

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Ray Sturgill's brothers-in-law, Darrel Short and Teddy Adams are in bad health. Alice Wade's sisters Shirley and Linda in Florida are both suffering with cancer. Karen Sproles' daughter Jean England is once again having stomach issues.

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 September, we will be donating spaghetti (noodles and sauce) in support of the Gunner Burnham food pantry.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, October 7th at 5:00.

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.

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 and a final lesson from brother Ronnie then dismiss for the day.

Area Gospel Meeting:

The Shelbyville Rd Church of Christ in Indianapolis will have a gospel meeting Sept. 27 – Oct. 1. Sunday services are at 10 & 11 AM and 5 PM. Services Monday – Thursday will be at 7 PM. The speaker is brother John Chowning.

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).

September 6, 2026

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

Radio Program:

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Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

LIKE THE SADDUCEES?

Jerry Joseph

The Sadducees were one of the Jewish sects in the New Testament. They, along with the Pharisees, originated in the Inter-Testament period. They were not as large a group as the Pharisees but they did wield a great influence upon the people. In the early history of the Pharisees and Sadducees, there existed a great rivalry between them as to which would claim the office of High Priest. The Sadducees won control. However, the rivalry did not end because of their opposing teachings.

The Sadducees, in spite of their relationship with the priesthood and temple, must be considered as very liberal in their teachings. They differed from the Pharisees in the things they believed and taught. Let's notice some of these things:

They DENOUNCED the resurrection, angels and spirit. *"...Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit; but the Pharisees confess both"* (Acts 23:8). *"The same day came to him the Sadducees, which say that there is no resurrection..."* (Matt. 22:23). In the Old Testament, there are references to angels, spirit and resurrection (Gen. 16:7; Exodus 23:20; Psalms 31:5; 49:15; 104:4; Ecclesiastes 12:7). Therefore, the Sadducees did not believe what was set forth in the Old Testament.

They DISCARDED the oral traditions of the Pharisees. The Sadducees demanded that only the written Law (Pentateuch) was authoritative and the Pharisees' oral traditions were to be rejected. This of course was in conflict with the teaching of the Pharisees who taught that God had given both the written and oral law.

We must discard anything that is in opposition to God's Will and demand only that which the Lord has authorized should be

accepted (Col. 3:17).

They DENIED what the Scriptures taught about the soul, punishment and reward. They did not believe the soul continued to exist after death, nor that people would suffer punishment or receive reward after death. They believed that punishment and reward was in this life. We must accept what the Bible teaches about the soul, punishment and reward (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Matt. 16:24-27; 25:31-46).

They DEMONSTRATED deism in their words and way of life. They believed that God wasn't too interested in man's life nor too concerned about one doing good or refraining from evil.

The Bible teaches God has always been concerned about what man does, how he lives and the condition of his soul. That's why, beginning with Adam and Eve, God has always had a plan for mankind. God is so concerned, that He demands obedience to His Law (Ecclesiastes 12:13; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; James 1:21-22).

They DETERMINED to discredit the proclaimers of truth. In this way they were much like the Pharisees (Matt. 22:23-33; Acts 4:1-4). Even on occasion, the Sadducees and Pharisees overlooked their differences to join forces in attacking Christ (Matt. 16:1).

Today, there are those who are determined to discredit the proclaimers of Truth any way they can. When the Truth is "hitting too close to home" and the Truth cannot be answered, some will then attack the attitudes and motives of the faithful proclaimer by accusing one of being "too harsh" and "unloving." What a shame!

Today there are still some Sadducees, at least in belief and practice!