

**Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**

Virginia McKinney was recently in the St. Francis hospital being treated for dizziness but is now back home.  
Joni McConnell was in the St. Francis hospital being treated for pneumonia but is now recovering at home.  
Ray Sturgill's brother-in-law, Teddy Adams, has brain issues and is being treated at the hospital in Lexington, KY but is allowed to return home on the weekends.  
Iris Hash is dealing with hip issues and pleurisy.  
Allen Davis is dealing with a respiratory infection.  
Iris Hash's son, Bobby Eppards, is in cardiac rehab in Carmel following surgery.  
Karen Sproles' son Ken suffered a mild heart attack and is recovering at home. Her daughter, Jean, is battling LARS, a chronic stomach issue. In addition, Karen's brother-in-law Ken has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will have surgery soon.  
Deloris Hendrickson is suffering from a bad cough and continues to need our prayers for sustained health.  
Charlie Henard is recovering from elbow surgery.  
Doris Parnell has been suffering with shoulder pain and went to the ER last week.  
Dave Knoy is scheduled for out patient foot surgery on Thursday.

**Pray For Our Shut-Ins:**

Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, and Kathy Malowitz

**Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:**

John Grubb and his wife (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See reports of their works on the bulletin board.

**Safe Travels:**

Our sister Shirley Cook returned to Florida last week for the winter months. We pray for her health and happiness and look forward to her return in the spring.

**Benevolent Opportunities:**

We are now collecting instant potatoes. These items will be donated to the MSD food pantry.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be today, following the AM services. Following the meal we will have a service in song at 1 PM then dismiss for the day.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next men's business meeting has been delayed one week and now will be Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM.

**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

**Radio Program:**

"Preparing For Eternity"  
Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

**Website:**

[www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## BIBLICAL PREACHING

What is good preaching? Should it be the goal of the preacher to build numbers by entertainment? Should one's success in preaching be measured by the numbers on the board at each service or is there a different standard we must use? Can one serve as an evangelist for a small congregation and still be called a "good" preacher?

There are some groups in our culture that should not be consulted to determine what "good" preaching is described as. Our society does not define what "good" preaching is. The church does not define what "good" preaching is. Simply stated, the Bible determines what is good preaching. What does the Bible state about its proclamation to members of the body and to the lost?

**Biblical preaching reveals God's power to save lost humankind.** Paul understood that the proclamation of the Gospel contained within it the ability to save lost human beings. Romans 1:16 says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek." The good news will propel the lost to Jesus if they respond to it in a correct fashion.

**Biblical preaching reveals the truth to people—even when it is not popular.** The Apostle Paul was not popular with some of the brethren at Galatia for standing against those teachers who wanted to combine elements of the Old Testament Law with the Law of Christ. Sadly, he became their enemy for teaching the truth. Galatians 4:16 says, "Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?" One needs to preach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27)—even when a topic is not well-received. It could be that is exactly the sermon an audience needs to hear.

**Biblical preaching focuses on the word of God for, by it, faith is produced and grown.** Faithful preaching results in faithful people. Romans 10:15-17 says, "And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? So then faith [cometh] by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Faith is not developed and maintained by preaching that is devoid of Scripture. Faith does not happen by sharing man's wisdom with even the best of intentions. Preaching develops faith by preaching that reveals the word of God to its listeners. If one looks at the New Testament, it becomes evident that the writers and preachers of the New Testament quoted from and used Scripture in their discourses. Why would any person seek to do otherwise?

**Biblical preaching is done even when people find it offensive and unappealing.** When Paul addresses Timothy about the work of an evangelist, he never encourages young Timothy to put his finger to the wind and determine the direction of doctrinal change. Second Timothy 4:2 says, "Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine" We are not called to preach smooth things (cf. Isa. 30:10-11) to an audience we wish to placate (appease).

**Biblical preaching emphasizes Christ and baptism.** This is exactly what Philip did when he engaged the Ethiopian Eunuch. Philip preached Christ to the eunuch (Acts 8:35) and the proclamation of Christ culminated in the eunuch being immersed. Acts 8:35-38 reads, "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, **here is water**; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." One cannot preach Christ without preaching baptism (Matthew 28:19; Mark 16:15-16).

**Biblical preaching exposes false teaching and error.** Paul warned Timothy about the false teachers that would corrupt the church. In warning Timothy, compromise or backing down were never offered as options. He said in 2 Timothy 4:3-5, "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." The climate in our culture is unbridled acceptance of any person's doctrine or moral values no matter how alien one's position is from what Scripture teaches.

Hopefully, you hear biblical preaching from the one who mounts your pulpit. Audiences should demand nothing less from these men than the proclamation of the truth (John 17:17). There may be other hallmarks of biblical preaching, but this provides a general list of what is expected of those who publicly proclaim the word of God. To offer less, is to imperil the souls of the ones who come to feast upon the word in Bible study and worship settings. - Johnny O. Trail