

### **Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**

Beverly Anderson has been in the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis and is still recovering from her heart attack and leg hematoma  
Mike Parnell's son, Bill's cancer is now in remission.  
Ray Sturgill is going through cardiac rehabilitation.  
Floyd and Judy's niece's husband, John Newlin, was diagnosed with a blood cancer.  
Floyd and Judy's great grandson, Malachi, suffered a broken arm.  
Darryl Grimes (Ken & Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law) will undergo surgery for his cancer at the Cleveland Clinic on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Following surgery, on December 1<sup>st</sup>, he will be given an aggressive chemotherapy treatment. He then will likely receive some additional chemotherapy targeted specifically for the type of cancer that he has. Please keep Darryl, his wife and family and Ken and Sherrie in prayer.  
Randy Murray, Cindy's husband, is recovering from stones in his bile duct.  
Ken Roosa had surgery to repair a tear in his shoulder rotator cuff on November 8th. He is doing well and continues to recover.  
Charlie Henard's mother has Alzheimer's but is now at home and doing well.  
Clay Sturgill (Ray's brother) continues rehab in Whitesburg, KY. He is doing better  
Karen Sproles is doing better but is still receiving therapy.  
Iris Hash is being treated for stomach problems. She recently had some polyps removed and is feeling some better.

### **Fall Gospel Meeting:**

Our fall gospel meeting with brother Mark Day from Flatwoods, KY concluded last Sunday. We were all uplifted by the messages that he delivered. The meeting was well supported by visitors from the community and area congregations. Thanks to all who help in the preparation and prayers for a successful meeting. Thank you to our own members who supported the meeting and our ladies for the outstanding pitch-in..

### **Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

**Men's Business Mtg.** - Wednesday, December 1st at 5:00 PM.

### **Pray For The Works We Are Supporting:**

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies

### **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](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## What Must I Preach To Be Saved?

In the religious world, there are many teachings pertaining to salvation that lack Bible authority. When we compare these teachings with the Bible we notice a stark contrast between the two. Is there a pattern or a blueprint for what I must preach to be saved?

Jeremiah wrote by inspiration that God's people must continue in the "old paths" in order to be pleasing to God (Jer. 6:16). Jesus continued this teaching in His ministry when he spoke of a strait and narrow way compared to a broad way (Matt. 7:13-14). If we desire to continue on the right way that Jesus has planned, we must do so with divine authority for everything we practice (Col. 3:17).

Gospel preachers are given the divine charge to "preach the word" (2 Tim. 4:2). We must declare as Paul, "all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27). While we must expound the Bible to a lost and sinful world, there are areas where we must never cease to preach and teach.

It is very evident that plain Gospel preaching has taken a back seat to a soft, compromising, humorous approach to spreading the message of Christ. Take heed, not everyone in Zion has given over to this modernistic method of preaching. We are thankful for the many faithful brethren around the world who are still on the firing line for our Lord and Savior,

Let us return to Bible preaching and teaching. May we preach and live the following points.

**1. We must preach the Word of God.** "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" (2 Tim. 4:2). The word is the Gospel and its teaching. We are not to preach what the Pope, Calvin, Wesley, Campbell, Graham, Roberts, or any other man teaches. Only that which is found in the Bible is pleasing to God.

We must preach what Jesus and the apostles proclaimed (Eph. 2:19-20). The Bible brings the message of salvation, not confessions of faith, manuals or creeds. The Bible furnishes us unto every good work (2 Tim. 3:16-17). We must use what God has given us; the scriptures, and nothing else!

**2. We must preach Jesus.** Paul was faithful in preaching Jesus. "For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified" (1 Cor. 2:2).

The apostles faithfully preached Jesus Christ. "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they ceased not to teach and preach Jesus Christ. Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ" (Acts 5:42; 17:3).

Gospel preachers such as Philip have always preached Christ (Acts 8:5,35).

Why did these early preachers preach Christ? The blood of Christ was shed for all (Rom. 5:8; Heb. 2:9). "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matt. 26:28).

**3. We must preach righteous living.** We must make sure the message by our word and our lives is righteous living, and not riotous living. People in the world, and too many in the church are very slack in their attempt to live pure lives for Christ. Those outside of Christ, side with Satan. The devil's way is more popular than Christ's way. Drinking, dancing, swearing, adultery, drugs, sexual immorality, lying, and stealing, are just a few of the many works of the flesh and sinful ways in which many engage everyday. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:7-8).

**4. We must preach the church of Christ.** The church of Christ was established and bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ (Acts 20:28). The Bible declares that Jesus is head of that body, which is the church (Eph. 1:22-23). Since the church of Christ is the body of Christ of which Jesus is head, and for which he shed his blood, then there is only one church (Matt. 16:15-18).

How many churches did Jesus say he would build? One! Upon the foundation truth that He is the Son of God, Jesus built His church. Is it a denomination? No! A denomination is a division, party, sect, or part of the whole. The church of Jesus Christ is no fraction or part of anything, it is the whole, the one, true, body of Christ.

**5. We must preach the Gospel plan of salvation.** While many ridicule the five step plan of salvation, it is still found in the New Testament. The Bible still reveals that we must **hear** the Word (Rom. 10:17), develop a working **faith** (Heb. 11:6), **repent** of our sins (Acts 17:30), **confess** Christ as the only begotten Son of God (Rom. 10:10), and be **baptized** into Christ (Gal. 3:27; 1 Peter 3:21).

By obeying the Gospel plan of salvation, we become members of the church of Christ (Acts 2:47). The saying is true that states, the Bible makes Christians only, and the only Christians. The old plan of salvation is the one that still saves today.

We must preach the Bible boldly, forcefully, and lovingly. Our message must be Biblical, simple, and to the point. Let us not be ashamed of proclaiming the unsearchable riches of Christ to the world.

May we always preach the Word of God, Jesus Christ, righteous living, the church of Christ, and the Gospel plan of salvation.

-- Steve Miller