

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

Beverly Anderson is still recovering at home from her heart attack and leg hematoma

Sherrie Williams, daughter of Floyd and Judy Coley, has a lump in one of her lymph nodes and will undergo an MRI to help identify treatment options.

Mike Parnell's son, Bill's cancer is now in remission.

Floyd and Judy's great grandson, Malachi, is recovering from a broken arm.

Darryl Grimes (Ken & Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law) had surgery for his cancer at the Cleveland Clinic. Some of his cancerous tissue was removed but his small intestine has also been affected and this cannot be surgically removed. He is awaiting news on next steps for treatment. Please keep Darryl, his wife and family and Ken and Sherrie in prayer.

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.

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

**Men's Business Mtg.** - Wednesday, January 5th at 5:00 PM.

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

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

We will be helping two families in need this holiday season. Shawn and Christa Mathews are leading this effort. Please give your monetary donations to Shawn or Christa and help support this good work.

**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

## THE NAME OF THE CHURCH

Reading the New Testament, we find there was no “official name” given to the church. This does not mean the name is unimportant or that the Lord’s church today can be identified by just any name. To be Scriptural (according to the Scriptures, the Bible), we must call the church today what it was called in the first century. According to Colossians 3:17, everything we say and everything we do is to be in the “name of the Lord.” That means we act by the “authority of” and in “accordance to” the Lord’s will. The church in the New Testament was referred to by several different terms or phrases. The most common designation was simply “the church” (Acts 2:47; 5:11). The church in the New Testament was not just any “kind” of church. It did not wear denominational names, nor did it wear men’s names. The apostles, evangelists, elders, deacons or members never had to explain which church or what kind of church it was. It was simply “the church.” Only one church existed in the days of the apostles. It was the Lord’s church, the one He promised to build (Matt. 16:18), the one for which He died (Acts 20:28), the one He is coming again to save (Eph. 5:23). The church in the New Testament was also called the “church of God” (Acts 20:28). It was “the church of the living God” (1 Tim. 3:15) or the “church of the firstborn” (Heb. 12:23).

In the plural form, all the congregations grouped together were called “churches of Christ” (Rom. 16:16). Since the church belongs to Christ, it is only fitting that it wear His name. Since a man did not start the church, why wear a man’s name? Or, why use any designation that is not found in the New Testament? To do so is to rely on man’s authority and not the Lord’s authority. Jesus is the head of the church (Eph. 1:22-23). The church is His body (Col. 1:18). To refer to it by a name not given by the Lord is to degrade it. It means we are speaking where the Lord has not spoken. It is both taking away from the Word (by not calling it what the Lord called it) and adding to it as well (by calling it by a name of our own choosing). Both are condemned (Rev. 22:18-19). What’s the name of the church you attend?

— Garland M. Robinson