

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Eric Bowlen has been diagnosed with Non-alcoholic Cirrhosis of the liver and also is dealing with some cardiac issues. As a result, Eric has opted to retire from his position as Superintendent of the MSD of Martinsville at the end of 2026.

Lisa Bunch's granddaughter is having stomach problems and her husband Mark has been diagnosed with A Fib, but has a problem taking blood thinners.

Floyd Coley is experiencing back pain associated with nerves in his spinal area but has received an injection which thankfully, has helped to relieve his pain.

Allen Davis is still recovering from surgery which removed a growth on his lung.

Joni McConnell was to start therapy last Friday to help her walk better.

Virginia McKinney is still having back problems

Karen Sproles' daughter Jean England is having a lot of pain due to stomach issues.

Bryan Dyer has completed his treatments for his cancer. Tests show it in remission.

Alice Wade's sister Shirley is being treated for lung cancer and is now in the hospital with sepsis. Alice's sister Linda is also battling cancer that has spread to multiple locations and recently suffered a fall.

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 the reports of their works on the bulletin board.

Benevolent Opportunity:

The MSD of Martinsville food pantry where we have been making food donations has closed. In its place we will begin making food donations to the Gunner Burnham food pantry that supplies food needs to needy residents of Martinsville. The pantry is in honor of Gunner who passed away from brain cancer while in Middle School and is operated by his mother. For the month of July we will be donating peanut butter.

A Special Thanks To All Who Helped With Our Fair Booth This Year!!!

Men's Business Meeting:

The next monthly men's business meeting will be Wednesday, August 5th at 5:00.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, August 2nd following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song then dismiss.

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).

July 19, 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

THE PSALM OF THE CONQUEROR

Bill Boyd

David was an old school warrior. He fought his foes face to face, with bucklers, swords, and helmets. It was hand-to-hand, one on one, one after the other, until one of the armies was driven from the battlefield. This kind of fighting called for physical strength and mental stamina. The soldier had to fight hard and keep his wits. The end of a day of battle was the end of a hard day's bloody work. You can read of many such encounters, in all their glory and in all their gore, in Homer's song of the wars on the windy plains of Troy, if you have the stomach for it.

It is easy for me to read the **Ninth Psalm** and imagine David standing exhausted on a battlefield after a hard fought victory, watching his enemies flee, and lifting up a voice of praise to the LORD for his help. In this psalm, David sings of the defeat of the wicked, of the LORD's role in the victory, and of God's merciful remembrance of the meek and lowly.

The Psalm begins with praise, *"I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvelous works. I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High"* (Psalm 9:1-2), and continues, *"Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his doings"* (Psalm 9:11).

David sings of his enemies in their defeat, *"When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence"* (Psalm 9:3). *"Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever. O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end: and thou hast destroyed cities; their memorial is perished with them"* (Psalm 9:5-6). *"The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken. The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the*

nations that forget God" (Psalm 9:15-17). *"Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight"* (Psalm 9:19).

David sings of the LORD's role in the victory. *"Thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right"* (Psalm 9:4). *"The LORD shall endure for ever: he hath prepared his throne for judgment. And he shall judge the world in righteousness, he shall minister judgment to the people in uprightness"* (Psalm 9:7-8). *"Shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation"* (Psalm 9:14). *"Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah"* (Psalm 9:20).

And David sings of God's attentiveness to the meek and humble who trust in him. *"The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee"* (Psalm 9:9-10). *"When he maketh inquisition for blood, he remembereth them: he forgetteth not the cry of the humble. Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death"* (Psalm 9:12-13). *"For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever"* (Psalm 9:18).

The LORD's kingdom of Israel under David was of this world, and then, did his servants fight against flesh and blood with carnal weapons of warfare. But it is clear from the Psalms of David that there was a spiritual element to these carnal battles. David was fighting *"the LORD's battles"* (1 Samuel 18:17). Their purpose was to prepare a way for a different kind of kingdom. God would establish a "spiritual" kingdom with a "spiritual" purpose greater than any civil purpose God has had for any earthly kingdom. Its citizen soldiers would help achieve spiritual victory over the spiritual hearts of men with spiritual weapons. Therefore, we read in the New Testament, *"Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God..."* (Eph. 6:10-17), *"fight the good fight of faith"* (1 Tim. 6:12), and *"endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ"* (2 Tim. 2:3).