

**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. Bob Hawkins is scheduled to be fitted with a device that will slip in his shoe to deal with his vertigo.

Karen Sproles' daughter who lives in Florida recently suffered from a blackout and near drowning in a swimming pool. She was hospitalized but has now recovered. However, she is also suffering from a bowel blockage.

**Pray For Our Shut-Ins:**

Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

**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. The item for the month of October will be instant mashed potatoes.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

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

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song then dismiss for the day.

**Area Gospel Meetings:**

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 10:30 AM and 7 PM. The speaker is brother John Chowning. The Eagle Valley Church of Christ will be hosting a gospel meeting October 4 – 8. Services will be at 9:00 and 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM on Sunday and at 7:00 PM Monday – Thursday. The speaker will be brother Rick Leach of the Central Church of Christ in Bedford, IN.

**Ladies' Day:**

The ladies of the congregation will be hosting a Ladies' Day on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 AM. Ladies from area congregations will be invited. The theme is "Women Under Construction" and the guest speaker will be sister Emily Vaughn from the Paris, IL Church of Christ.

**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***

**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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Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

**Website:**

[www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

# WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION

Garland M. Robinson

No one can be faithful before God without meeting obligations. Though many try, it cannot be done. The obligation of all men is to obey the Gospel to be saved (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9; 1 Peter 1:22). When men obey the Gospel, the Lord adds them to his church (the church of Christ, Acts 2:41,47). Being a member of the Lord's church carries with it many obligations.

1) **We have the obligation to love the church.** *"...Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28)!* When we love the church it will be shown by our actions. What we love, we take care of, support and defend.

2) **We have the obligation to put the church first.** *"Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness" (Matt. 6:33).* This sums up every Christian's duty. In all things, in every place, at all times, put the church first! One cannot go to heaven without it. The church must come before pleasure, job, self, friends or family!

3) **We have the obligation to be faithful to the church.** *"Be thou faithful unto death..." (Rev. 2:10).* No matter what the circumstance or situation, be faithful. *"...It is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (1 Cor. 4:2).* Without being faithful, we will never hear the Lord say, *"Well done, thou good and faithful servant" (Matt. 25:21).*

4) **We have the obligation to defend the cause of Christ.** *"Earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3).* These are not just words that take up space. These are heaven's words! Many have either never read this verse or are too weak to obey it. We must take up the spiritual fight for truth, it's the only thing that can save (John 8:32). Ezekiel 22:30 reads, *"I sought for a man among them, that should make up the*

*hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."* John the baptist stood up for the truth and was beheaded (Matt. 14:10). Jesus did and was crucified (Matt. 27:35). Stephen did and was stoned (Acts 7:59). Paul did and was stoned and left for dead (Acts 14:19). Elders especially, and all defenders of the faith are to *"hold fast the faithful word as he hath been taught, that he may be able by sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers" (Titus 1:9).* Who will step up stop the mouths of false teachers?