

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

Judy Coley was admitted to the Bloomington hospital on 1/27 and possibly needs another stent for her bladder. Prayers are needed for Judy, Floyd and their family.

Edwin Parnell (Mike's brother) has learned that his Cancer has not only returned but has spread some. Please pray for Edwin and his family.

Erick Knoy (Dave's son) has pneumonia. Yours prayers would be appreciated.

Clay Sturgill (Ray's brother) had his other leg removed and is in the nursing home in Whitesburg, Ky. for rehab. He is not doing well at all. Prayers for Clay and the family are appreciated.

Kern Shoopman (Jesse Riddle's Brother-in Law) is suffering from stage 3 Cancer and is to begin chemo treatment this week. Please pray for him and his family.

Eric Bowlen had shoulder surgery is expected to be recuperating with extensive therapy for the next two months. Prayers are requested for Eric.

Karen Sproles thyroid problem will be watched for now. Karen has an appointment with a Heart Doctor (1/22) for a review of her enlarged ventricle valve. Also, she has a knot on her foot which may require her to use a wheel chair. She will be wearing a heart monitor for the next 30 days and also be given a stress test. Please pray for Karen.

Iris Hash has been diagnosed with her Hiatal hernia and is now strongly considering surgery. Iris is to get an injection for her mid-back problem on 1/29. She is scheduled for an EKG and a chest scan on 2/17. Overall, Iris is doing some better and looking forward to seeing everyone at services soon.

Ada Hamm has been diagnosed with lung cancer and COPD. Please pray for Ada.

Jeff Sturgill has been troubled with back problems and will be off work and recuperating until March. He is doing a lot better but the problem comes and goes.

Stephanie Sturgill began Chemo treatments on 12-24-20. She is doing pretty well. Please pray for her recovery.

Shirley Cook is back in Florida and doing well. Shirley thanks everyone for their prayers and best wishes. Please continue to pray for Shirley's and her family's comfort.

Ernest Brown is at home doing well.

Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing)

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Gloria Hale

**Pray For The Work We Are Supporting:**

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia)  
Charles DiPalma (Mission work in Australia and New Zealand)  
Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies

**Upcoming Events:**

**God's Plan For Our Salvation:**

1. **Hearing** the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).
2. **Believing** what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).
3. **Repentance** (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).
4. **Confession** (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).
5. **Baptism** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).
6. **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

## Building Together

Helping a child or grandchild put together a set of LEGOs can be both a humbling and an enlightening experience. I'm not sure why children love LEGOs so much, but I think it has something to do with the feeling of accomplishment they experience when the task is completed. These are really cool, three-dimensional puzzles. Unlike so many projects outside the reach of their capabilities, these are specially designed for their tiny little fingers. I must admit that my larger, somewhat clumsy, hands and my less-than-perfect eyesight puts me at a decided disadvantage.

While I am conditioned to a "one-step-at-a-time" philosophy, their active little minds experience no such limitation. While completing one step they are already looking ahead to the next.

This occasionally gets them into trouble. But, their mistake is quickly discovered and corrected, while their older, more experienced, counterpart is still reading the instructions.

Generally speaking, my presence is in a supervisory capacity. I am a cheerleader and a voice of encouragement.

Occasionally, I am needed to put on a sticker, referee a sibling confrontation, or slow the mad-dash to a more manageable level.

Then, comes the familiar question: "What were LEGOs like when you were growing up?" Teachable moment? Perhaps. Things have changed. But, not our need for working together toward a common goal. What will our children or grandchildren remember about their "growing up" years? It will be the time spent together building meaningful

relationships. Each of these relationships will be different, each bearing its own distinctive, familial DNA.

God did not design the family merely to exist, but to function in accordance with the wonderful and grand design revealed in His word. Building relationships in accordance with these principles can be a humbling task. But, we are up to the challenge because of the One we called to sit beside us, offering counsel and encouragement along the way. To the extent that we lean upon Him, following clearly established biblical priorities, we will be able to look back with tear-moistened eyes at what the Lord has accomplished through us. In the final analysis, we acknowledge, as did Solomon, that "Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it" Ps. 127:1.

–Glen Elliott–

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### Food for Thought:

Proverbs 1:8, 9 *"Listen, my son, to your father's instruction, And do not ignore your mother's teaching; 9 For they are a graceful wreath for your head And necklaces for your neck."*