

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Joni McConnell was in the St. Francis Mooresville hospital last week for treatment of pneumonia but is now recovering at home.
Iris Hash fell, broke her hip, and had to have a hip replacement. She is currently in rehab in Union hospital in Terre Haute and doing well.
Ray Sturgill was released from rehab at St. Francis hospital after treatment for blood clots in his lungs and leg. He will be staying with Jennifer, his daughter for a couple of weeks as he continues to rehab.
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.
John Richardson fell from his bed and hurt his leg.

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 July, we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly for the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville food pantry.

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, August 7th at 5:00 PM.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, August 4th, 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).

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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 (March through October)

Radio Program:

"Preparing For Eternity"
Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

THE TRUTH, THE WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH!

Johnny O. Trail

While Jesus was on trial, Pilate asked a question that was rhetorical in nature. John 18:37-38 says “Pilate therefore said to Him, Are You a king then? Jesus answered, You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice. Pilate said to Him, What is truth? And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, I find no fault in Him at all.”

Pilate’s question was based on political considerations against a backdrop in Judea that was continually changing. Pilate was sent into the region by the Roman Empire to quell the unrest that had impacted the area. In four decades, the temple and the city of Jerusalem would be laid waste by the Roman General Titus and his forces.

People in all ages and various walks of life have played loosely with the truth. Pilate was not the first politician nor would he be the last to twist, bend, brake, and destroy the truth. The truth is valuable to God and those who strive to follow Him. Proverbs 23:23 says, “Buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.”

One could cite many examples of people who redefine what the truth is. Just recently, Katherine Maher, the new CEO of National Public Radio (NPR), was recently interviewed about her view of the “truth.” For a moment consider a quote from her:

[O]ur most tricky disagreements [regarding religion and politics in the context—JOT], seeking the truth and seeking to convince others of the truth might not be the right place to start. In fact, our reverence for the truth might be a distraction that’s getting in the way of finding common ground and getting things done. Now, that is not to say that the truth doesn’t exist, nor is it to say that the truth isn’t important. ... I think if I were to really ask you to think about this, one of the things that we could all acknowledge is that part of the reason we have such glorious chronicles to the human experience in all forms of culture is because we acknowledge there are many different truths. ... I’m certain that the truth exists for you and probably for the person sitting next to you. But this may not be the same truth. This is because the truth of the matter is very often for many people. What happens when we merge facts about the world with our beliefs about the world, So we all have different truths. They’re based on things like where we come from, how we were raised, and how other people perceive us.

Postmodernists have a truly warped view of what truth is. One commentator called the following discourse “absolute garbage.”

Regardless of what postmodernists say, one can arrive at the objective, revealed truth. We can understand the truth and apply it to our lives. We can know what we must do to have eternal life. John 8:31-32: “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” The promise of the Master

is that we can absolutely know the truth from God and that truth will make His people “free.” To say we cannot know the truth, turns God into a liar and makes salvation and morality an unobtainable goal!

God’s word provides the truth for one to examine, study, and confirm the sayings and teachings of others. In John 17:17 Jesus prayed, “Sanctify them by thy truth. Thy word is truth.” If we revere God, we will have a reverence for the truth and seek it for our lives —unlike what the CEO of NPR said.

The idea of “many different truths” is the problem humankind has wrestled with from the beginning of time. There was God’s truth, Satan’s partial truth, and humanity’s ability to choose (Gen. 3:1-7). Just like Adam and Eve failed by listening to Satan, we fail by making decisions separate from God’s guidance.

The idea of “many different truths” has created a polytheistic, pagan world. The only God and the only means of being saved is through Jesus Christ. This is an undeniable truth that a postmodern world rejects. First John 2:21-23 says, “I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and that no lie is of the truth. Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son. Whoever denies the Son does not have the Father either; he who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.”

Departures from biblical truth will cause people to be eternally lost. The inspired writers understood this and warned first century Christians about those who would corrupt sound doctrine. 2 Peter 2:1-3 says: “But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.”

The truth matters! Regardless of how people discount it and pervert it, the truth will set people free from the bondage of sin and death. The truth will dispel false teachings and set people on a correct pathway, biblically speaking. The truth is important; and, essential.