

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Ray Sturgill was hospitalized for a few days for treatment of a sore in his abdomen but is now recovering at home.

Floyd Coley is being treated for a sore on his leg. Also, please pray for Judy, who has a follow-up appointment for heart issues she faced a few weeks ago.

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.

Recently she fell at home but did not suffer any significant injury.

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.

Please pray for the safety of the Goshorn family in Peru, in the midst of 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

Benevolent Opportunity:

For the month of November, we will be collecting non-refrigerated breakfast foods for the MSD of Martinsville food pantry. This includes items such as oatmeal, dry cereals, breakfast bars, canned items, etc.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, December 4th at 5:00 PM.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, December 8, following the AM services. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song. Note that this was moved from the typical first Sunday of the month to December 8th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

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 17, 2024

MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE KINGDOM / CHURCH #1

The "stone" Nebuchadnezzar saw in his dream of a great image broke the image into pieces (Daniel 2:31-45). The stone grew and became a great mountain. It was a prophecy of the church that would be built by Jesus in the first century (Matt. 16:18). Instead of it being a worldly kingdom, it would be a spiritual kingdom and would fill the whole earth.

THE KINGDOM / CHURCH IS A SPIRITUAL KINGDOM Jesus said to Pilate: "*my kingdom is not of this world*" (John 18:36). Jesus also said, "*The kingdom of God cometh not with observation*" (Luke 17:20). At Athens in Greece Paul preached, "*God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands*" (Act 17:24). The writer of Hebrews tells us that the kingdom is made up of "the spirits" of just men, not their bodies. "*To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect*" (Heb. 12:23). Peter refers to the kingdom / church as a "*spiritual house*" (1 Peter 2:4-5,9).

THE KINGDOM / CHURCH IS UNIVERSAL It reaches around the world and its Gospel is preached in every land. It began in Jerusalem and spread throughout Judea, then Samaria and around the world. Paul wrote to those in Colosse: "*If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister*" (Col. 1:23). Isaiah prophesied that "*all nations shall flow into it*" (Isa. 2:2) and that is exactly what it did and continues to do. The Lord's eternal kingdom is not limited to one place or nation.

THE KINGDOM / CHURCH HAS ONLY ONE HEAD Its head is Jesus the Christ, the only begotten Son of God. Paul declared: God the Father "*hath put all things under his feet [Jesus], and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all*" (Eph. 1:22-23). To the brethren at Colosse he wrote: "*And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence*" (Col. 1:18).

THE KINGDOM / CHURCH IS ONE BODY, NOT MANY "*There is one body*" (Eph. 4:4). The body is the church. "*For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit*" (1 Cor. 12:13). "*For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another*" (Rom. 12:4-5). "*For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread*" (1 Cor. 10:17). "*Now are they many members, yet but one body*" (1 Cor. 12:20).

THE KINGDOM / CHURCH HAS ONLY ONE MEDIATOR "*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus*" (1 Tim. 2:5). This eliminates any and all others. Many have claimed that status, and all have failed: all the popes of Rome, Mary Baker Eddy, Mother Teresa, Joseph Smith, Herbert W. Armstrong, etc. There is no other way to heaven than through Christ. "*Jesus saith...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*" (John 14:6).

THE KINGDOM / CHURCH HAS ONLY ONE SAVIOR It is Christ Jesus the Lord. "*Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords*" (1 Tim. 6:15). Jesus is the savior of the body, the church (Eph. 5:23). He purchased the church with his blood shed on calvary (Acts 20:28). Those who repent and are baptized are added to it by the Lord himself (Acts 2:38,41,47). It is the body of all the saved. The redeemed (saved) exist nowhere else.

THE KINGDOM / CHURCH HAS ONLY ONE LAW Jesus made it clear, "*He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day*" (John 12:48). Peter proclaimed, "*According as his [Jesus] divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to*

glory and virtue" (2 Peter 1:3). All things that pertain to everlasting life is found in the New Testament. All other books, manuals, creeds, documents, etc. will perish along with those who follow them: the book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Pearl of great Price, Science and health and key to the Scriptures, etc. etc. all lead men to destruction.

THE KINGDOM / CHURCH IS THE CALLED-OUT BODY Sinners are called out of the world and translated into the church of Christ when they Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess and are Baptized into water for the forgiveness of their sins (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 8:37, Acts 22:16). "*Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son*" (Col. 1:13). The saved constitute a "*...chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy*" (1 Peter 2:9-10).

THE KINGDOM / CHURCH IS THE BRIDE OF CHRIST "*For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ*" (2 Cor. 11:2). "*And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely*" (Rev. 22:17). The bride is the church and the Lamb's wife (Rev. 21:9).

THE KINGDOM / CHURCH WAS PURCHASED WITH THE BLOOD OF CHRIST "*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood*" (Acts 20:28). "*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it*" (Eph. 5:25). Its members have been purchased by the Lord's blood and added to the church (Acts 2:47; Eph. 1:7; 2:13).

THE KINGDOM / CHURCH WAS/IS THE ETERNAL PURPOSE OF GOD "*To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord*" (Eph. 3:10-11). What God had in store in the Old Testament (his kingdom, his church) was revealed in the New Testament. It had been kept secret through the ages, but was revealed to the apostles (cf. Eph. 3:2-7; 1 Cor. 2:6-9; 1 Peter 1:9-12; Rom. 16:25; Col. 1:26-27).

THE KINGDOM / CHURCH HAS OVERSEERS (SHEPHERDS, PASTORS, BISHOPS, ELDERS) The qualifications of these men are made clear in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. Their work is to see to it that what the congregation does is done according to God's authority (a "*thus saith the Lord*"). They uphold the truth and will not allow anything to be taught or done that is not right with God. They superintend the local flock/church of which they are members.

THE KINGDOM OF GOD, THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, IS NOT OUT OF DATE The Lord instituted it and is its head (Matt. 16:18; Eph. 5:23; Col. 1:18). It will continue until he comes again. "*Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power*" (1 Cor. 11:24-26). Salvation is in Christ and to be in Christ is to be in his church (Col. 1:2; 3:15; Acts 2:38,41,47). In him is "*no condemnation*" (Rom. 8:1). Salvation is in him (2 Tim. 2:10) where "*all spiritual blessings*" are found (Eph. 1:3).