

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Karen Shanafelt, daughter of sister Shirley Cook, underwent emergency surgery in Florida on Wednesday for an ulcer which caused a perforation in her stomach.

Brother Charles and Sister Beverly Blair are suffering from the COVID.

Brother Bob Hawkins is seeking treatment for his ongoing back problems.

Beverly Anderson is still recovering at home.

Jimmy Lindsay has been suffering from a cold.

Mike Parnell's son, Bill, has been told he is cancer free. Pray thanks and for continued good health.

Mike Parnell's sister, Brenda has cancer and is undergoing radiation.

Shirley Cook fell at her place in Florida, breaking several teeth and splitting her lip. She will have to undergo a procedure for dental implants.

Darryl Grimes (Ken & Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law) received encouraging news that his cancer has shown improvement. He will undergo another PET scan in March to determine if further treatment is warranted. Please keep Darryl, his wife and family and Ken and Sherrie in prayer.

Charlie Henard's mother has Alzheimer's but is now at home.

Karen Sproles is still suffering with problems in her knee.

Iris Hash is being treated for stomach problems and also has neck pain.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

Pray For The Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia)

Ladies' Luncheon:

The ladies of the congregation will be having a luncheon on February 9th at 12:30 PM at the Tea Room on the west side of the square in Martinsville. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board.

February Monthly Pitch-in:

Our next monthly pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, February 6th, immediately following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a song service then dismiss for the day.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd at 5:00 PM. All men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Radio Program:

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

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

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

Mothers' Prayers

The prayers of our mothers are encouraging to us, especially as we look back on them. I recall a friend and gospel preacher, Jon Hackett, who told of what strength he gained while in Viet Nam, knowing that his mother was praying for him. Others perhaps can agree.

It has been almost three decades since my mother left us, but I still remember her prayers when I was a young boy. Every morning after breakfast, we would have a devotional. Mother would say a prayer. In the privacy of her bedroom at night, she would get on bended knees to pray. On an occasion or two, I saw her praying beside her bed.

Her prayers included thanksgiving. Though we had little compared to others, she was thankful. Though she had endured the hardships of a Job, she was grateful. She lost three husbands in her lifetime—one to war, one to unfaithfulness, one to instability. Mother had only been married to Hugh Dorsey North for six months and was only with him a month when he was killed on Okinawa. The second one fathered four children and could not be counted upon. The third, like Reuben, was as unstable as water. Mother worked a full-time job and reared her children. Through all her trials, she counted her many blessings. I recall being asked to lead a prayer in chapel at Georgia Christian School. I was in the 7th grade. I told my mother of my trepidation; she wrote a short prayer for me and told me to make it mine. One line I still remember: "Father, we thank thee for the manifold blessings bestowed upon us." How true it was that God had blessed the Vick family through all our trials!

Mother's prayers included supplications to our heavenly Father. Give us strength for the day. Give us our daily bread. Help us to get along and love each other. Please help us to be wise in our choices. She prayed that her children would be faithful to the Lord. She prayed that each of us might marry a Christian. She knew how important it was to marry someone who could help us go to heaven. She prayed for us and preached the importance of marrying someone who had the same goal

– heaven. She asked God to forgive us of our sins. She knew she was not perfect, but she strove to walk in the footsteps of Jesus.

In her supplications, I can still hear her words, "Guide, guard, and direct us down the uneven pathway of life." And if anyone knew the difficulties of life, mother did. Life's pathway includes ups and downs, twists and turns, rough spots, and smooth lots. It is fraught with dangers and the lurking enemy always ready to pounce upon the unsuspecting. She looked to God's word to guide her as a lamp to her feet and light to her path. As a child of God, she believed in God's providential care. Her faith was strong through all the strain and stresses of life, knowing that God would direct her. She desired the same for her children.

For the last ten months of our mother's life, she struggled with that dreaded disease, cancer. No one prayed more fervently for her recovery than she and her children. But it was not to be. Mother had told us that God would either remove the cancer or help her through it. During that time, there was a certain point that she could not pray anymore. We knew intellectually that she was sick, but we knew emotionally that she was very ill when she told us this. I said, mother, we are still praying for you. I told her there are occasions in our lives when we do not know for what we should pray. I referred to Paul's words: "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered." (Rom. 8:26) The "groanings" here are not the Spirit's groanings, but our groanings when we do not know for what we should pray.

We buried mother's diseased-wreaked body on her 69th birthday, but her prayers I will not forget.

I wonder how many of our mothers are praying with and for their children. Mothers, as well as fathers, can teach their children to pray. They learn from us. Do we express our worries to our children but never our prayers before our children? -- Ben Vick