

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

Ken Roosa- Had first follow-up with his surgeon (4-1-20).

All looks really good! Collar can come off for limited activities and even drive for short trips. Next appt. in early June. Ken is on track!!!

Jeri Adams (Tina's Aunt in Fla.) is home but in need of heart surgery (Waiting for an appointment to see a cardiologist).

Don Richardson – defibrillator and new pace maker successfully in place

Iris Hash – Improved but advised to stay in.

Delores Hendrickson

Stephanie Sturgill – Cancer

Judy Merriman – Stage 4 Bladder Cancer

Carol Harris – Liver Cancer

Ernest Brown – Diagnosed with Cancer in his eye.

Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy)

Darryl Grimes, cancer treatment (Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law)

Rick Sciver – 2<sup>nd</sup> Bone cancer found, treatment has begun

(Ken Roosa's brother)

Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing)

Zachary Baxter, Susie Burdsall/Riddle's grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy

Edwin Parnell, cancer (Mike Parnell's brother)

Al Reynolds is at Medowlakes

Melani Dodge – In need of our prayers and encouragement

Guyten Montgomery's mother is thankfully recovering from the corona virus (Guyten is the director of the North West Florida School of Preaching)

Dean and Shirley Cook back home on 4-7-20, Welcome home to the Cooks.

### **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:**

**No Pitch-Ins until the Coronavirus Crisis is past**

**All Services are Suspended Temporarily!**

Tomorrow with **all** of its Blessings!

### **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. After the above five steps, **Faithful Christian Living** (I Peter 2:11, 12; Revelation 2:10).

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## ***MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST***

**540 E. Morgan Street  
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### **Schedule of Services:**

#### **Sunday**

Bible Study – 9:30 AM (Service Suspended)

Worship – 10:30 AM (Service Suspended)

(6:00 PM Service Suspended)

#### **Wednesday**

Bible Study – 7:00 PM (Suspended)

#### **Thursday**

Ladies Bible Study – 11:00 AM (Suspended)

### **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

# Don't Take God For Granted!

**2 Cor. 1:10-11** *"Who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us, you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many."*

The older I get, the more I marvel that I am still alive. As a youngster growing up I never thought much about dying. Yes, I took life for granted. Growing up on a farm in Tennessee I would sometimes go swimming alone in a nearby creek. Even if it had rained and the water was high, me and my horse and my old dog Rusty would plunge right in and swim to the other side. I've swung from ropes into fifty foot deep water and dived from trees high above the river. "No big deal" or so I thought until one of my friends drowned at the age of sixteen.

I've survived several automobile wrecks, a failed parachute jump while in the Army, a bout with mumps/meningitis and other such close calls. But I'm still alive. God didn't let any of these things take me from this world. I trust God and I know he has his reasons for keeping me here even though it probably would have been easier sometimes to just let me go. I believe our God has a purpose for each of us and I pray that he will guide me to that purpose and help me to accomplish it, whatever it might be.

All that being said, we should never take God's blessing of deliverance for granted. We should not presume on God, thinking that He will protect us no matter what we do. It is possible, according to Ecclesiastes 7:17, for the wicked and foolish people to die "before their time."

Paul lived confidently, but he wasn't fool hearted or reckless. He asked God's people to pray for him. On one occasion he allowed friends to help him elude his enemies who tried to capture him in Damascus. (2 Cor. 11:32-33 *"In Damascus the ethnarch under Aretas the king was guarding the city of the Damascenes in order to seize me, and I was let down in a basket through a window in the wall, and so escaped his hands."*)

We should always remember that God cares for us and he gives us comfort and confidence. But we have a responsibility. We must be careful! The unmistakable message from scripture to all of us is this: You are cared for, but be careful!

There is a little poem attributed to D.J.D. which seems to fit.

*The hand of God protects our way  
Through danger and through ill,  
So let us not presume on Him,  
But seek to do His will.*

PRAYER:

Thank you, Lord God, for all your love and protection. For You have created this beautiful world that we now live in. And we enjoy seeing You in the beauty of your creation. And Father we believe that you have set before us a purpose and a plan. I pray that You will open our eyes and our hearts to always strive to do Your will. Thank You Father for Jesus, your Son and our Savior, who suffered and died on that cruel cross at Calvary that we can have forgiveness of our sins and a hope of heaven.

In Jesus Name, Amen!

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