

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Joni McConnell is recovering from pneumonia at home.
Iris Hash fell, broke her hip, and had to have a hip replacement. She is having some issues with swelling in her leg. She is currently staying with her daughter.
Ray Sturgill was released from rehab at St. Francus hospital after treatment for blood clots in his lungs and leg. He is staying with Jennifer, his daughter for a couple of weeks as he continues to rehab.
Delores Hendrickson is still struggling with a bad cough.
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.

Prayers and Sympathy:

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Ray Sturgill and his family at the passing of Ray's sister, Louse Boggs, in Whitesburg, KY. Arrangements are pending.

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:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

DOES THE NAME MATTER?

Recently someone told me they thought it didn't matter what a church called itself as long as they worshipped correctly. Is this true according to the Bible? Could a church call itself any name and be acceptable to God as long as they worship correctly? Let's consider for a moment why it does matter what the church calls itself. In fact, just like worshipping God correctly is essential, going by what the rest of the Bible says about the church is also essential. Notice why this is true.

The name of the church is important because the Bible tells us not to "add to" or "take away from" God's Word (Rev. 22:18-19). If the name of a church is not found in the Bible, we would be adding to God's Word. If the name is found in the Bible and we choose to call it by something not found in the Bible, we would be taking away from it.

The name of the church is important because the Bible specifically tells us not to go beyond what is written (1 Cor. 4:6). If the name of a church is not found in Scripture we are going "beyond what is written."

The name of the church is important because we are to do everything by the authority of Christ, who is the Head of the church (Col. 3:17; Matt. 28:18; Eph. 1:22-23). Whatever God, Christ or the Holy Spirit referred to the church as, is what we should refer to it as.

The name of the church is important because the name we call the church should only bring honor and glory to God, Christ or the Holy Spirit not men (1 Cor. 10:31). If the church is called the church of Mark or Mark's church, who is that bringing honor to?

The name of the church is important because Jesus died for and shed His blood for His church (Acts 20:28). The act of Jesus dying on the cross purchased the church. Since it was his blood that paid the price for the church, it should wear His name (Matt. 16:18).

The name of the church is important because the name shows ownership and the Lord as the builder and founder of the church is the only one who has the right to be owner of the church (Matt. 16:13-18).

The name of the church is important because the church is the Bride of Christ and as His bride, it should wear His name (Eph. 5:22-31).

The name of the church is important because we are only to speak as the oracles of God (1 Peter 4:11). Here are the names the Bible refers to the church as:

Jesus said, "I will build my church" (Matt. 16:13-18). Thus, it is the church of Jesus or the church of Christ.

It is referred to as the church of the Lord (Acts 20:28).

It is referred to as the church of God (1 Cor. 1:1-2; Gal. 1:13).

It is referred to as the church of the Living God (1 Tim. 3:15).

It is referred to as the church of Christ (Rom. 16:16; Gal. 1:22).

It is referred to as the church of the firstborn, which is another name for Jesus (Heb. 12:23; Col. 1:15-19; Rom. 8:29).

The name of the church is important because calling the church by men's names or denominational names is specifically and explicitly condemned in Scripture (1 Cor. 1:10-13).

Friend, a careful study of the Scripture helps us to see that what we call the church really does matter. We need to call the church by names that are found in Scripture and that brings honor and glory to God, not men.

May God help us to glorify the church Jesus died for in everything we say and do!

- Ben Bailey