

**Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**

Virginia McKinney fell again and cracked a rib.  
Elena Hawkins is still recovering from the effects of COVID.  
Joni McConnell is dealing with chronic coughing issues.  
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 cardiac rehab in Carmel following surgery.  
Deloris Hendrickson continues to need our prayers for sustained health.

**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 instant potatoes. These items will be donated to the MSD food pantry.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, following the AM services. Following the meal we will have a service in song at 1 PM then dismiss for the day.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

**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).

October 12, 2025

***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

**Radio Program:**

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

**Website:**

[www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## THIS LITTLE BOY

When this little boy was 3 years old, he was riding with his dad when the car door flew open and he fell out. The dad stopped and found his little boy lying in the middle of a gravel road covered in blood. He picks him up, drives home to pick up his wife, and they rush him to the hospital. When all is said and done the little boy ended up with nearly 100 stitches in his head. The little boy survives. What is God's plan?

When this little boy was 12, he was spraying tobacco and became very sick to the point he could not move his body. This little boy thought he was paralyzed. His uncle rushed him back to the house and put him in the shower trying to wash the spray off and took him to the hospital. The doctor said if they had not thought to wash the spray off he could have possibly died. He ended up with double pneumonia and his lungs scarred for life. What is God's plan?

When this little boy was 14, he was driving his sister's car when he topped a hill and saw a truck in middle of the road with a man standing in the back spraying under electric lines. He thought if he hits the truck it would kill the man, so he took the ditch instead. He hit a rock with the front bumper causing the car to flip end over end three times. He wasn't hurt except for some bruising and a few scratches. What is God's plan?

When this little boy was 16 his car was up on a set of ramps while he was underneath working on it. The car shifted and rolled over, pinning him to the ground so he couldn't breathe. A family member jacked it up enough to pull him out. He only suffered a broken arm. What is God's plan?

When this little boy was 17, he was driving his truck along a curvy road late at night. He was speeding and had been drinking. He ran off the road hitting a rock embankment head on, turning the truck over on its side. He was caught between the steering wheel and dash. He wondered how he was going to get out of the truck on his own. Somehow, he managed to get out with only some minor cuts and bruising. What is God's plan?

This little boy finds the girl of his dreams. They get married and have three beautiful children. His life is going great. They are in church every Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. The children grow up to obey the Gospel in being baptized. What a blessed life he has now.

In the kids earlier years they play sports and become very good at it. The little boy, now a man with a beautiful family, becomes very excited watching them excel. He thinks he is doing what is best for his kids and family. He put sports and the world before the church. The next thing you know they are at ball games instead of church. Still believing he is doing what's best for his kids, thinking they will get the best education and go to the best schools and hoping the whole time they will do great things in their lives —this was his life.

This little boy, now a man, starts to drink socially with his friends, not thinking anything is wrong in his life or his family. The next thing you know, as time passes, the kids are grown, and have a life of their own. They all fell away from the church, just living life. He did not realize at the time what he had done to his family. What is God's plan?

This man is in his forties now. He is lost and has caused his family to be lost. He did not realize at the time what he has done to his family. He is just living life and enjoying the way of the world. The next thing you know, a social drink here and there, becomes a drink every day —he has become an alcoholic. He brings so much misery to his beautiful wife and kids —causing so much heartache and pain in the life of his family. This little boy is starting to realize what he has done to his family and thinking there is no hope for him in his life. What is God plan?

This little boy is now 51 and is diagnosed with cancer of the prostate and needing surgery. He is still drinking and believes that at this point in his life he cannot stop drinking. In his mind he thinks he will never make it through the surgery. He doesn't know why he is having these feelings but he still does not seek the Lord, just keeps on living and drinking.

What is wrong with this little boy? He makes it though the surgery and is so happy to wake up and see his beautiful wife by his side where she has always been throughout his life no matter how bad he has treated her, what a beautiful woman and how lucky this little boy is. This little boy is still

drinking and thinks there is no hope for him and starts down the road of depression. Believing there is no hope, he tries to drown his depression in alcohol. What is God's plan?

This little boy wakes up one Sunday morning to find his wife getting dressed. He asks her, what are you doing? She said, I'm lost and I am tired of feeling this way. I need to get back in church. You need to understand, this lady was raised in the Lord's church and was always at church. That's why I love her so much, because you see, she has already saved this little boy's life once because he probably would have never set foot in the church if it wasn't for her. So, this little boy got up and started to get dressed. She asks him, what are you doing? He said, I'm going with you and smiled. So, they went to church.

When we walked through the door together for the first time in many years, we felt alive again. The church welcomed us with open arms, almost as if they knew we were coming home. From that point on, this little boy never missed a service. After going for a while, his wife repented of her sins. I was so happy for her. But I didn't feel worthy of God's forgiveness because of what I had put my family through. A short time passed and this little boy repented of his sins too. What is God's plan?

This little boy knew after repenting that God had forgiven him, but he still could not forgive himself because of what he had put his family through. He felt like he failed his kids because he knew that it was his responsibility as the head of the house to make sure they were in church. He is the one who caused them to fall away from the Lord. He asks his wife what should he do, she said, go talk with the preacher and the elders of the church on this matter and he did. He asked them what he should do and they advised to ask for forgiveness from his kids, so he did and of course they forgave him and they told him that it wasn't his fault they had strayed away from the church. They also told him he had taught them right from wrong and it wasn't his fault where they are in their lives now. What is God's plan?

This little boy took it "one day at a time" and began to stop drinking and started studying the Bible every day. The more he studied the more he wanted to know about God's word and before you know it, he was not drinking anymore and was studying and growing in the Word of God. He then starting teaching a young adult class. This made him feel great and also made him want to study even more, knowing that he was teaching the Word of God to young adults. What is God plan?

This little boy enrolled in the Nashville School of Preaching. He stands in front of the congregation on occasion preaching the word of the Lord when asked. It just goes to show you that we never know what God's plan is for us. The Good Lord could have taken this little boy's life during these past years at any time. What is God's plan?

This little boy is me and I still don't know what God's full plan is for me, but I do know that I will follow the Lord anywhere he leads me and I will share my story with others so that it might help even one soul before it's everlastingly too late for them. I hope my story can give someone who has lost hope and thinks they are too far gone to get help, that it's not too late. You can always learn the truth and obey the Gospel to receive forgiveness. You can turn your life around. Just remember that even though you don't always see it, God has a plan for you.

God has a plan for each of us like he had a plan for Jonah. Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh like God told him to. He ran away from the LORD, but the LORD sent a storm and Jonah was swallowed by a great fish. Do you think the LORD would have sent that storm if Jonah would have done what God ask in the beginning? The LORD has sent a lot of storms in my life. Is the LORD sending us a storm in our lives to get us to turn away from a sinful life and obey him?

Imagine this, I am now a full-time preacher of the Gospel and love every minute of it. Will YOU turn your life around? You can! It's never too late!

In Christian Love Bryan Hayes