

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Randall and Linda Jones' daughter Shannon is undergoing chemotherapy at Vanderbilt University hospital.

Jesse Riddle's eyelid surgery has been rescheduled for October 18th.

Continue to pray for Mike Parnell's son, Bill in Arkansas as he battles cancer. We are encouraged to send Bill cards, letters and words of encouragement to the following address:

Bill Parnell
1667 CR 2651
Lamar, AR 72846

Clay Sturgill, Ray's brother, is in the hospital in Virginia.

Aletia Sturgill, a close friend of Ray and Liz, is in a rehab center in Virginia.

Ray and Liz's son Jeff had back surgery and is now recovering at his home.

Doris Parnell's shoulder surgery has been scheduled for October 31st.

Bob Hawkins had an outpatient procedure for a problem with veins in his legs. He will receive more treatments in the future.

Gerald Dunn, brother of Susie Riddle, is in a health care institution in Bedford and is experiencing memory issues.

Virginia McKinney is still experiencing some balance problems. She was recently hospitalized and suffered a minor stroke while in the hospital. She is now back home. She will be wearing a heart monitor to help in diagnosing her problems.

Karen Sproles is still confined at home and is receiving home health services. Her husband Chet broke his leg and is in rehab at Meadow Lake in Mooresville.

Iris Hash is feeling some better but is still staying with her daughter.

John Richardson has been admitted to the hospital in Greenfield, in need of a colostomy.

Terry Richardson is in rehab at The Waters in Martinsville.

Haven Duncan, Dave and Tina's granddaughter in the Army, has a broken foot.

Hurricane victims in Florida.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru)

Deepest Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers are with Floyd and Judy Coley at the passing of Floyd's sister, Emma Sisk, who lived in Indianapolis. Services were held last Thursday.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, November 2nd at 5:00 PM. All men are encouraged to attend.

Fall Gospel Meeting:

Our fall gospel meeting with Brother Ronnie Whittemore will be held November 11-13. Services will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday and Saturday evenings. There will be a pitch-in dinner after the Sunday morning service then a 1:00 PM service to conclude the meeting.

Radio Program:

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

God's Plan For Our Salvation:

1. **Hearing** the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).
2. **Believing** what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).
3. **Repentance** (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).
4. **Confession** (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).
5. **Baptism** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).
6. **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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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:

“Preparing For Eternity”

Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

THERE'S POWER IN THE WORD

Steve Miller

Man has always been impressed with power. Power is “the ability to control others; to have authority; and to have influence” (Webster’s New World Dictionary). Some men have spent a lifetime trying to obtain power only to abuse it. Others have been successful in using it. There is a power that can divide asunder the soul and spirit (Heb. 4:12). It is the Word of God.

The Psalmist said, “*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path*” (Psalm 119:105). The Word reveals the way to heaven. It is the guide for our lives. We cannot go wrong in following God’s inspired Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17).

A study of the Word of God shows its effect upon the disciples in the early church. When Paul and Silas came to Berea, they found those who “*were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so*” (Acts 17:11). The Bereans did not go home and take the preacher’s word for what they heard. They studied the Word of God to see if the message was correct. How many people in the pews do this today? How many return home from worship to discuss, much less to study the passages they heard in the sermon or Bible class? Hopefully, more than we can tell. People who take the message as “Gospel” without checking the Word of God are living dangerously in their attempt to be pleasing to God. An open mind and heart in our study of the Scriptures is essential in having the attitude of changing our lifestyle or religious beliefs to fit God’s standard. There is power in the Word—if we will study it!

The powerful Word of God brings results. When Peter preached the first Gospel sermon on the first Pentecost after Christ’s resurrection, the Word he preached brought results. “*Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls*” (Acts 2:41). Paul stated, “*I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek*” (Rom. 1:16). The power is in the Gospel, the Word, the good news of Christ. God’s Word convicted the people on Pentecost of their sins and it will do the same today when it is preached

uncompromisingly and in love. The Word of God will bring results if we will just preach it, teach it and most of all, live it.

Not only is the Word powerful enough to bring results, but it can also be a comfort to those who are in Christ. Paul comforted the Thessalonian brethren by revealing the truth concerning the dead in Christ. “*For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him ... For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words*” (1 Thess. 4:14-18). It is comforting to know that Jesus has prepared a home for the faithful. We should look forward to the second coming of Christ in that we will be taken up with Him in the clouds to stay for ever and ever.

The Word of God is just as powerful as it was in the days of Abraham, Moses, Peter and Paul. Even man’s wisdom in 2022 cannot surpass the all-inspired, authoritative, living, active, comforting, convicting, powerful Word of God. Let us be prepared to “*take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God*” (Eph. 6:17).