

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Virginia McKinney fell again and cracked a rib.
David Williams, son-in-law of Floyd and Judy Coley, suffered an apparent stroke last week. After a brief stay at the hospital, he is now back home and doing well. He will seek additional medical help to try and determine the cause of the event.
Ray Sturgill's brother-in-law, Teddy Adams, has brain issues and is in a hospital in Lexington, KY

Linda Jones is being treated for Parkinson's disease.
Glenda Coons is back home and recovering following back surgery to remove bone spurs on her spine.

Karen Sprole's son-in-law has serious heart issues and internal bleeding.
Iris Hash is dealing with hip issues.
Iris Hash's son, Bobby Eppards, is in the hospital cardiac care unit with heart issues. He is scheduled to undergo surgery on his heart.
Deloris 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. We rejoice in that Brittany was recently baptized into Christ.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

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 reports on bulletin board. We look forward to brother John Grubb visiting with us on Sunday, September 21st to provide us with an update on their work during Bible study and to deliver the morning sermon.

Benevolent Opportunities:

We are now collecting macaroni and cheese. These items will be donated to the MSD food pantry.

Fall Gospel Meeting:

Our fall gospel meeting will conclude today. Our speaker has been brother Donnie Vick of the Shelbyville Rd. Church of Christ in Indianapolis. The lesson theme has been: "The Bible and Me!"

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be today 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.

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:

"Preparing For Eternity"
Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

WHY I GOT BAPTIZED AGAIN

Jason Patrick Hilburn

I grew up in the Baptist church. One day in worship I decided I wanted to be saved, so I went to the front and the preacher prayed with me. They told me I was saved at that point. I was not baptized on that day because they believe water baptism has nothing to do with salvation, so my baptism was delayed. It was days or weeks later when I was baptized in water. Several years later I was engaged to a young lady (now my wife) who was, and still is, a member of the church of Christ. I began attending with her, and one Sunday night after worship the preacher asked me if he could talk to me, so we went into a classroom, and he began showing me Scriptures I had never considered. The Scripture that really hit home for me was [Acts 22:16](#): “*And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.*” Biblical baptism is to “wash away sins,” and I had been taught that baptism has nothing to do with washing away sins.

I also learned that in the Bible, baptism was never delayed until a “Baptism Sunday” or anything similar, because people understood they were not going to Heaven unless they were baptized to have their sins forgiven. [Acts 2](#) records about three thousand people being baptized in one day “for the forgiveness of sins” (2:37-41). The Ethiopian was baptized as soon as he saw water and did not rejoice until after baptism ([Acts 8:35-39](#)). Saul had been fasting three days but would not eat until after he was baptized to wash away his sins ([Acts 9:18-19](#); [22:16](#)). The Philippian jailor was baptized “straightway” (immediately) in the middle of the night ([Acts 16:33](#)). The Bible repeatedly stresses the urgency of water baptism.

After seeing the Truth, I wanted to be baptized immediately. That night I was immersed for the second time in my life, and it was that second time that my sins were actually washed away. I needed a proper understanding of what I was doing for it to be effective. Being Biblically baptized is not simply something done outwardly, it must be “*obeyed from the heart*” (mind) with sincerity and a proper understanding of its purpose to make one “free from sin” ([Rom. 6:17-18](#); compare 6:3-5).

Did you know twelve Ephesians were baptized (immersed) in water twice ([Acts 19:1-5](#))? Paul required it of them because the first time, they had not been baptized according to God’s word. Similarly to me, they had not been taught correctly and needed to be immersed again after gaining a proper understanding. This account, along with the fact that the Bible repeatedly

teaches that God requires men to do things exactly the way He said, should motivate every person who has been baptized to seriously consider whether it was done exactly as God said—with a proper understanding. If you have been baptized in water, please consider the following Biblical criteria and compare these to the baptism you received. True Biblical baptism requires:

- **The correct subject**—a penitent believer in Jesus as the risen Son of God ([Mark 16:15-16](#); [Acts 8:35-37](#)).
- **The correct confession**—confessing one’s faith in Christ to people, which is not a prayer ([Matt. 10:32](#); [Acts 8:35-37](#)).
- **The correct mode**—complete immersion, a burial in water ([Rom. 6:3-5](#); [Col. 2:12](#); see also Thayer’s Greek Lexicon).
- **The correct authority**—into “the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,” which is the same as “in the name of Jesus” ([Matt. 28:18-20](#); [Acts 2:38](#)).
- **The correct purpose**—for the “forgiveness of sins,” for salvation, to be added to Christ’s one true church, not a man-made church/denomination ([Matt. 16:18](#); [Acts 2:36-41, 47](#); [22:16](#); [Eph. 5:23-26](#); 1 Peter 3:20-21).
- **The correct result**—after water baptism one has been born again, of water and the Spirit ([John 3:5](#)). He/she is a new child of God, free from all sin, and an heir of the greatest inheritance ever! ([John 14:1-3](#); [Rom. 8:17](#); [Gal. 3:26-29](#); [Eph. 5:25-26](#); 1 Peter 1:3-4).

It is safe to say that churches who regularly delay baptisms are not teaching the same purpose of baptism found in the Bible; else they would not postpone it, but rather stress the urgency of it. If your baptism was put off until later, even though they believed you were ready for baptism, that indicates that the purpose of your baptism was different than the Biblical purpose. Even if urgency was stressed, all the criteria above are critical.

Dear reader, did you understand the Biblical criteria above when you were baptized? Do you need to be immersed again with a proper understanding, like the Ephesians? The fact that Paul required them to be immersed twice shows that details do matter! Your soul is too precious to risk. Heaven is too wonderful to miss, and Hell will be more terrible than we can imagine.

Please seriously consider these words written in Christian love.