

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

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

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 weak but is often able to attend Sunday morning services.

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.

Jean England, daughter of Karen Sproles, is having stomach issues.

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 September, we are asked to bring in canned soup and ramen noodles. 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, October 2nd at 5:00 PM.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be today, following the AM services. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will conclude our gospel meeting.

Ladies' Day:

The ladies of the congregation will be hosting a ladies' day on Saturday, October 5th starting at 9:00 AM at the church building. The theme is "Mirror, Mirror" and the guest speaker will be sister Beverly Blair of the Stop 11 Rd. Church of Christ in Indianapolis.

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).

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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 (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

WHO AM I TO DISAGREE WITH YOU?

Tracy Dugger

In attempting to teach others the Gospel, I have often wondered why so many in the religious world accept what “their” preacher says without question. Whether discussing baptism, worship, or even marriage, responses such as, “But my preacher says,” are often heard. Recently, I witnessed first hand what I knew to be true. In a religious discussion with a man, I made a biblical point. Expecting disagreement, it astounded me to hear him say: “Who am I to disagree with you? You are a man called by the Lord into the ministry.” Those words implied that regardless of this man’s view, my understanding carried more weight. He reasoned that God had specifically and directly called me to the ministry to proclaim His Word and would thus be speaking through me.

First, this is an unproved assumption! The prophets and preachers of the first century were truly directly called and guided by God (Matt. 4:18,21; John chapters 14-16; Acts 9:15). The apostles were called to preach just like the prophets of old (2 Peter 1:19-21; Isa. 6; Jer. 1:5).

When the writing of the New Testament was complete, there was no longer a need for inspired men. Divine inspiration was written down and thus preserved. It was so complete that there was no need for additional divine knowledge (2 Tim. 3:16-17). In New Testament times, God’s Word for man was fully delivered (Jude 3). And, it was so completely delivered by the apostles and prophets, that the apostle Paul gives a warning not to add nor subtract from it (Gal. 1:6-9). If preachers today have what the apostles and prophets had in the first century, they would not need a Bible to preach from; they would be divinely inspired. And, if God were still giving additional revelation today, there would have to be confirmation of the Word of God through miracles, wonders, and signs (Mark 16:17-20).

Second, not realizing what the Bible teaches about this has created massive error and confusion. Is it any wonder that many in the denominational world blindly follow their preacher’s utterances? Is it any wonder they give little thought to “trying the spirits” (1 John 4:1) or “searching the Scriptures” (Acts 17:11)? Is it surprising there exists a clergy/laity distinction in the denominational world (and sometimes even among our own brethren) (Matt. 23:9)? Take the case of two preachers disagreeing on a biblical matter. Common sense should tell us that something is wrong. When two “called” preachers disagree and teach contradictory things, one or both are not following the direction of God. Who is right? How do you determine? Because a person claims to be a preacher of the Gospel does not make it so (2 John 9-11; 2 Peter 3).

In the first century, the message of Gospel preachers could be authenticated by their demonstration of signs and miracles of the Holy Spirit (Heb. 2:4; Mark 16:20). God directly spoke through these men (2 Peter 1:20-21; 1 Cor. 2). But such miraculous workings through men ceased when the completed Word of God was finally delivered to mankind (1 Cor. 13:8-12; Eph. 4:7-11). The pen of divine inspiration was put down by the end of the first century because we have been given “all the divine information” needed in the Bible. When a religious matter comes up today, we must consult the Word of God for the final answer! This is why it was written and preserved! What spiritual, religious, or moral problem does the Bible not address? None! The Bible is the all-sufficient, complete, authoritative Word of God, needing no addition, nor subtraction (Gal. 1:6-9; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Jude 3; 2 Peter 1:3). And so, we can determine the truth of a teaching today by comparing it with the Bible. If people would study and make application of the Word, confusion on this and many other issues would dissolve.

We encourage and plead with our religious friends: Check us out! Do not take our word for anything. Go to the Bible and verify what you hear with God’s inspired Word. Confirm our words by using God’s test for truth —the Bible.