

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. Allen Davis is still struggling with health issues. Bob Hawkins is scheduled for additional tests to try and determine the cause of his vertigo.

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.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be today, 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 13, 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

SAD, MAD OR GLAD

When the Truth is proclaimed (2 Tim. 4:2-4) the hearer will respond in one of three ways: sad, mad or glad. The obedient people on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 responded with *gladness* (Acts 2:41) while the rich young ruler was *sad* when he heard the Truth (Matt. 19:16-22). In Acts 7:51-60, some became so *mad* at what Stephen preached they stoned him to death. False accusations were made against Jesus (Matt. 11:19; John 10:20) and the apostle Paul (Acts 26:24) out of anger over the Truth that was proclaimed.

Do people generally respond in the same way today? Yes! We are thankful that some are glad to hear the Truth and obey it. But how tragic it is when people respond in a sad or mad way and continue to do so.

Why are people sad or mad when Truth is proclaimed? Let's notice three reasons.

1) People are sad or mad when they hear what is NEEDED, not necessarily what is wanted. Some want their ears tickled with fables and foolishness (2 Tim. 4:3-4). They want to hear that which is smooth and not right (Isa. 30:10). Too many want to hear what pleases them rather than what God demands that must be preached.

2) People are sad or mad when they hear NEGATIVE preaching. It is amazing how some believe there is no place for negative preaching. One cannot read and understand 2 Timothy 4:2-4 and not understand that negative preaching is a part of "God pleasing preaching." The very words "reproving" and "rebuking" demonstrate that. Of course,

there must always be the preaching of both the positive and negative.

3) People are sad or mad when they hear NAMES called or mentioned. Is it wrong to identify those who are making havoc of the Truth and/or who are false teachers? Of course not. Fulfilling Romans 16:17-18 demands that it be done. Paul did it in 2 Timothy 2:17-18 and 4:14-15. He was not wrong for doing so. Some will become mad when a false teacher is identified but will not say one thing when that false teacher (by his teaching) causes others to lose their souls. Indeed, isn't that strange. Such is a demonstration of the wrong attitude toward God, His Word and the church.

We must not become **mad** with the **message** nor **messenger** of Truth. *"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"* (John 8:31-32).

-- Jerry Joseph