

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

Judy Coley is scheduled for surgery on 2/25 to determine what corrective action is required to give her some relief with her issues. Prayers are needed for Judy, Floyd and their family.

Ernest Brown has Covid-19 is at home but doing well. Prayers are requested.

Evelyn Murphy also has Covid-19. She is staying with her Dad (Ernest Brown) and taking care of both of them at this time. She is doing well also. Prayers are requested.

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.

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 has received her last Chemo treatment and is doing pretty well. Please pray for her recovery.

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 was to see a surgeon on 2/17 (weather permitting) to determine if and when to have surgery correct her Hiatal hernia. 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 has made the decision not to have treatments for lung cancer. Please pray for Ada.

Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing). Prayers would be appreciated.

**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

Philippians 2:2 *“make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.”*

Our verse today is packed full of ideas and actions: be of the same mind, maintain the same love, united, intent. I want to focus upon that last expression, “intent on one purpose.” Intent—focused, determined, seeking after, longing for. And what is that one purpose? That’s pleasing the Lord. Here is a group of people that had that desire. They wanted to please the Lord. Paul told the Corinthians that we make it our ambition to please the Lord. The thought here is to be *“Intent on one purpose”*.

Sadly, some people never know what their purpose in life is. They move about following the latest fad, doing what everyone else is doing. And, without a purpose, life becomes confusing, depressing, unfulfilling and even monotonous. Others let their circumstances determine and define their purpose. They are in the backseat of life just going along and someone else is at the wheel. A Paul preaching on Mars’ Hill would not have the same purpose as a Paul in a Roman prison. But, that’s not what we find in Scriptures. Paul’s purpose didn’t change from city to city, or from decade to decade. As a freeman or as a prisoner, his purpose was to glorify and honor the God he loved.

And, once a person knows their purpose, then they can wrap their life around that. They can become intent upon that purpose.

- Knowing your purpose will determine what is important in life
- Knowing your purpose shapes the choices in your life
- Knowing your purpose clarifies what marriage is about
- Knowing your purpose defines your role in the family
- Knowing your purpose allows you to contribute to life
- Knowing your purpose gives you a place in eternity

The Philippians did more than know their purpose. They were intent upon that purpose. That purpose is what they were looking at. By being intent, they would not neglect the very things that kept that purpose before them. By being intent they would not let the fire go out in their hearts for the Lord.

There are a lot of folks who want to go to Heaven. However, with many of them, they are not very intent about that. Their desire for Heaven is more wishful thinking than deliberate actions and steps on their part. Sure they’d love to be in Heaven, but not enough to get down to the church house to worship God, give up sinful practices or develop a godly character. They are simply not intent upon those things.

One sees “intention” in other areas of life. A student who pours hours and hours into studying to pass a major exam has intention. A person that works days and goes to school at night so they can better their career has intention. An athlete that continues to work on his game, long after practice is over. These folks are intent. They want to do better. They are not satisfied with where they are or what is average or normal. That doesn’t cut it with these people. They have a purpose and they are intent on that purpose.

And, all of this leads back to you and me. How hard are we trying? How serious are we about our faith? How easily do we allow other things to interrupt us and get us off the path that we are on? How often do we allow things around us to wreck our attitudes and our spirit? How often do we find ourselves getting caught up in things that do not matter? How intent are we?

Would you be willing to drive 30 minutes one way to be part of a growing, active congregation? Some would rather stay at a dying church than make that drive. Would you be willing to give up an evening a week to have an intense Bible study with one of the shepherds or preachers in the congregation? Many would rather just sit in a chair and stare at the TV.

Intent. Focused. Determined. Unwavering. Intent on one purpose. How would you define that as you look at your life?

Roger Shouse