

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. Alice recently traveled to Florida since Shirley was once again admitted to the hospital and had surgery.

Bob Hawkins will be fitted with a device inserted into his shoes to treat his vertigo. Karen Sproles' daughter who lives in Florida, is suffering from a bowel blockage. Dave and Tina Knoy's sister-in-law, Connie Knoy, is in a rehab center in Bloomington, being treated for episodes where she loses consciousness.

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:

Our prayers go out to sister Shirley Cook and her brother Bill at the recent passing of Shirley's sister-in-law and Bill's wife, Doris Pflum. Services will be held later this week in Olney, IL.

Benevolent Opportunity:

For the month of October, we will be donating instant mashed potatoes 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, 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 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 17th 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).

October 4, 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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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

TWENTY PROOFS FOR THE DEITY OF CHRIST

1. It was against God's Law to worship anyone but God (Exod. 20:3-5; Deut. 6:13-14; 2 Kings 17:35; Matt. 4:10); therefore, either Christ is divine, or Christ sinned by accepting worship on many occasions (Matt. 2:11; 8:2; 9:18; 28:9,17; cf. Acts 12:23; Heb. 4:15; Rev. 22:8-9). We know Christ never sinned (Heb. 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22), so it must have been God's will for Jesus to be worshiped. In fact, God the Father commanded the angels to worship Jesus at His birth (Heb. 1:6)! Although Peter, Paul, Barnabas, and angels all refused to be worshiped because they knew that would be wrong, Christ did not (Acts 10:25-26; 14:12-18; Rev. 19:10; 22:8-9).

2. Jesus forgave men's sins while He was on earth, and the Jews said, "*Who can forgive sins, but God alone*" (Luke 5:20-21)?

3. Jesus was "equal with God" in His glorious form before He became a man (Phil. 2:5-8).

4. When Jesus claimed to be the Son of God, the Jews rightfully understood that Jesus was claiming to be divine, like His Father (John 5:18).

5. In Exodus 3:14-15 God said, "*I AM THAT I AM*" ... *YHWH* [Yahweh / Jehovah GOD]. That is God's name, which implies His eternal self-existence. Jesus said, "*if ye believe not that I AM, ye shall die in your sins*" (John 8:24). In John 8:58, "*Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily I say unto you, before Abraham was, I AM.*" The Jews understood what Jesus implied and sought to kill Him for it. *YHWH* God is the I AM (Exod. 3:14-15); Jesus is the I AM (John 8:24,58); therefore, Jesus is divine, eternally existent. The Father and Son are both eternally existent Beings, so they can both be called *YHWH* (existing one, e.g., "I AM"), although they are not the same Person. An earthly father and son may wear the same name, but that does not mean they are the same person.

6. *YHWH* was repeatedly called the Rock who took care of His people (Deut. 32:3-4; 1 Sam 2:2; 2 Sam 22:32; Psa. 18:46); and Paul called Christ the Rock who followed the Israelites and helped them (1 Cor. 10:4; cf. Exod. 17:6).

7. Exodus 13:21 says *YHWH* was in the pillar, and Paul says it was Christ who was with the Israelites (1 Cor. 10:4).

8. Psalm 102 states that *YHWH* laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of His hands (102:21, 25-27). The Hebrews writer applies that passage to Jesus (Heb. 1:10-12).

9. Isaiah saw *YHWH* (Isa. 6:5), but no man hath seen God (the Father) at any time (John 1:18; 1 John 4:12). John said Isaiah saw Jesus (*YHWH*) in His glory (John 12:41).

10. Christ was called "Emmanuel," which literally means "God with us," and Christ is often referred to as "God" in the Scriptures (Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:23; John 1:1,14; 20:28; Acts 20:28; Rom. 9:5; 1 Tim. 3:15-16; Titus 2:13; Heb. 1:8).

11. *YHWH* was called a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense (Isa. 8:13-14), but Paul directly applied this to Jesus (Rom. 9:33; 10:9-11).

12. Isaiah said the Messiah would be called "*the Mighty God*" (Isa. 9:6). When Jesus claimed to be the Messiah (John 4:25-26), He was claiming to be "the Mighty God."

13. John was preparing the way for *YHWH* (Isa. 40:3; Matt. 3:3). John was

preparing the way for Jesus; therefore, Jesus is called *YHWH*. John referred to Jesus as the one coming after him. John was preparing the way for Jesus by baptizing, and Christ would later command people to be baptized for the remission of sins (John 1:23; 29-31; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). John went before Christ, who is here described as the Lord their God: "*And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God. And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord*" (Luke 1:16-17; cf. John 20:28).

14. "The first and the last" is *YHWH* (Isa. 41:4; 44:6), and Jesus repeatedly referred to Himself as "*the first and the last*" (Rev. 1:11, 17-18; 2:8; 22:12-13, 16).

15. *YHWH* said He would not share His glory with another (Isa. 42:8); yet the Father shares His glory with His divine Son (John 17:1,5; Heb. 1:3; Rev. 5:12).

16. *YHWH* says every knee will bow to Him (Isa. 45:21-23), but every knee will bow before Jesus on the Day of Judgment (Rom. 14:10-11; Phil. 2:10-11). Apparently the wicked will never see the Lord God the Father in all His glory (Matt. 5:8; Heb. 12:14); but all will kneel before Jesus (*YHWH*), whom everyone will see on the last day when He appears (Matt. 25:31-33; 1 Thess. 4:13-5:3; 2 Thess. 1:7-9; Titus 2:13).

17. Joel said that whosoever calls on the name of *YHWH* will be saved, or delivered (Joel 2:32), yet the New Testament clearly applies these words to Jesus (Acts 2:21,38; Rom. 10:9-13).

18. The Branch of David is obviously King Jesus, born of the seed of David, and that Branch is called *YHWH*: "*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD [YHWH] OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS*" (Jer. 23:5-6; cf. Zech. 6:12-13).

19. Revelation 1:8 says, "*I am the Alpha and the Omega saith the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.*" Revelation 22:13-16 says, "*I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end...I Jesus.*" The Lord God Almighty is the Alpha and the Omega (Rev. 1:8). Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega (Rev. 1:11,18; 22:13,16); therefore, Jesus can rightfully be called the Lord God Almighty.

20. Because of this evidence and much more, Thomas was completely justified in saying to Jesus, "*My Lord and my God*" (John 20:28). Although Jesus rebuked Peter for his words in Matthew 16:22, saying that Peter did not savor the things that be of God, Jesus did not rebuke Thomas for his words in John 20:28. What Thomas said must have been "of God." Jesus is our divine Lord and God, and "the God of Jesus" is God the Father, who is "above all" in authority (John 20:17; 1 Cor. 3:23; 8:4,6; 11:3; Eph. 1:3,17; 4:6; Heb. 1:8-9; 1 Peter 1:3).

-- Jason Hilburn