

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Liz Sturgill continues to receive dialysis treatments but has been experiencing sharp back pain.

Jesse Riddle is experiencing weakness but has been able to attend morning services.

Judy Coley had cataract surgery on one eye and will have the other eye operated on October 11th.

Jaime, a friend of Jimmy Lindsay, will be having eye surgery October 9th.

Shirley Cook had knee replacement surgery on September 11th and is doing well.

Shirley Cook's sister-in-law fell, broke a vertebra so her surgery has been delayed.

Delores Hendrickson is now able to get out and is doing well.

Ray and Liz's son-in-law, Eric Dumas, had foot surgery and is doing well.

Mike Parnell's sister, Brenda, has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's and dementia.

Karen Sproles is doing better but continues to receive steroid injections in her knee and will have a nerve block soon.

Karen's former daughter-in-law is in a coma.

John Richardson suffers from multiple issues and will have gall bladder surgery soon.

Shannon Jones, daughter of Linda and Randall, is enjoying a pause in her chemotherapy.

Glenda Coons is being treated for cardiac AFib.

Dave Knoy has begun radiation treatments.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

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

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 the back of the auditorium.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be during our gospel meeting on Sunday, November 12th following the AM services. After the pitch-in we will conclude our gospel meeting with services beginning at 1:00 PM then dismiss for the day.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, November 1st at 5:00.

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:

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Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

A LOVE FOR THE TRUTH

Bob Spurlin

The most compelling need of our day is a love for the truth. Unfortunately there is a deficiency in this regard that is woefully lacking. Note the following illustration. As a boy my father, grandfather, brothers, and I would go to Bentley's Barbershop in Hartselle, AL to get a haircut. My grandfather, J. F. Dean, was an elder in the church, and was recognized as a walking Bible. Occasionally at the barbershop a question would be raised about the Bible or some Bible related subject. My grandfather would reply "the Bible says so and so," and then would quote the scripture in question. My memory is clear, although more than four decades have passed, yet that place of business reverberated with a resounding silence. The passion of his response was so thorough, so complete, that it left those present stunned. The presentation of truth silenced the would be querist, and convicted the hearts of those present. Beloved, there was a day when men and women would shudder at the truth and/or tremble at the spoken word (Heb. 4:12; Acts 24:25). Would to God those days would return.

How do we show our love for the truth? Initially, we should love hearing the truth or Gospel proclaimed (Eph. 4:15; Acts 2:41). I've noticed over the last ten to fifteen years a lack of appreciation for the truth and the majesty of God's written word. One brother told a Gospel preacher that he should watch what he said because there were sectarian people in the audience. One even remarked that he should not speak on religious error due to certain people being present.

How would Peter or Paul preach today? Would they simply slap people on the back, shake their hands, and then declare some philosophical jargon? Most Bible students know better. If we truly love the truth then joy will soar in our hearts as the spoken word is preached and taught. A love of the truth will cause us to crave and hunger for it like a fine meal (Matt. 5:6). Solomon said, "*Buy the truth and sell it not...*" (Prov. 23:23). The truth should be the single pursuit of us all and no price is too high to secure it (Matt. 13:45-46). A love for the truth will cause us to be submissive to it (James 4:7-8; Matt.7:21). Jesus with great clarity, said, "*If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments*" (John 14:15).

A love for the truth will also cause one to live it to the uttermost. There can be no greater challenge to our love of the truth than living it daily. Paul said, "*For me to live is Christ, but to die is gain...*" (Phil. 1:21). Jesus was the personification of truth and truly exemplified how we should conduct our lives. Luke writes his treatise to Theophilus and said, "*...concerning all that Jesus began both to do and to teach*" (Acts 1:1). Note the perfect harmony in our Lord's life; he both lived what he taught and taught what he lived. The sheer complimenting of our religion with how we live is a necessary prerequisite if we love the truth. Paul said, "*Only let your conversation (manner of life ASV) be worthy of the gospel of Christ*" (Phil. 1:27).

Friend, a lover of the truth is not only the purpose of our being, but faithfully adhering to the truth (John 8:32) will be rewarded with everlasting life.