was carnal, the church is spiritual. “Then verily the first covenant had also ordinances of divine service, and a worldly sanctuary ... which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washing, and carnal ordinances imposed until the time of reformation” (Heb. 9:1,10). Look at the word “carnal.” The church is spiritual (Eph. 1:3). It is heavenly (Eph. 2:6). It worships in spirit and truth (John 4:24; Rom. 1:9). This is one reason mechanical instruments of music have no place in Christian worship. If one granted that it was right in the Old Testament it does not suit the spiritual worship of the New Testament. Christian worship must be from the heart. “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19).

The Church Is Different From Catholicism. The church differs from the Catholic Church in that it accepts the authority of the Scriptures. Catholics do not. Consider the following: “One must keep the commandments of God and the church” (Catechism of Christian Doctrine, No.I, p.31).

The Scriptures are authority, but not the only authority. In truth, it is no authority since the pope must interpret it. Catholics teach that 2 Peter 1:20 denies the right of individual interpretation, but Peter is speaking of how Scripture was given by inspiration of the Holy Spirit (2 Peter 1:21). Paul commanded “prove all things, hold fast to that which is good” (1 Thess. 5:21). The Lord’s church urges all to have an open mind and “search the scriptures daily” to see if what is heard is in harmony with what they have read.

The Church Is Different From Protestantism. The church differs from Protestantism in that it accepts the completeness of the Scriptures. The church has no creed but Christ and no book but the Bible. All teaching is based upon the Book. All questions are decided by what the Bible teaches not a manual or discipline. It also differs from Protestantism in accepting the completeness of the Scripture and denying the need for a direct operation of the Holy Spirit in order to be able to understand it. Protestants misapply 1 Corinthians 2:14. They think the natural man is a sinner and that without a direct operation of the Spirit he cannot understand the Bible. It is strange that though the Bible is made of words, just like those in school books and newspapers, one can understand a book or paper, but not the Bible.

The Church Is Different From The Christian Church. The church differs from the Christian Church in its respect for the silence of the Scriptures. The Christian church teaches that where the Bible is silent we may speak or act. This opens the door for anything that is not specifically forbidden. This is a real difference between it and the church.

We should not be afraid or ashamed to be different from the world, from Judaism, from Catholicism, from Protestantism, and even from the Christian Church. Without a doubt one of the greatest problems we are facing in the church today is the fact that most people are afraid to be different.