

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

Judy Coley is recovering from surgery to remove the growth behind her ear and is doing well. Allen Davis' mother is now at home after being in the St. Francis hospital Indianapolis for treatment of congestive heart failure.

Virginia McKinney suffered a fall and cracked four ribs. She also has a goiter on her neck that will need to be removed at a later date.

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. He also suffered a mild heart attack and will need to have a blockage removed.

Iris Hash's son Bobby Eppards is still dealing with fluid around his heart.

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.

**Benevolent Opportunities:**

We are now collecting granola bars. 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 Meetings:**

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.

The Bargersville Church of Christ is hosting a gospel meeting June 20 – 22. Services Friday and Saturday evenings begin at 7:00 PM.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, July 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, July 2nd, 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 15, 2025

***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

# BE AS I AM

*John D. Cotham*

The apostle Paul introduced the Gospel of Christ to the Gentiles of the Roman province of Galatia, and as a result, there were churches established throughout the region. They had their ups and downs (Gal. 1:7), but part of Paul's instruction was to encourage them. In Galatians 4:12 he exhorted, "*Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am.*" Was this the statement of an arrogant person? NO! It wasn't arrogance. Was it right for Paul to make such a statement? YES! It had everything to do with that which was right. Can you and I rightfully make such a statement to others today? YES! You and I can make such a statement IF we mean what Paul meant, and IF we are the example that Paul was.

Paul was simply pointing out that "example" is a powerful way to teach and persuade others. Paul also used this lesson in another incidence. To the Corinthians he said, "*Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ*" (1 Cor. 11:1). Here, he clarifies the statement with "*even as I also am of Christ.*" The pattern of example (Christ) makes the difference.

Certainly none of us should be so arrogant as to try to influence anyone to follow our human ways. To the Philippians Paul noted, "*Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample*" (Phil. 3:17). The word "mark" means to observe or look to. He is showing that not only an apostle, but anyone who followed the same pattern he followed would also be an example of Christian living.

Paul admonished the preacher Timothy to be an example, "*Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity*" (1 Tim. 4:12). Elders, as well as

every Christian, are also to be good examples. Therefore it is not wrong nor arrogant for one to say "Follow me, as I follow Christ."

In many cases such an admonition is understood: "*And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost*" (1 Thess. 1:6). It is implied that the Christians at Thessalonica began to watch and follow the example of Paul and those workers traveling with him. Paul puts forth Christ as the prime example when he says "and of the Lord." Peter also held Christ up as the ultimate example, "*For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps*" (1 Peter 2:21).

God would have us understand that we must be "living examples." We must practice what we preach. We cannot say that we belong to Christ and live as if we belong to the Devil. When one becomes a Christian, he is saying to God that he is willing to live in a glass house. We should understand that the eyes of the world will be upon us.

Christians must desire that others will become as they are, lovers of God and followers of His will. This was Paul's wish for King Agrippa, "*Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds*" (Acts 26:29). Notice that Paul would not wish his chains upon anyone, but he would hope that all could be saved in Christ as he was. We should hope for the same.

First, we should be as confident in our salvation as Paul was. Second, we should have the same love for the souls of others as Paul did. In order to do so, we must live the life of Christ.

Brethren, let us live the proper example and then let us encourage others to "be as we are."