

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Gloria Hale is in the Heartstone rehab center, near Bloomington, Room 617.

Mike Parnell's sister, Brenda has cancer.

Charlie Henard's mother suffers from Alzheimer's in Tennessee.

Charlie Henard's sister recently had both hips replaced.

Karen Sproles is still suffering with problems in her knee.

Iris Hash is being treated for stomach, nasal and back problems.

Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law, Darrell Grimes is enrolled in a clinical trial treatment program for his cancer in Nashville, TN.

Ken Roosa's friend and a member at the Shelbyville Rd. Church of Christ, Gary Short, has been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Ray & Liz Sturgill's neighbor's granddaughter, Kyleigh Mabie, has terminal brain cancer.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia)

Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru) (Scheduled to move to Peru June 3rd)

Ladies' Community Outreach Work:

The ladies of the congregation will be donating items on a monthly basis for the Morgan County Department of Child Services (DCS) and to the local women's shelter. For the month of May, the item to be donated is coffee. If you would like to support this work, please bring this in throughout the month so they can be delivered at month's end.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our monthly pitch-in dinner will be today after the morning services. Following the meal, we will reconvene at 1 PM for a song service then dismiss for the day.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, May 4th at 5 PM. All men are encouraged to attend.

Summer Gospel Meeting:

Our summer gospel meeting will be held June 10-12. Our speaker will be former Morgan St. gospel preacher Randall Jones who currently preaches at the Richardsville, KY Church of Christ. Services will be held at 7 PM on Friday and Saturday evenings. Following the Sunday morning service there will be a pitch-in dinner followed by a 1 PM service to conclude the meeting. Please pray for our meeting.

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

IT IS WHAT IT IS

I heard a rather trite expression that has come to typify a number of situations that we may observe in today's society. For example, someone may develop cancer and say "It is what it is" and fail to seek any medical attention whatsoever. This is a situation best described as *resignation*. In effect, the person is simply saying, "there is nothing I can do about it. I'll just live with it." And yet another person may come down with some severe malady and say "It is what it is" but at once seek the very best medical attention available. This individual accepts, but sets about to do what he/she can to overcome their sickness.

Sadly, I see the effects of "It is what it is" at play throughout the brotherhood today. When it is suggested that the need exists to *seek the lost* (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16), someone is apt to say "They won't listen" and so nothing happens. Isn't that person saying "It is what it is" and there is nothing I can do about it? Might that be resignation with no thought for doing otherwise? Too many are not willing to "keep on keeping on" when they do not see immediate results. One such person answered me, "We don't know if it's doing any good" when I approached him on a particular work for which he had been previously responsible.

In 1 Corinthians 3:5-7 we read, "*Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.*" This scripture surely suggests that it is man's responsibility to sow the seed (preach the Word) and leave it in God's hands. Much of what is being taught

today does not reach those who need it most as there is little fertile soil in most pews.

It is little wonder that the Lord's church of today has become smaller, weaker and offering little or no influence on society since so few seem inclined to accept "It is what it is" and set about to make a difference. A lesson could be taken from the Apostle Paul when he said "*...I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. Therefore whether it were I or they, so we preach, and so ye believed*" (1 Cor. 15:9-11).

We would do well to say "It is what it is," but listen carefully to the great judge when He said, "*He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. And he that seeth me seeth him that sent me. I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness. And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day. For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak*" (John 12:44-50).

Are we listening? Or, are we saying "It is what it is" and doing nothing?

Denver Thomas