**Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**
Ray Sturgill's brothers-in-law, Darrel Short and Teddy Adams are in bad health.
Alice Wade's sister Linda in Florida is suffering with cancer..
Bob Hawkins is still experiencing dizziness from peripheral neuropathy. He is awaiting an appointment with his neurologist.
Virginia McKinney continues to deal with kidney issues,
Joni McConnell is still recovering from heart issues and a broken hip.
Charlie Henard is still being treated for MS.
Dave and Tina Knoy's daughter-in-law, Jessica Haynes visited the Mayo Clinic and is now being treated with a different medicine for her chronic migraine issues.
Former member Beryl Miner will undergo chemo for cancer behind one of his eyes.
Karen Sproles' daughter, Jean England, is still suffering from stomach issues.

**Pray For Our Shut-Ins:**
Karen Sproles, Iris Hash. Karen is moving to Palm Bay, Florida on October 17th.

**Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:**
John Grubb and his wife, Eta (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See their reports on the bulletin board.

**Benevolent Opportunity:**
For the month of November, we will be donating canned soup in support of the Gunner Burnham food pantry.

**Men's Business Meeting:**
The next monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, November 11th at 5:00. Note that this is a delay of 1 week due to brother Bob participating in the Stop 11 lectureship and the absence of others.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**
Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, December 6th following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song.

**Stop 11 Church of Christ Lectureship:**
The Stop 11 Road Church of Christ in Indianapolis will host their annual lectureship November 1st – 5th. The theme is "God on Trial". Services are 10, 11 AM and 1:30, 2:30 PM Sunday and 10, 11 AM and 1:30, 7 and 8 PM Monday – Thursday. Brother Bob Hawkins will be speaking on Sunday morning, November 1st and Wednesday evening, November 4th. In Bob's absence, brother Donnie Vick will be our guest speaker on Sunday, November 1st.

**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).ur

November 1, 2026

# *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

# LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE

Some times life is tough and hands us a difficult hand. Jesus said, *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly"* (John 10:10). Jesus said that the thief comes to rob and steal. The thief is the devil. The devil desires to take away all our happiness and contentment. He uses various methods with which to do so. Paul said this about the devil, *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices"* (2 Cor. 2:11). We need to be alert to his tricks. He uses stress and nervousness. Someone said, "Some people are so stressed out that they would make coffee nervous, give an aspirin a headache or cause a tranquilizer to have a nervous breakdown." So, how is it that we can enjoy the abundant life in Christ?

One thing we can do to enjoy the abundant life is to **forget the past.** Dale Carniage has a chapter in one of his books entitled, "You Can't Saw Sawdust." How true it is that you can't relive the past. The apostle Paul writing by inspiration said, *"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before"* (Phil. 3:13). Repent when necessary, but then move on to live better.

A second thing we can do to enjoy the abundant life is to **give ourselves away.** That is the essence of the supreme beatitude as written in the New Testament. Here it is: *"I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive"* (Acts 20:35). Send a note to someone who is sick or has lost a loved one. Bake a pie and take it to a neighbor. Cut grass for an elderly neighbor. *"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all [men], especially unto them who are of the household of faith"* (Gal. 6:10). Give yourself away.

We can enjoy the abundant life if we follow the principles of the New Testament. That is what all faithful brethren and faithful churches of Christ do.

- *Larry Acuff*