

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Virginia McKinney fell again and cracked a rib.
Ray Sturgill fell at home but fortunately did not suffer any significant injuries.
Ray Sturgill's brother-in-law, Teddy Adams, has brain issues but is back home after being in the hospital in Lexington, KY
Iris Hash is dealing with hip issues.
Iris Hash's son, Bobby Eppards, is in the hospital cardiac care unit with heart issues. He had surgery to allow for use of a mechanical heart.
Deloris Hendrickson continues to need our prayers for sustained health.
Scott Wiley, gospel preacher at the Clay City Church of Christ, underwent surgery to remove a kidney and is recovering well.

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 of their works on the bulletin board.

Benevolent Opportunities:

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

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be today, following the AM services. Following the meal we will have a service in song at 1 PM then dismiss for the day.

Area Gospel Meetings:

The Bargersville Church of Christ at 4251 State Rd. 135 will have a gospel meeting October 17 – 19. Services Friday and Saturday will be at 7:00 PM. Brother Sid Latham will be the speaker.

The Eagle Valley Church of Christ at 8465 Crawfordsville Rd. in Indianapolis will have a gospel meeting October 19 – 23. Services Monday through Thursday will be at 7:00 PM. Brother Don Loftis will be the speaker.

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

DEALING WITH CHURCH CONFLICTS

While there are similarities, interactions with brethren are not like those of corporate America! When it comes to actually dealing with church conflicts, many do not know where to start and where to end! The desired result of conflicts is summed up by Paul, “*Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*” (Eph. 4:3)! In order for that noble goal to be reached, all participants should spend much time in prayer (James 5:16) and the study of God’s word (2 Tim. 2:15)!

Needless to say, all conflicts are not the same. When dealing with personalities, different levels of conflicts can quickly escalate to various complexities and intensities! Church conflicts more than likely involve numerous brethren. A BIG NO NO is attempting to deal with a large group! Mass pandemonium, more than likely, erupts, and the desired result is shattered (1 Cor. 1:10; Eph. 4:3)!

All conflicts cannot be lumped into one category and dealt with alike. However, there are some basic rules of conflict resolution: 1) Define the problem(s), 2) Consider the various solutions, 3) Choose the one that is best, 4) Maintain an atmosphere of Christ-like behavior, 5) Reinforce a positive attitude until the conflict is resolved, 6) Keep before all present that “*the eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good*” (Prov. 15:3)! If a conflict begins to reach an intractable (uncontrollable) situation, immediately STOP and pray! It might well be that a “cooling off period” needs to take place. Depending on the situation, this could be anywhere from 15 minutes to the next day or week.

The inspired word of God is replete with passages that help bind and heal—if all parties involved in a conflict are willing to “*receive the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls*” (James 1:21b)!

- “A soft answer” (Prov. 15:1)
- The “golden rule” (Matt. 7:12)
- The command of love (John 13:34-35)
- To “follow peace” (Heb. 12:14)
- Willingness to “forgive men” (Matt. 6:15)
- A paramount imperative — “*be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath*” (James 1:19b)

- “Let brotherly love continue” (Heb. 13:1)

May we ever keep in mind the inspired warning from the apostle Paul, “*And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice; And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you*” (Eph. 4:30-32). [And] “*But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. This I say then. Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh*” (Gal. 5:15-16).

Beloved, division in the body of Christ...

- Hampers our efforts to evangelize the world!
- Promotes the “lust of the flesh!”
- Is the exaltation of pride!
- Sets aside love!
- Unleashes the deadly tongue!

Friends, there can be no more serious matter than that of dividing the body of Christ! It is an abomination—detestable, disgusting and loathing—in the sight of God! Whenever a split occurs, the consequences continue to live well beyond the life span of the disputants!

Remember, the day of judgment is coming (Heb. 9:27; 2 Cor. 5:10)! It will be too late to correct any wrongs on that day! Think about that!

-- Ivie Powell