

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

Judy Coley is scheduled for surgery on June 9 to remove the growth behind her ear.

Sean Mathews is recovering from gall bladder surgery but is doing well.

Allen Davis' mother is in the St. Francis hospital Indianapolis for treatment of congestive heart failure.

Karen Sproles continues to battle knee pain. Her husband Chet also has muscle pain in his back.

Sheila Eyster's husband Mark is being treated for an obstruction in his bile duct.

Tim Burdsall is still suffering pain from knee replacement surgery.

Delores Hendrickson continues to need our prayers for sustained health.

Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling terminal cancer.

**Pray For Our Shut-Ins:**

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, Terry Richardson, and Kathy Malowitz

**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.

**2025 Martinsville High School Graduates:**

Our sympathy goes out to the family of former Morgan St. member Norman Wells, who passed away last week. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

**2025 Martinsville High School Graduates:**

Our congratulations go out to sister Michaela Mathews, and Nolan Trapp who are 2025 graduates of Martinsville High School. Michaela and Nolan, we are proud of you!

**Ladies' Spring Luncheon:**

All of our ladies are invited to a spring luncheon and purse swap to be held at the church building on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 11 AM.

**Benevolent Opportunities:**

We are now collecting ramen noodles. These items will be donated to the MSD food pantry.

**2025 Morgan County Fair Booth:**

We will be having a booth at the Morgan County Fair which is July 5 – 12. Volunteers are needed to staff our booth where we will sign up folks for correspondence courses, hand out tracts and invite them to services. Please sign up to help on the sheet on the bulletin board. Your help is greatly needed and will be sincerely appreciated.

**Fall Gospel Meeting:**

Our fall gospel meeting will be held September 12 – 14. Our speaker will be brother Donnie Vick of the Shelbyville Rd. Church of Christ in Indianapolis.

**Area Gospel Meeting:**

The Stop 11 Rd Church of Christ is hosting a gospel meeting June 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> with brother Bill Boyd. Week night services begin at 7:00 PM.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be today, 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, June 4th, at 5:00 PM.

**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).

June 1, 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](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## HOW BEAUTIFUL HEAVEN MUST BE

It is fitting that the last book of the Bible humbles us. The message of God's triumph in the book of Revelation is clear, but the further we look into the text, the more difficult the book becomes. The repeated emphasis of these things happening "*shortly*," (Rev. 22:6), "*quickly*" (Rev. 22:7), and "*the time is at hand*" (Rev. 22:10), puts the vision of Revelation 21 and 22 in the context of the early church overcoming its then impending trials. However, the exaggerated apocalyptic language used to describe this triumph carries us beyond the then impending victory to the ultimate heavenly glory. This is a vision of heaven. It cannot be taken as literal, for gold is not transparent (Rev. 21:21), but clearly, our eternal home is beautiful.

It is beautiful because it is new: "*A new heaven and a new earth*" (Rev. 21:1); "*new Jerusalem*" (Rev. 21:2); "*Behold, I make all things new*" (Rev. 21:5). The Greeks had a word for "*new*" in respect to "*time*," but the word here is "*new*" in respect of "*kind*." This is a new kind of heaven and earth, a new kind of Jerusalem. There is also a word for "*renew*" in the New Testament, but that is not the word used here.

It is beautiful because it is a city: "*The holy city, new Jerusalem*" (Rev. 21:2); "*the great city, holy Jerusalem*" (Rev. 21:10); a city of "*twelve gates*" (Rev. 21:12), and "*twelve foundations*" (Rev. 21:14); a city that "*lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breath... twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal*" (Rev. 21:16). Abraham was looking for such a city. "*For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God... a better country, that is, an heavenly... for God hath prepared for them a city*" (Heb. 11:8-16). Israel of old gloried in the beauty of old Jerusalem as the "*city of God*" (Psalm 48; Psalm 84; Psalm 87), but the glory of "*new Jerusalem*" exceeds the glory of the old. In context, this beautiful new city is in contrast to "*Babylon, the mother of harlots, and abominations of the earth*" (Rev. 17:5).

The city is "*prepared as a bride adorned for her husband*" (Rev. 21:2); "*Come hither, and I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife*" (Rev. 21:9). There are few things so beautiful that they are worthy to be compared to a bride adorned for her husband. We read in Revelation 19:7-8, "*His wife hath made herself ready, And to her*

*was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, for the fine linen is the righteousness of the saints.*" We are reminded of Ephesians 5:25-27 where Paul wrote, "*Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*"

This beauty, this new city, is as the beauty of precious stones. It is made of "*pure gold*" (Rev. 21:18). Even "*the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass*" (Rev. 21:21). And it is "*garnished with all manner of precious stones*" (jasper, sapphire, chalcedony, emerald, sardonyx, sardius, chrysolite, beryl, topaz, chrysoprasus, jacinth, and amethyst) (Rev. 21:19-20), "*and the twelve gates were twelve pearls*" (Rev. 21:21). Such stones have been emblems of glory and beauty from the beginning. In Eden we read of gold, bdellium, and onyx stone (Gen. 2:11-12). As "*a river went out of Eden*" (Gen. 2:10), so also out of this city is "*a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb*" (Rev. 22:1). Jesus said, "*I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely*" (Rev. 21:6). As in Eden there was "*the tree of life*" (Gen. 2:9), so also by this heavenly river is "*the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations*" (Rev. 22:2).

This city is beautiful, above all, because God is there, and because there we will be with God. "*Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God*" (Rev. 21:3); "*the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof*" (Rev. 21:22-23); "*and they shall see his face*" (Rev. 22:4). To see the face of God? How beautiful heaven must be! -- Bill Boyd