

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Elena Hawkins is still experiencing left knee pain after receiving a steroid injection. Allen Davis is recovering at home from surgery to remove a growth on his lung. Floyd Coley is being treated for pneumonia, an ear infection and swelling in his legs. Bryan Dyer, Susie's son and Cindy's brother, continues treatments for his cancer. Lisa Bunch is being treated with low dose cortisone for polymyalgia muscle pain. Charlie Henard is receiving periodic infusions to treat his Multiple Sclerosis. David Cook, son of Shirley Cook, had surgery to repair an aortic aneurysm. Virginia McKinney is battling kidney failure but has been able to attend services. Alice Wade's sister Shirley is being treated for lung cancer. Alice's sister Linda is also battling cancer that has spread to multiple locations and recently suffered a fall. Brother Charles Blair, gospel preacher at the Stop 11 congregation is undergoing a lengthy rehab process after hand surgery. He is also being treated for pneumonia.

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

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Lisa Bunch, grandmother to a new healthy baby girl, Paisley. Lisa's daughter and Paisley's mother, Kaci, is recovering from preeclampsia.

Benevolent Opportunity:

For the month of May, we are collecting macaroni and cheese for donation to the Martinsville school food pantry.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next monthly men's business meeting will be Wednesday, June 3rd at 5:00 PM.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, June 7th following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song then dismiss.

Area Gospel Meetings:

The Stop 11 Rd. congregation will have a gospel meeting June 7 - 10 with brother Neal Pollard. Services will be at 10 and 11 AM and 1:30 PM on Sunday and 7 PM Monday - Wednesday.

The Paris, IL congregation will have a gospel meeting June 21 - 24 with brother Robby Eversole. Services will be at 9 AM and 10 AM and 6 PM on Sunday and 7 PM Monday - Wednesday.

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

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

3 REASONS I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN

I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN TO SEE PEOPLE I MISS, AND CONTINUE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE PEOPLE I LOVE.

My desire for heaven gets stronger with each trip to the cemetery. The older we grow, the more we talk about the people of the past. At some point, we realize that we have more loved ones on the other side than we have here. The Old Testament recognizes this truth and often uses the expression that one “was gathered to his people” (Genesis 25:8, 17; 35:29; 49:33). When Jacob thought Joseph was dead, he longed to see him (Genesis 37:35), and no doubt longed more for paradise than he had before. David wanted to go to paradise to see his son that lived only a short time (2 Samuel 12:22–23). Personally, I want to see my father, elders I have served under, my teachers and mentors, preachers I have known and respected, and fellow Christians with whom I have worshiped and worked. I can see them in my mind’s eye lining the shores of the Jordan to welcome my boat as it arrives! Further, I want to go to paradise so I can continue relationships with the people I love. The only way one can continue a relationship with a spouse, children, parents, grandparents, extended family, brothers and sisters in Christ, and friends is to go to paradise together. We cannot continue relationships indefinitely here, for either circumstances or death eventually part us. There will be no camaraderie in hell, for it is a comfortless place filled with darkness, agony, thirst, and misery (Luke 16:19–31). Since relationships offer joy and respite, we may rest assured that they will not be allowed in the devil’s realm. Yet, in paradise, Christians can continue relationships with all the people we love. Jesus explained that we will not remain married in heaven (Matthew 22:30), but we will know one another there. Abraham was still Abraham and Lazarus was still Lazarus there (Luke 16:23). They knew each other, although they had never met on earth. Peter, James, and John recognized Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration (Matthew 17:3–4). Paul told the Thessalonians that when Jesus returned, He would bring with Him the spirits of their loved ones who had died as Christians (1 Thessalonians 4:14). Those spirits would be recognizable, or these words would not have comforted them (4:18).

I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN SO I CAN BE FREE OF THE FEAR OF DEATH.

I will be honest: I do not look forward to dying. I will have to die once to get out of this world (unless Jesus comes), but I surely do not want to do it twice! And we will not have to, for “the last enemy that will be destroyed is death” (1 Corinthians 15:26). Death is used 904 times in the Bible (in various forms). The next-to-last time is Revelation 21:4, which says that death will come to an end in heaven. The hearse will have made its last trip. You will not see long lines of cars following a coach with their lights on. There will be no more funeral services, no tombstones, no expensive funeral plans, and no tearful good-byes. There will be no hillsides dotted with the markers of loved ones. You will not find silent cities of the dead in heaven, for no one ever dies there!

I WANT TO GO TO HEAVEN TO SEE MY FATHER.

I have preached sermons on heaven now for a quarter century. The content of those sermons has changed little through the years, but the emphasis has. It used to be more about mansions, crowns, reunions, and rewards. Now it is more about who will be there than what will be there. Someone observed, “What makes heaven heaven is God.” If the street were gravel instead of gold, if the walls were particle board instead of jasper, if Main Street had mud knee-deep, and if weeds overgrew the flowers, it would still be heaven because God is there. The greatest treat of Paradise was not the climate or the fresh fruit; it was that God walked with Adam and Eve in the cool of the day (Genesis 3:8). He did not just create them, put them in their garden, and forget them. He spent time with them. That is what heaven will be like. God will spend time with each one of us. John heard a great voice out of heaven saying, “Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God” (Revelation 21:3). The most wonderful aspect of heaven will be the presence of the divine Godhead—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Revelation 1:4–5). God is clearly the “star” of heaven. The four living creatures John described constantly worshipped Him, saying, “Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!” (Revelation 4:8; cf. 4:10–11; 5:9). R. G. Lee observed, “Heaven is the most marvelous place the wisdom of God could conceive and that the power of God could prepare.”

Do you have hope of heaven?

- Allen Webster