

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Joni McConnell is still recovering but has been able to attend services.
Iris Hash's son, Bobby Epeards, is in the Regional Hospital in Terre Haute with serious heart issues. He is expected to be released under hospice care.
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. The surgery was successful. Further testing will be performed on the tumor but preliminary results are good.
Levi Goshorn, son of Daniel and Audra is dealing with breathing issues.
Please pray for the safety of the Goshorn family in Peru, in the midst of some current political unrest and protests in the country.

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.

Stop 11 Road Church of Christ Lectureship:

The 43rd annual Stop 11 Road Church of Christ lectureship will be held November 3 - 7. Times are Sunday, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1:30 PM and 2:30 PM. Monday – Thursday, 10 AM, 11 AM, 1:30 PM, 7 PM and 8 PM. Numerous gospel preachers will be speaking including our own brother Bob Hawkins.

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.

Daylight Savings Time Change:

Please remember to move your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, November 2nd.

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 27, 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

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH ATTENDER ARE YOU?

Jerry Joseph

“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works; Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching” (Heb. 10:24-25).

There are some in the church who believe it is not important to attend worship services. For them, attending church services are good if there is not anything else to do or someplace else to visit or some other activity to engage in. With some, as long as they show up occasionally or especially on Sunday morning, that is all that really counts.

Let us realize that even when we attend as we should, we must do so with the right purpose, motive and attitude. You see, if our motive and attitude are not right, then it matters not how many worship services we may attend.

It is evident that our attitude toward God, His Word and Worship itself will determine the kind of “attender” we’ll be. What kind of attender are you? Are you a...

1) **Special occasion attender?** Some believe that whenever there is a special occasion, a holiday, etc., that’s the time to be in attendance. To them, other regular times for worship services are not important.

2) **Seasonal attender?** This attitude toward attendance is that it depends on the season of the year. If it is “camping season“, “deer-hunting season“, “baseball season“, “football season“, etc., then being in attendance for the services is not as important. These so-called “seasons” should never hinder us from being faithful to the Lord, including the attendance of the services.

3) **Spasmodic attender?** Some come for a while, then miss for a while. With them, this becomes a way of life. You can never rely or depend upon them to take an active part in the work of the church.

4) **Suit-your-self attender?** These attend only when it “suits them” and it does not interfere with doing something else they want to do. To them, attending the services is not a spiritual priority.

5) **Sunday morning only attender?** These do not see the need for Sunday night or Wednesday night services; and, most of the time, Sunday morning Bible class either. They think like the old Brylcreem commercial, “a little dab will do you.” They are the ones who are always asking, “How many services do I have to attend?” Their attitude of mind is “how little can I do and get by with it?”

6) **Seeking-a-companion attender?** These only attend services seeking someone they can date and perhaps eventually marry. So, when they visit a congregation and no one is available, then they will move on to another congregation. They are not seeking the Truth and the Lord, neither are they looking for a place where they can worship scripturally and be blessed spiritually, but they’re just looking for a companion. That is their only motive for attending services.

7) **Sleeping attender?** These use the worship services as a time to catch up on their sleep that they didn’t get the night before. They did not use that time to prepare themselves to worship God acceptably on Sunday morning. To them, worship services are not valuable and vital to their spiritual well-being.

8) **Sorehead attender?** These enter the church building “mad” and “upset” and are just waiting for someone to say or do something they can attack and then they are ready to give them “a piece of their mind.” They don’t want to participate in worship nor anything else that might help them spiritually. They are in the “kick-a-tive mood.” They feel compelled to try to stir-up trouble.

Do you see yourself among any of these groups? If so, change your attitude and action, “Repent!” Yes, it is sinful to willfully forsake the services of the church (Heb. 10:24-25); and, it is sinful to not have the proper motive and attitude (John 4:24).

When our actions and attitudes toward church attendance are not right, we demonstrate a lack of love for God, for the Word of God, for the church, for ourselves and others (John 14:15; Heb. 10:24-26; Col. 3:1-3; Rev. 22:14; 2 Peter 3:18).

Let us develop an attitude of mind as David, when he said, “*I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of the Lord*” (Psa. 122:1).