

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 under hospice care with heart issues.
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 successful surgery to remove a spot on her lung.
Please pray for the safety of the Goshorn family in Peru, in the midst of some current political unrest and protests in the country.
Please continue prayers for victims of the recent storms in the south.

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 next couple of weeks, we will continue to collect 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, speaking on Sunday and Wednesday.

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 today, 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).

November 3, 2024

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

SHARE OR PREACH?

I have to wonder just how convincing Philip would have been if he had gone to Samaria to “Share Jesus?”

The new buzzword today is the word “share.” In the church we hear it quite often: “Share Jesus!,” “Share the gospel,” “Share conversion experiences.” As a child I was taught to share. I teach my children the same virtue. It means to impart some of what you have to others. There is no real Christianity with out sharing (Eph. 4:28).

Many preachers, however, don’t preach anymore. Now, they share. Perhaps there is a sense in which preaching is sharing, but the word share hardly fits the meaning of Biblical preaching. Some in the church have forgotten what preaching really is.

There are two words in the New Testament that specifically define what Biblical preaching is. One is the Greek word *kerusso*, which is translated “to preach” fifty-three times in the New Testament. It denotes the actions of a herald, with these characteristics: 1) The herald has in his voice a note of certainty, 2) The herald has in his voice a note of authority because he is speaking for a king, 3) The herald’s message is not his own; it is from the king.

There are many in the church today who are uncomfortable with “certainty” and “authority” in speaking. For that reason they have abandoned the word “preach” in their vocabulary, and adopted the word “share,” because it rings of a more “humble” and “caring” tone.

The second word is *evangelizo*. It is always used of the good news of Christ as proclaimed in the Gospel. It means to make known the good message relative to sin and salvation.

The Lord who commanded men to preach also told them what message to proclaim.

It is very hard for me to imagine John the Immerser “sharing Jesus.” He went into the wilderness of Judea, not to share, but to preach! *“In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”* (Matt. 3:1-2). What about Jesus? Did he share, or preach? *“From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”* (Matt. 4:17). When Jesus sent out the twelve disciples, did he send them out to share the Kingdom of God, or to preach it?

Something is lost in the translation of Acts 8:4 if I read it the way many of my brethren seem to understand it: *“Therefore they that were scattered abroad went everywhere sharing the word.”* No! They went preaching it! I have to wonder just how convincing Philip would have been if he had gone to Samaria to “share Jesus” (Acts 8:5,12). He preached, and the results were conversions of both men and women. I somehow cannot envision Philip “sharing Jesus” with the Ethiopian eunuch in Acts 8:35. It says he “preached unto him Jesus.”

When Paul went to Athens, the text says, *“...as his manner was, he went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ”* (Acts 17:3-4). Somehow, sharing just doesn’t convey the same idea!

-- Dennis Gullledge