

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Sean Mathews will have additional blood work performed in 6 months to monitor his prostate cancer condition before determining next steps.

Linda Jones is being treated for Parkinson's disease.

Glenda Coons is scheduled to have back surgery August 20th to remove bone spurs on her spine.

Karen Sprole's son-in-law has serious heart issues and internal bleeding.

Iris Hash's son Bobby Eppards is back home and doing better after 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. The lesson theme will be: "The Bible and Me!"

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, September 14 during our gospel meeting, following the AM services.

Fish Fry:

Our annual fish fry will be held on September 27 at 5:00 PM at the Martinsville City Park shelter house No. 5.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, September 3rd, 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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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

SOMETIMES IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW SIMPLE AND INTENSE YOU PREACH, YOU ARE STILL NOT HEARD

Victor Eskew

Paul commanded Timothy to “*preach the word*” (2 Tim. 4:2). Paul exhorted Titus, saying: “*But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine*” (Titus 2:1).

These two admonitions prove that the Word of God needs to be preached. Those who preach the Gospel should preach the word with simplicity, earnestness, and urgency. The purpose of such preaching is to prick the hearts of the listeners. “*Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart...*” (Acts 2:37). The pricking of the heart is supposed to lead the listener to further inquiry, the development of faith, and ultimate obedience to God’s Word (Acts 2:37-38, 41).

Sometimes, however, it doesn’t matter how simply, how intently, and how urgently one preaches the Gospel, the listeners are not inclined to hear. Oh yes, they may “hear” the message, but their hearing does not translate into making the application in their lives. There is no radical change to become more spiritual.

This is one of the reactions to God’s Word that all preachers must come to expect at times. Jesus experienced it. Peter experienced it. Paul experienced it. Every faithful preacher has experienced it. Here is just one example.

“*And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ. And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time; when I have a more convenient season, I will call for thee*” (Acts 24:24-25). Felix called for Paul. Paul preached relevant things that Felix needed to hear. Felix heard Paul. Felix trembled at Paul’s teaching. Felix sent Paul away without a positive response to the

message. The truth often goes in one ear and out the other ear.

The minister is told: “What a wonderful sermon,” but there is no conformity of the person’s life with regard to the points of the “wonderful sermon.”

Fortunately, the preacher is not responsible for the response of the hearer. He proclaims the truth. The burden of a faith response to the message is upon the hearer.

Faithful preachers do not grow discouraged by the rejection of some to the message. They take delight in the fact that they have done the will of God in sowing the seed of the kingdom. They understand that not all of the soil is good soil. Eventually, they will find it. When they do, it will produce some thirty, some sixty, and some hundredfold (Matt. 13:23). When this happens, all of his labors are worth his effort.