

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Floyd Coley is back home, recovering from diverticulitis.
Joni McConnell is still recovering but has been able to attend services.
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, had surgery to remove a spot on her lung. She is awaiting results of a biopsy.
Tina Knoy is recovering from surgery to remove a cyst from her foot.
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.

Deepest Sympathy:

We are all saddened at the passing of our dear brother Jesse Riddle. Jesse passed on from this life with his loving family at his side on Tuesday at St. Francis hospital in Indianapolis. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Susie, Cindy, Dane and the rest of Jesse's family. Viewing was Friday and a gravesite service was held on Saturday.

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).

October 20, 2024

MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**540 E. Morgan Street
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

GOD RULES

Abortion is NOT a political issue. It's a MORAL issue! Multiplied millions of unborn children have been sacrificed on the altar of Satan. How many love to have it so?

God Rules in the Kingdoms of Men. As he did in the ancient past, he does so even today. Of all the creatures God made upon the earth, humankind was made in God's image. Man was exalted to have dominion *"over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth"* (Gen. 1:26). God's overall plan "from before the beginning of the world" (1 Peter 1:18-20) was to save sinful man through the sacrifice of the Christ, His only begotten Son (John 3:17). God used man to bring about his plan. He used both righteous men and wicked men. And, when *"the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law"* (Gal. 4:4).

God's redemptive plan is seen through numerous human events in history. One of the most significant occasions is found in the book of Daniel. Daniel reveals that God gave Nebuchadnezzar *"a kingdom, and majesty, and glory, and honour. And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down. But when his heart was lifted up, and his mind hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory from him: And he was driven from the sons of men; and his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild asses: they fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; till he knew that the most high God ruled in the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it whomsoever he will"* (Dan. 5:18-21). As wicked as Nebuchadnezzar was, God used him to accomplish his will.

The apostle Paul was inspired of God to write these words: *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting"* (Gal. 6:7-8). When men do right, they are blessed. When men do evil, they are cursed. When men sow to the flesh (worldly things), they will reap destruction and perish in everlasting fire. Hosea worded it this way: *"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind..."* (Hosea 8:7).

Many blessings have been reaped by this country from its beginning. But, how long will it continue? How long will God hold back his wrath from this exceedingly wicked generation? **Everything that is just and right is put down, silenced, suppressed, rebuked, as "misinformation;" while everything that is evil is upheld, promoted, advanced, glorified.** This philosophy and behavior is not new. Even the Israelites did evil in Isaiah's day. Heaven's declaration to them was: *"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: Which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him! Therefore as the fire devoureth the stubble, and the flame consumeth the chaff, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust: because they have cast away the law of the LORD of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. Therefore is the anger of the LORD kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them: and the hills did tremble, and their carcasses were torn in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still"* (Isaiah 5:20-25).

The merciless slaughter of the unborn is promoted and upheld by its supporters marching in the streets, demanding that a woman has a right to do as she pleases with her body. It is spoken of as "reproductive rights." They conveniently ignore the fact that the child they so willingly and eagerly seek to kill is not her body! There is no explanation as to why it's called "murder" to kill a 5-month old child "outside the womb," and it's not "murder" to kill a 5-month old child "inside the womb?" Since 1973 there have been approximately 63 million abortions in the US —over a million abortions last year!

Many claim the unborn are not "persons." However, Jeremiah was a person before he was born. God said of him, *"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations"* (Jer. 1:5). John the baptizer was a person, a human being, before he was born. *"And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; ... For, lo, as soon as the voice of thy salutation sounded in mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy"* (Luke 1:39-44). It is also worthy to see from this passage that Mary is spoken of as the mother of Jesus while he was still in her womb (v.43)! **What if Jesus had been aborted?**

Many try to convince the masses that abortion is a "political issue" and that religious people ought to remain silent on political issues. I would agree regarding political issues —that is, positions that are neither right or wrong in and of themselves. However, abortion is NOT a political issue. It's a MORAL issue! Many try their best to force it to be political because they don't want to think of it being condemned by God. How insane is it that killing a baby eagle is a federal crime punishable by thousands of dollars in fines, having your gun and vehicle seized, etc. but you can kill all the baby humans you want with no consequence! Human life is to be protected!

The righteous uphold God's word on morality. What does God say about it? ***"Now the works of the flesh are manifest [made known], which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God"*** (Gal. 5:19-21; 1 Cor. 6:9-11). Man did not write these words, God did. Those who ignore them or change them stand condemned before God and will bare the consequences of their choices at the judgment.

In the last 50 years there have been more innocent children poisoned, cut to pieces, and ripped from the safety of their mother's womb, than all the wars fought by this country in the last 250 years. The current agenda of advancing every form of immorality is replete and overflowing with everything that is evil. God is the one who decides what is decent and moral, not man. If we're going to be right in God's sight, we must adhere to his standard, not our standard. The sins of adultery, fornication, murder, stealing, homosexuality, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer (LGBTQ+), etc. etc. are all condemned by God. If you have a problem with that, then you can argue with God about it when you see him in judgment! LGBTQ+ is an umbrella term, broadly referring to all sexualities, romantic orientations, and gender identities which are not heterosexual or cisgender.

The righteous, on the other hand, support decency, uprightness, honesty, integrity, life, freedom, peace and safety. These are points that are supposed to be upheld by the governments of the world (the powers that be) according to Romans 13. Why is it that so many governments refuse to do what God ordained them to do?

Do you want a president who promotes LIFE or do you want a president who promotes DEATH? Read Matt. 12:30. -- Garland M. Robinson