

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Ray Sturgill is recovering at his daughter's home in Mooresville from heart issues.
Tim Burdsall is still recovering from knee replacement surgery.
Allen Davis is dealing with pain and was unable to be out last Sunday.
Bob Hawkins is experiencing upper back pain and is undergoing testing.
Cindy Murray's husband Randy is being treated for an irregular heartbeat.
Delores Hendrickson is still unable to be out.
Iris Hash is being treated for tonsillitis.
Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling terminal cancer.
Karen Sproles is still dealing with pain in her knee.
Former member Norm Wells has a cancerous growth on his pancreas.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, John & Terry Richardson

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See latest mission reports on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium.

Deepest Sympathy:

Former Morgan St. member sister Dee Wells passed away last week. A celebration of life will be held Saturday, March 1st from 1:00 – 4:00 PM at the Heartland Church of Christ at 1693 West Main St. in Greenwood.

Benevolent Opportunities:

We will be collecting spaghetti and pasta sauces during the month of January. These items will be donated to the Martinsville school food pantry.

We are also collecting full-size pillows to be donated to Sleep In Heavenly Peace, an organization that makes beds for foster families and needy children.

Family Game Night:

A family game and fellowship will be held Friday, February 21st starting at 5:30 PM. We will have a taco bar and an ice cream sundae bar and will play some games.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, March 2nd, following the AM services. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, March 5th at 5:00 PM.

2025 Gospel Meetings:

Our gospel meetings for 2025 have been confirmed. Brother Randall Jones will hold our spring meeting April 25 – 27 and brother Donnie Vick will hold our fall meeting September 12 – 14.

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).

February 9, 2025

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:

"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).