

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Virginia McKinney is suffering with back and hip pain.
Kami Harrison, granddaughter of Jesse and Susie Riddle had a seizure, fell and broke several vertebrae. Please pray for a full recovery.
Joni McConnell's sister is recovering from shoulder issues after falling.
Evelyn Murphy has been struggling with respiratory issues.
Tim Burdsall is still recovering from knee replacement surgery.
Judy Coley is dealing with complications associated with fluid in her ears.
Delores Hendrickson continues to need our prayers for sustained health.
Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling terminal cancer.
Karen Sproles is still dealing with pain in her knee.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, 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.

Benevolent Opportunities:

We are currently collecting peanut butter and jelly. These items will be donated to the Martinsville school food pantry.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, April 6, 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, April 2nd, at 5:00 PM.

Area Gospel Meeting:

The Eagle Valley Church of Christ at 8465 Crawfordsville Rd. in Indianapolis is hosting a gospel meeting April 6 – 10. Week night services will begin at 7:00 PM. Brother A. J. Cox will be doing the speaking.

2025 Gospel Meetings:

Our spring gospel meeting with former Morgan St. gospel preacher Randall Jones will be held April 25 – 27. Services Friday and Saturday will start at 7:00 PM. Following the Sunday morning service we will have a pitch-in dinner and a service will be held afterwards at 1:00 PM to conclude the meeting. Meeting flyers are on the table in the back of the auditorium to be handed out or mailed to family, neighbors and friends.

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).

March 30, 2025

MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**540 E. Morgan Street
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:

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Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

ARE ALL PRAYERS ACCEPTABLE TO GOD?

Ivie Powell

According to Ephesians 1:3, “all spiritual blessings” are found only “in Christ.” If one is not “in Christ,” they are not beneficiaries of any spiritual blessings! Among the exceeding great and precious promises given to children of God is that God answers the prayers of His righteous children (Luke 18:1; James 5:16). Through the years, I have heard many prayers that are not in harmony with the teaching of our Lord. I am not having reference to a “slip of the tongue,” but rather to out right false statements and requests. It certainly is not my intention to “nit pick” anyone’s prayer or to hurt anyone’s feelings, but to bring to our attention some things that are never correct no matter how honest, sincere or ignorant one may be in their petitions to God.

Question: Will God accept a sermon filled with doctrinal error? The answer of course, is No. Then what makes us think God will accept petitions that are a violation of His Word? Bear in mind that one’s petitions must be in harmony with the will of God (1 John 5:14-15).

As for the question, “Are All Prayers Acceptable To God?” We learn the following from the Holy Scriptures:

- God will not hear the prayers of an alien sinner (John 9:31).
- God will not hear the prayers of hypocrites (Matt. 6:16-18; Matt. 23).
- God will not hear the prayers of those who are hard-hearted and love not the truth (2 Thess. 1:10-12).
- God’s ears are not open to the prayers of the ungodly (1 Peter 3:12).
- God will not hear the prayers of those who are covetous (1 Tim. 6:10; Col. 3:5-6).
- God will not hear the prayers of those who refuse to forgive (Matt. 6:14-15).
- God will not hear the prayers of immoral brethren (Gal. 5:19-21).
- God will not hear the prayers of false teachers (2 John 9-11).
- God will not hear the prayers of those who support immorality of any sort (Rom. 1:18,32).
- God will not hear the prayers of those who have iniquity in their heart (Psalms 66:18).
- God will not hear the prayers if one does not have faith (James 1:5-7).
- God will not hear the prayers of the self-righteous (Luke 18:9-12).

- God will not hear the prayers of those who will not hear His precepts (Prov. 28:9; 1 Peter 3:12).
- God will not hear the prayers of a Christian husband who does not maintain the proper relationship with his wife (1 Peter 3:7).

In addition to these matters, God will not hear the prayers of those who use phrases and requests that are clearly not in harmony with His will!

For example, for one to state, Lord we know that the “end times” are here, or to imply that there are signs of the Lord’s return, is without scriptural support! Jesus made it clear that no one knows when He shall return, “*But of that day and that hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels which are in heaven, neither the Son, but the Father*” (Mark 13:32). As for signs of His coming, Jesus said there would be no signs of His coming — it would be just an ordinary day (Matt. 24:36-39).

Another example of an unscriptural request is to ask the Lord to help us to “testify” and “witness” for Christ. The only ones who were witnesses for Christ were chosen by God to give testimony of the resurrection of Christ. The apostle Peter said, “*Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly; Not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God, [even] to us, who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead*” (Acts 10:40-41). Christians today ‘can not’ and ‘do not’ “witness for Christ;” instead, we teach the Gospel which is God’s power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16)!

A third example of an unscriptural prayer is thanking the Lord for giving us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. The Holy Spirit was not sent to us, He was sent to the apostles, to guide *them* into all truth (John 14:26; 16:13). We are to study the Scriptures that are inspired of God to know the truth (2 Tim. 2:15). There are no miraculous manifestations of the Holy Spirit for Christians today (1 Cor. 13:8-10)!

No, all prayers are not acceptable to God! So let us be careful how and what we pray so we can say like David, “*The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer*” (Psalms 6:9).