

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 sister Linda in Florida is suffering with cancer. Bob Hawkins is still experiencing vertigo after efforts to treat it with a foot stimulator failed to help. He is awaiting an appointment with his neurologist. Continue to pray for Virginia McKinney with kidney issues, Joni McConnell and her recovery from heart issues and a broken hip and Charlie Henard for treatment of MS. Dave and Tina Knoy's daughter-in-law, Jessica Haynes visited the Mayo Clinic and is now being treated with a different medicine for her chronic migraine issues. Former member Beryl Miner will undergo chemo for cancer behind one of his eyes. Iris Hash's niece's husband in Nashville is scheduled to undergo eye surgery.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Karen Sproles, Iris Hash. Karen is moving to Palm Bay, Florida on October 17th.

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.

Deepest Sympathy:

Our prayers go out to sister Alice Wade and her family at the recent passing of Alice's sister Shirley, in Florida. Services were held last week.

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, November 11th at 5:00. Note that this is a delay of 1 week due to brother Bob participating in the Stop 11 lectureship and the absence of others.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, November 1st following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have another worship service with brother Donnie Vick doing the preaching in brother Bob's absence.

Stop 11 Church of Christ Lectureship:

The Stop 11 Road Church of Christ in Indianapolis will host their annual lectureship November 1st – 5th. The theme is "God on Trial". Services are 10, 11 AM and 1:30, 2:30 PM Sunday and 10, 11 AM and 1:30, 7 and 8 PM Monday – Thursday. Brother Bob Hawkins will be speaking on Sunday morning, November 1st. In Bob's absence, brother Donnie Vick will be our guest speaker.

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).ur

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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

Radio Program:

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THE FLOOD AND THE LONGEVITY OF MAN'S LIFE

Jon Gary Williams

For many years those who reject the Bible have sought to find things within its pages showing it to be only a myth. A reference often cited is the fifth chapter of the book of Genesis which attributes extremely long ages to men, into many hundreds of years. It is presumed that men could not possibly have lived to such ages and, therefore, the Bible must be erroneous. However, when looking carefully at the Genesis record information is discovered explaining why this account is not only logical, but scientific.

The Biblical record is clear in stating that men lived to extreme ages during the earlier period of man's history. From the time of Adam to the time of Noah the average age of man was more than 900 years, Methuselah living the longest, to 969 years. In contrast however, after Noah, the ages of men began to sharply decline. For example, Noah's son, Shem, lived 600 years, and his son, Arpachshad, lived 438 years. Over time man's life span continued to decrease, eventually averaging far below 100.

Taking into consideration this drastic change in man's life span and the time when it began to take place, it is immediately apparent that the flood had something to do with this change in man's longevity. What, regarding the flood, could there have been which caused such a reduction in the years men were capable of living? Was there something different about the earth after the flood?

To find the answer to these questions, it is necessary to look back to the physical conditions existing on the early earth. From Genesis 1:5-6 we learn that at the beginning there was no rain, but, rather, that the earth was watered by a "mist." Rain is not mentioned until the time of the flood (Gen. 7:4). Between the creation week and the flood a misty canopy must have enveloped the earth. Such a moisture belt would have prevented much of the sun's radiation from penetrating the atmosphere. It is well known that isotope radiation negatively affects man's life span; statistical studies have shown that overdoses of radiation lead to premature aging. On the other hand, protection from

radiation provided by such a moisture belt would have prolonged man's life span.

Additionally, the "mist" surrounding the earth being condensed into rain, was the source of much of the flood water. Yet, most of the water probably came from the "fountains of the great deep," or the earth's subterranean waters (Gen. 7:11).

The following graph illustrates the drastic difference in the longevity of man's life before and after the Genesis flood.

