

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Ken Roosa is recovering from an infection in his wrist and arm that previously had surgery on.

Iris Hash fell, broke her hip, and had to have a hip replacement. She is currently in rehab in Union hospital in Terre Haute.

Ray Sturgill is in rehab at St. Francus hospital after treatment for blood clots in his lungs and leg. Following rehab he plans to stay with his daughter Jenny for awhile.

Sean Mathews continues to struggle with GI issues.

Mike Parnell's sister-in-law, Ethel Parnell, is suffering from dementia.

Jesse Riddle is on hospice care but is often able to attend Sunday AM service.

Connie Davis is recovering well after surgery to replace her left hip.

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

Karen Sproles had a nerve stimulator inserted in her knee to help with pain.

Linda Jones will have surgery on June 27th to remove a malignant growth. Biopsies on other growths tested benign.

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.

Benevolent Opportunity:

During the month of June, we will be collecting cake mixes, icing, vinegar and rubbing alcohol for donation to Desert Rose.

Morgan County Fair Booth:

We will have a booth in the merchants building at the county fair running from Friday, July 5th - Saturday, July 13th. We will be inviting people to services, handing out tracts and enrolling people in a correspondence course. Workers are needed each evening. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board at the back of the auditorium. We are trying to get at least two workers per shift. Please sign-up if you can help.

2024 Fall Gospel Meeting:

A fall gospel meeting will be held September 6-8 with brother Tom House of the Plainview Church of Christ in Fulton, MS.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, July 3rd at 5:00 PM.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, July 7th, following the AM services.

Following the pitch-in we will have a service in song at 1:00 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 30, 2024

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 (March through October)

Radio Program:

"Preparing For Eternity"

Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

DO WE OFFEND?

Denver Thomas

How sad it is; but it does seem we have arrived at a time and place in history when many people are so every easily offended. Offenses may result from a variety of actions. A word spoken in jest may offend some. Awkward behavior on someone's part may offend others. Tone of voice may offend some. Citing Scripture may offend still others.

Offenses are spoken against repeatedly in God's Holy Word. Some form of the word (offend, offended, offender & offence) occurs some 74 times (22 in the Old Testament & 54 in the New Testament) in the KJV Bible. Among the definitions of the word offend offered by Webster's New Collegiate Dictionary are: 1) To transgress the moral or divine law; sin and 2) To cause dislike, anger or vexation; displeasure. A child of God surely would not want to be found guilty of any of these.

James wrote, "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one [point], he is guilty of all. ... For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same [is] a perfect man, [and] able also to bridle the whole body" (2:10; 3:2). Since few, if any of us are "perfect," it is reasonable to admit that we are apt to offend on occasion. Sadly, we may offend someone and yet be totally unaware that we have been offensive in some way.

Jesus said, speaking concerning small children and the seriousness of offending, "But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and [that] he were drowned in the depth of the sea" (Matt. 18:6).

Proverbs 18:19 reminds us, "A brother offended [is harder to be won] than a strong city: and [their] contentions [are] like the bars of a castle." James spoke to this, "Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a

soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins" (James 5:19 20).

Paul, in his writing to the church in Rome said, "[It is] good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor [any thing] whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak" (Rom. 14:21). In Romans 16:17-18 he wrote, "Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offenses contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple."

Psalm 119:165 says, "Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them." Even Christian people are known to take offense at some teachings they dislike or find disagreeable and just "drop out" or relocate to another place of worship. Might this suggest they are weak in the faith? Or, they do not "love thy law?" Or, might it suggest the teacher has been too outspoken or too harsh? "If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men" (Rom. 12:18).

Problem resolution is no longer an active part of many congregations of the Lord's people today. Fear of offending has become an ever-present deterrent in "earnestly contending for the faith" and "reprove, rebuke and exhort" teaching (Jude 3; 2 Tim. 4:2). Just "keep peace in the family" has become standard operating procedure for some; since quantity seems to have taken precedence over quality. Where is "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3)?