

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Jesse Riddle continues to struggle with strength but we are blessed that he is still often able to attend Sunday morning worship services.
Joni McConnell is back home and is receiving therapy twice per week, but now has a pinched nerve and severe carpal tunnel in both hands. She was able to be with us last Sunday.
Iris Hash's son, Bobby Epeards, is at home recovering from a second heart attack and is waiting for a procedure to implant a pacemaker.
Delores Hendrickson is still struggling with a bad cough but is doing better.
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 still having stomach issues.
John Richardson is battling with bloating and stomach issues.
Ken Roosa's sister, Sandy Twigg, who is a member of the Stop 11 Rd. Church of Christ, is scheduled for surgery on October 15th to remove a spot on her lung.
Following removal, a biopsy will be performed
Tina Knoy will have foot surgery on October 17th.
Please pray for those affected by the recent hurricanes in North Carolina and Florida.

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.

October Benevolent Opportunity:

For the month of October, we will be collecting boxes/packages of potato mixes (au gratin, scalloped, mashed, etc.) and gravy (mixes and jars) in preparation for Thanksgiving to stock the MSD of Martinsville food pantry for needy families.

Gospel Meeting:

The Eagle Valley Church of Christ is hosting a gospel meeting October 20 – 24. Rick Leach will be doing the speaking. Services will be Sunday at 9 AM, 10 AM and 6 PM and Monday through Thursday at 7 PM.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, November 6th at 5:00 PM.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, November 3rd, following the AM services. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song.

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 (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

AN ATTACK BY SATAN ON GOD'S WORD

Robert Oliver

I am reminded of the story that introduces Satan to us. It was when he was in the garden with Eve and had this discussion with her. *“Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die”* (Gen. 3:1-4).

Even at the beginning, Satan challenged God's words. We see this was not just in the beginning, but Satan also tempted Jesus using God's word. *“Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in [their] hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone”* (Matt. 4:5-6). We are also warned by Paul that *“...Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light”* (2 Cor. 11:14).

With this in mind, would it be a surprise that Satan has tried to subvert God's word? Consider the following where a key word in the Bible was not translated from the Greek, but rather transliterated.

“The reason we are stuck in continued arguments about what constitutes “baptism” with the denominational world is that the translators from the original Greek texts were afraid of offending the king. By the time the Bible was translated into the English in the 14th and 16th centuries A.D., too many powerful people, such as King James, had already been sprinkled under the practice of the Church of England as learned and approved from the Roman Catholic Church.

The word in the Greek means to be submerged or immersed. If you speak that word today in a Greek country they will understand it to be dunked, submerged, dipped under completely.”

<https://hermeneutics.stackexchange.com/questions/35262/>. In a word

studies section there is the following statement: 907 baptízō — properly, “submerge” (Souter); hence, baptize, to immerse (literally, “dip under”). 907 (baptízō) implies submersion (“immersion”), in contrast to 472 /antéxomai (“sprinkle”).

<https://biblehub.com/greek/907.htm>

If the Greek word *baptizo*, transliterated “baptize,” (<https://biblehub.com/greek/907.htm>) had been correctly translated “immerse or plunge” there would have been no question in the mind of people today concerning how one is to obey the command to be baptized. (See Matthew 28:18-20). How many millions of people, both living and now dead, have been deceived by this trick of the devil.

It is true that we can determine the true meaning of “baptize” by looking at a Greek-English lexicon. Most people, however, rely on a standard English dictionary to understand the meaning of words. Consider the following dictionary definition: *“Baptize: to immerse in water or sprinkle or pour water on in the Christian rite of baptism.”* <https://www.dictionary.com/browse/baptize>

God's enemy is always looking to deceive and harm God. Is it any wonder that Satan would attack God's word in a way to discourage millions of people from being obedient to what God has commanded. This is why we must be armed according to scripture to face and understand his tricks and schemes. *“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles [schemes] of the devil”* (Eph. 6:11).