

**Pray For The Sick And Afflicted:**

Delores Hendrickson  
Karen Sproles  
Judy Coley (upcoming surgical procedure)  
Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy)  
Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law Darryl  
Dean Cook  
Iris Hash  
Randy Murray (Cindy Murray's husband)  
Zachary Baxter (Susie Burdsall's grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy)  
Edwin Parnell (Mike Parnell's brother, cancer)  
Larry Waymire – Missionary from West Tenn. Undergoing treatment for Melanoma of the eye.

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Goldie Gilbert    New Address: **Grand Valley Room 106  
1501 Hubert Circle  
Martinsville, IN 46151**

Al and Gertrude Reynolds

**Pray For The Mission Work That We Support:**

John Grubb (mission work in Asia)  
Charles DiPalma (mission work in Australia and New Zealand)  
Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies

**Pray For Our Upcoming Events:**

**Fall Gospel Meeting** – Our fall gospel meeting will be held November 8 – 10 with brother Sidney White. Please pray for our meeting. There will be a **Pitch-in Dinner** following the Sunday morning service. After the dinner, we will return upstairs at 1:00 PM for an evening service.

**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. After the above five steps, **Faithful Christian Living** (I Peter 2:11, 12; Revelation 2:10).

November 10, 2019

***MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST***

**540 E. Morgan Street  
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**Schedule of Services:**

**Sunday**

Bible Study – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM and 6:00 PM

**Wednesday**

Bible Study – 7:00 PM

**Thursday**

Ladies Bible Study – 11:00 AM (March – October)

**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

## “I’m a Winner!”

Not long ago, we received a notice in the mail—an attention-catching announcement that we had been selected to receive a special invitation to enter one of our nation’s largest sweepstakes. It seems that, for some time, they had been really missing us and our participation in this grand opportunity. Sure enough, a few days later, we received a large, eye-catching envelope with lots of cool stuff inside. There were plenty of colorful stickers and stamps, along with information about the sweepstakes and why we should consider purchasing some of the made-for-television-products available in conjunction with the sweepstakes. Of course, the most attractive feature was the prize money. But, then, in plain print, they disclosed the chances of winning: 1 in 1.7 billion. It hurts my brain to think about those kinds of numbers, so I set aside the envelope and, in a few days, threw it in the trash. People say, “Well, somebody’s got to win and it might as well be me!” But, is it really worth the stamp and the effort of putting it in the mail? What if, for some reason, the chances of winning improved by 1.69 billion to 1 chance in .01 billion, what then? There would still be a much greater chance of getting hit by lightning. So, for that reason, I’m out.

For centuries, God had repeatedly announced, through the prophets, His intention of blessing all nations through His Son, Jesus (Gen. 12:1-3). Many waited with expectation for the coming Messiah. In many ways, the overall message of the Old Testament is “Christ is Coming!” But, Jesus did not arrive in “a large, eye-catching envelope with lots of cool stuff inside.” His coming was not marked by the kind of fluff many of the religious leaders of the day required. Instead, in keeping with prophecy, He was born in a little town called

Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2). And, while angels heralded His birth, He was not born in a palace, but in a stable—and for his crib, Mary chose a feeding trough. But, then, the plain print, says, “you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins” (Mt. 1:21). We look for the fine print. What are the chances that He might save us from our sins?

A surprising “all” is found throughout the pages of the New Testament. “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest” (Mt. 11:28). The offer is extended to all, not to just a select few. Our God “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4). Quoting Old Testament prophecy, Jesus said, “And they shall all be taught of God.” Then He adds, “Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father, comes to Me” (Jn. 12:45). The invitation of heaven is encapsulated in a single word, “Come.” Near the end of the Bible, in the very last chapter, is the following invitation: “And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost” (Rev. 22:17). What are the chances that I can be saved from my sins? 1 in 1.7 billion? Not at all. In obedient trust, relying on the grace of God and the blood of Jesus Christ, my chances are 1 in 1. Praise God, I’m a winner! Are you?

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