

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Judy Coley is recovering from surgery to remove the growth behind her ear and is doing well. Linda Jones, wife of former Morgan St. gospel preacher Randall Jones, has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and will begin treatment.

Allen Davis' mother is now at her daughter's 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 was readmitted to the hospital for treatment of fluid around his heart.

Delores Hendrickson continues to need our prayers for sustained health.

Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling terminal cancer. Her condition has worsened and Charlie has returned to Tennessee to comfort his family.

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 and his wife (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.

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).

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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:

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Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

A LITTLE GRATITUDE, PLEASE (GIVING IS AN ACT OF WORSHIP)

Rusty Stark

One of the questions lately raised about giving is whether or not giving is an act of worship.

This question must be answered in the affirmative —without doubt, and without apology. That giving is worship can be proved easily by a simple, straightforward understanding of the word ‘worship’ and a clear explanation of the concept of giving.

AN EXPLANATION OF WORSHIP

As we have already seen, worship is paying homage or showing adoration toward deity; it is to praise and glorify. *“Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name...”* (Psa. 29:2). “Worship may be described as an expression of awe, devotion, and love —from man, the creature, to his Creator” (Wayne Jackson). Another important fact necessary in order to distinguish between what worship is and what is not, is this: Worship is prescribed by God —that is, he has given directions to man, showing him how we can pay homage, show adoration, praise him, and glorify him (John 4:24). The actions that God has prescribed as a way of showing homage to him, are worship.

AN EXPLANATION OF GIVING

1) The giving commanded in the New Testament is a prescribed action (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

2) Giving was to be done when the saints assembled on the 1st day of the week. If it was not done during a time when the church came together, the money would not have been collected in one place. Paul’s stated purpose in making the command is so the money would already be gathered when he arrived at Corinth (1 Cor. 16:1-2).

3) New Testament Christians were commanded to give ‘as God has prospered him’ (1 Cor. 16:2). This literally means ‘as God has helped him on the road’ (Strong’s).

4) Even the attitudes and motives behind giving are dictated by God. We give for the purpose of: glorifying God (2 Cor. 9:11-13), showing our love to him (2 Cor. 8:8-9), meeting certain needs for others (Rom. 15:26). In addition, we must not give ‘grudgingly or of necessity,’ but with ‘cheerful’

hearts (2 Cor. 9:7).

5) Giving was also commanded in a discussion of the worship assembly of the saints (1 Cor. 11:17-16:2). Chapter 11 and verse 17 begins a discussion of the worship assembly —the time when the church came together into one place. The Lord’s supper is discussed (11:17-ff). Chapter 14 shows how preaching and teaching, prayer, and singing fit into our public assemblies. Chapter 16 give us the prescription for how to give during the time we come together for worship.

GIVING AS AN ACT OF WORSHIP

Worship has often included the giving of gifts.

1) In Numbers 18:11, the heave offering brought for sacrifice was called a ‘gift.’

2) One of the tithes given by the Israelites was specifically associated with a feast they ate before God as worship (Deut. 12:17-19).

3) Hebrews 5:1, *“For every high priest taken from among men is ordained for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins.”*

4) The wise men who came from the east to worship Jesus brought gifts (Matt 2:2,11).

5) The gift sent to Paul from the Philippian church was called ‘*an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God*’ (Phil. 4:18).

6) Hebrews 13:16, *“But to do good and to communicate (share, be generous) forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.”*

Once we understand what worship is and we understand what giving is, it seems a little silly to ask if giving is worship. A much better question might well be this: How could giving to God, as a demonstration of our love, in the prescribed place and time (the worship assembly), for the purpose of carrying out the mission of the church be considered anything other than worship?

Giving is an act of gratitude. *“For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich”* (2 Cor. 8:9). This verse occurs within a discussion of giving. In fact, 1 Corinthians chapters 8-9 make up the longest discussion of giving anywhere in scripture.

Since giving is a response to what Jesus has done for us. It stands as an act of gratitude. Those who do not want to give, those who are stingy or grudging about giving, those who get upset every time the preacher mentions giving, either do not understand or they are seriously lacking in gratitude.