

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

Sean Mathews had a biopsy performed on his prostate gland and only one of the several samples taken tested positive for cancer. No further treatment will be done at this time but he will have additional blood work performed in 6 months to monitor his condition before determining next steps.

Floyd Coley was in the Bloomington hospital last week for a possible heart attack. They determined that he has multiple blocked coronary arteries, which was too many for them to put in that many stints. He was released from the hospital, will be placed on medication and monitored.

Linda Jones, wife of former Morgan St. gospel preacher Randall Jones, has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease and has begun treatment.

Glenda Coons, former Morgan St. member, is scheduled to have back surgery in July to remove bone spurs on her spine.

Lisa Bunch's daughter, Kaci Arwood, had a ruptured appendix and surgery to remove the appendix. Post surgery she suffered from fluid around the lungs but is now back home and recovering.

Allen Davis' mother, Justene Davis, is back at her daughter's home after being hospitalized for complications of congestive heart failure.

Allen Davis' brother-in-law, John, suffered a heart attack and was hospitalized but is now back home.

Bill Stowing, a neighbor of Sheila Eyster, has terminal heart issues.

Karen Sproles continues to battle knee pain.

Iris Hash's son Bobby Eppards is back in the hospital in Terre Haute being treated for 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 she is now under hospice care.

**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 canned pastas such as spaghetti O's, ravioli, etc. These items will be donated to the MSD food pantry.

**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, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 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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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

## THE BEGINNING OF THE CHURCH OF CHRIST

The question is not, Is there a Bible in your church? The question is, Is your church in the Bible? Everyone knows that for a church to be of Christ, it must be found in the Bible. Therefore if your church is not found in the Bible, it is not of Christ. Christ doesn't recognizing it for sure. Today, let me quickly show you the one church that came from the mind of God.

If the church came from the mind of God, it must first of all have existed as a prophecy. Here is the prophecy of the New Testament church.

Isaiah 2:2-3: *“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be **established** in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”*

Isaiah saw the New Testament church as “the mountain of the Lord's house.” It was to be established on top of the mountains, meaning that it was not going to be established in secrecy. Everyone will see it just like a house at the top of the mountain is seen by everyone and from all directions.

Isaiah continues, *“It shall be exalted above the hills and all nations shall flow to it.”* This church will be for all nations. It will therefore be different from the Jews' religion which only was for the nation of Israel. This church, mentioned in prophecy as the mountain of the Lord's house, will be for all nations. If the church you are a member of did not exist as a prophecy in the old Testament, it is surely not the one Isaiah is talking about.

Let's continue. In verse 3, the church is mentioned again as the mountain of the Lord but it is also mentioned as the house of the God of Jacob. According to the prophecy, many people will say, *“Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.”* The church is identified as a place where people will be taught God's way.

The last part of verse 3 is very important. If you are someone who easily forgets things, you just need to take the last part of verse 3. It says, *“For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”* The birth place of the church of God has been identified. The preaching of the Gospel that would lead to the birth of the New Testament church was to begin in **Jerusalem**. If you are in a church that began in America or any other place in the world that is not Jerusalem, you should start searching for an exist door. You are not in the church that God wanted you to be. The birth place of the one true church is Jerusalem.

When Jesus came into the world he repeated Isaiah's prophecy —“the church is to begin in Jerusalem.” This is what He actually said to His disciples just before He ascended into heaven. Luke 24:46-47: *“...Thus it is written, and thus it behoved [was necessary for] Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day: And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, **beginning at Jerusalem.**”*

Are you able to see the phrase “beginning at Jerusalem” in this verse? I am sure

you are able. The church was to begin at Jerusalem. Jesus told his disciples to tarry [wait] in Jerusalem until they receive power from above. They were all in Jerusalem waiting for the promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:12; 2:1-5).

The day of Pentecost came. The Holy Spirit came upon them and they spoke with other tongues [languages]. Jews from all over the world who had gathered for the feast wondered. Some mocked them saying, “These men are drunk.” Peter stood up to explain what was happening on this day. Acts 2:15-17: *“For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day. But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh...”* Peter took this opportunity to preach the first Gospel sermon. He convicted the Jews for crucifying the innocent Lord. He concluded his message with words that could in no doubt pound the hearts of many who heard him. Acts 2:36: *“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”*

Peter's message was so strong that it pierced the hearts of those who gladly received his words. They felt sorry for crucifying the innocent Messiah. They asked if there was a way of being reconnected to the living God. Acts 2:37-38: *“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”* Did they do what Peter had commanded them? Did they repent and were baptized? Let's see.

Acts 2:41-42: *“Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.”*

Surely they did what Peter had told them to do. They repented and were baptized. Was this the beginning of the church? Surely it was. Luke the divine historian proves beyond doubt that this was the beginning of the New Testament church.

Acts 2:44, 46-47: *“Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, ... They ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, ... Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”*

The Lord added to the church those who were being saved. You can't add to something that does not exist can you? This was the beginning of the New Testament church. This was the beginning of the church prophesied by the prophet Isaiah. And this was the beginning of the church that God wants you to be a member of so He can save you.

It is unfortunate that when you wanted to be in the church of Christ, you ended up being in the church that came from the mind of men and therefore it cannot be found in the Bible. The door to the New Testament church is still open for you.

Visit the church of Christ in your area for more information. *“The churches of Christ greet you”* (Rom. 16:16).

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