

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Joni McConnell is undergoing rehab after her fall at the Grand Valley Rehab Center, Room 109.

Connie Davis continues to recover from her hip replacement surgery.

Iris Hash is staying with her daughter, recovering from her hip replacement surgery.

Delores Hendrickson is still struggling with a bad cough.

Sean Mathews continues to struggle with GI issues and is now on a special diet.

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

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

Linda Jones fell at home and has cracked ribs but is doing well.

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

Karen Sproles is still dealing with pain in her knee.

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.

Benevolence Opportunity:

For the month of August, we are asked to bring in pasta (e.g. spaghetti noodles, elbow macaroni, etc.) red spaghetti sauce and white alfredo sauce. These items will be donated to the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville food pantry.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, September 4th at 5:00 PM.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, September 8th, following the AM services.

Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will conclude our gospel meeting.

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.

Annual Fish Fry:

We will be having our annual church fish fry on Saturday, October 12th 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).

September 1, 2024

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 (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

WHAT KIND OF PREACHING DO WE NEED IN OUR GENERATION?

Roger Campbell

Have you ever heard a sermon that was presented using a chart that had been drawn or painted by hand on a bed sheet or canvas? Many of them were amazing and left a favorable impression on their hearers. A bit later, the use of overhead transparencies came along. And now? In many places, it is popular to preach sermons accompanied by Power Point slides.

Such sheets, canvases, transparencies, and slides have the potential to be helpful tools, but since they all may be “outdated” even in our lifetime, I strongly urge that we not uphold any tool or device as “the key to preaching.” The kind of preaching we need in our generation is the kind of preaching that is needed in every generation. What kind of preaching do we need? The correct answers will never change. Here are ten answers, and the order below is not significant.

Bible preaching. If we miss this one, then we have missed it all! God’s charge is, “Preach the word” (2 Tim. 4:2). The context of that statement makes it clear that “the word” is God’s word. Oh how we need lessons that are filled with a “Thus saith the Lord!” How we need lessons that open the Bible, examine the Bible, and cause those present to say, “He really preached the Bible today.” While some seem intent on filling their “sermons” with stories and jokes and reducing the amount of Bible they employ, God’s church and the world still need to hear what GOD says!

Preaching that carries out the other instructions of Second Timothy 4:2. Preaching the word includes, “reproving [convincing], rebuking, exhorting with all longsuffering and doctrine.” Just as Jeremiah was charged to root out, pull down, destroy, throw down, build, and plant (Jer. 1:10), so God’s preacher today needs to present lessons that go to the heart and cause hearers to see where they stand with the Lord, imploring them to make necessary corrections and encouraging them to do what is in the best interest of their soul.

Compassionate/loving preaching. Jesus preached from a heart that had compassion for those who heard Him (Mark 6:34). We need that kind of preaching today, presenting lessons that leave no doubt that the ones presenting them love the souls of those to whom they are speaking (Mark 10:21).

Passionate preaching. Do not confuse “compassion” with “passion.” One can have one without the other. We need Gospel preachers who are enthusiastic in proclaiming the Gospel, who have God’s word in their hearts

like a burning fire (Jer. 20:9). Like Apollos, being “fervent in spirit” should characterize the way our lessons are presented (Acts 18:25). Each presenter of God’s word has his own personality, but those who hear sermons need to feel the enthusiasm of the speaker. If he is not excited about telling it, then he should not expect folks to be excited about hearing it. Preaching that points to the Savior. Man’s greatest problem is sin, meaning that man’s greatest need is salvation from that sin. The only way to be saved is through Jesus the “Savior of the world” (1 John 4:14). Preaching that does not keep the Christ and Him crucified (1 Cor. 2:2) at the forefront, does not stack up to the preaching of the first-century church (Acts 3:12-26; 8:35; 17:2-3; 18:28).

Preaching that explains how to walk with the Lord. How much are we really helping people who hear our lessons if we do not get down to it and show them what they, on an individual basis, must do in order to be in the right relationship with God? That means we need to give the Bible answer to “What must I do to be saved?” (Acts 16:30-33; 2:36-41). It also means we need to preach to let Christians know how to “walk in the light as He is in the light” (1 John 1:7) in order to remain saved.

Preaching that points out the uniqueness of God’s people. Under the new covenant, God’s people, that is, His children, are in the Christ (1 Peter 2:9-10; Gal. 3:26-28). They comprise the “one body” (Eph. 4:4). Along with that privilege comes the responsibility for each follower of Jesus to come out from the darkness of the world and live a holy, separated life (2 Cor. 6:17). The church and the world need to hear that!

Preaching that comes from a heart that longs to please the Lord, not people. If someone hears a sermon and it makes him/her happy, that is fine. A preacher’s ultimate goal, though, is to present a sermon whose content and delivery please God. Brothers who preach need to have the mindset of the apostle Paul: “But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts” (1 Thess. 2:4).

Practical preaching. This is preaching that reaches home with the listeners, that causes them to see how to use God’s message in their own lives (Acts 3:19; 7:51-53; 1 Tim. 4:11-12).

Clear preaching. It is fruitless and frustrating for hearers when they hear a sermon and are unsure exactly what is said or what the point is. The preaching done by Jesus and His disciples was plain, letting the hearers know in no uncertain terms what was what. Look at how Jesus spoke about worry, Paul spoke about the God of heaven, and Peter spoke of salvation (Matt. 6:25-34; Acts 17:22-31; 2:36-28).