

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

Malinda Stephens (Connie Davis' mother) passed away on Monday (4/12) at home. She will be greatly missed. Please pray for Melinda's family during this most difficult time.

Derrick Burdsall is tired but no plan for treatment yet. He is at home.

David Cook (Shirley's son) is at home and recovering well from his aneurism surgery. Dave and Tina Knoy have requested your prayers for their granddaughter McKeneie Ritter. Kay Kessler (Ken's oldest sister) is suffering from Dementia and is now receiving care from Hospice at home. She is not doing well. Please pray for Kay and the family. Floyd & Judy Coley and their family have ongoing health problems & request prayers. Ray and Liz have requested prayers for their Granddaughter Taylor and their Great-Granddaughter Harmony.

Clay Sturgill (Ray's brother) continues rehab in Whitesburg, KY. He is doing well. Prayers for Clay and the family are appreciated.

Jeff Sturgill's back problem is better though it is ongoing.

Stephanie Sturgill has received her last Chemo treatment and is doing better.

Kern Shoopman (Jesse Riddle's Brother-in Law) is suffering from stage 3 Cancer and is to begin chemo treatment. Per Jessie, Kern is doing OK

Karen Sproles is having problems with a place on her back and one on her foot. She saw a Foot Dr. on 3/11. Her thyroid problem is being watched. Karen was ordered to receive home bound care for these issues as well as home occupational therapy. Her heart monitor was turned in on 3/10. After the heart monitor results she will be doing a stress test. Karen is in a lot of pain.

Iris Hash has been weak lately and suspects that she may be anemic. She started therapy for acid reflux in the week of 3/28 was to have had more tests as well as x-rays on 3/23. Overall, Iris is doing some better and looking forward to attending soon.

Ada Hamm has been diagnosed with lung cancer and made the decision not to have treatments for lung cancer.

Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing). Prayers are 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:** Pitch-Ins resume on May 2, 2021.

**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; 1 Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).
6. **Faithful Christian Living**, after the above five steps (1 Peter 2:11, 12; Rev. 2:10).

Congratulations to Michaela Mathews on her induction into the Junior National Honor Society and to Jaxon Mathews on his induction into the National Honor Society based on their academic success. We are so proud of both of them and pray for their continued success.

April 25, 2021

***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

Psalm 64:10 *“The righteous man will be glad in the Lord and will take refuge in Him; and all the upright in heart will glory.”*

It is good being a Christian. Sure there is a mighty work before us in the kingdom and that work never seems to end. And, yes, we are engaged in an intense battle against the foes of God. Sometimes the journey is lonely. Sometimes the walk is uphill. And, the journey of faith means we trust when we cannot see and we go on when we want to stop. But that being said, it's great being a Christian.

Our verse today, written by David, reminds us that the righteous man not only finds safety and shelter in the Lord, but he is glad and rejoices in the Lord. It's great being a Christian. I wonder if times we forget that. I wonder if others hear us feeling burdened and complaining and wonder why we are staying with these things. What we need to remind ourselves and what the world needs to know is that it is great to be a Christian.

Here's why:

First, a Christian is adopted into the family of God. We belong to God. That is the best. God on our side, or more accurately, we are on His side. Outside the family or inside the family, there is a difference. The joys of heavenly fellowship, blessings, promises and hope are found in the Lord. Forgiven. Grace extended. Loved. Being able to please the Lord, what a wonderful joy that is.

Second, a Christian walks with confidence and assurance. He doesn't have to roll in the mud of mindless, carnal worries that plague most hearts. God is in control. He knows that. He understands that. And, the Christian realizes that his story and his journey doesn't end at the cemetery. It ends in the presence of God, who he longs to spend forever with. Death is sad, but it's not defeating for the Christian. Troubles, setbacks and disappointments are only temporary. He's Heaven Bound and that's where his focus is upon.

Third, being a Christian has put him around some of the greatest people in the world. Their names are not known very far and wide, but Heaven knows them. These are the people of God. They come from all different backgrounds and each has a unique story but they have all found their way to Jesus Christ. These people want the best

out of you. They will support you, help you and be there for you. They will lift your name to Heaven, where the greatest help comes from.

Fourth, for the Christian, Sunday becomes the best day of the week. It's the day to gather with these wonderful people that we call brethren. It's the day to honor the Lord together in worship. It's a time to encourage, help and fellowship one another. God's holy word is preached and prayers are sent heavenward. Sundays are wonderful for the child of God. He wishes everyday could be a Sunday.

Being a Christian does not mean one is perfect, but he is following the One who is. It doesn't mean that he knows all the answers, but he follows the One who does. And, one of the greatest reasons about being a Christian is knowing how the Lord has changed us. We know what we were like. We know the attitudes, addictions and behavior that we had. We know how sinful we were. But God has not only forgiven us, but through His word, He has changed us. The grump becomes a joyful person. The complainer becomes thankful. The tightwad becomes generous. The judgmental spirit becomes forgiving. The hardnose becomes gracious. The selfish becomes a servant. The indifferent becomes compassionate. The worldly becomes spiritual. The sinner becomes a child of God. It's a journey, but what a wonderful, productive journey it is. There are living examples on this journey. There are people who want to see you succeed on this journey.

This past year has been troublesome and it has made many sour and complaining. Let us remind ourselves of the joys of being a Christian. There is nothing else like it and we pray that others would see this joy and want to come with us on this journey.

The righteous man will be glad in the Lord.

Roger Shouse