

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

Ken Roosa continued improvement, able to get out some.  
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 is some better, at home but not receiving phone calls at this time.  
Ray Sturgill's back pain is still improving.  
Vickie Mattingly (Cindy Murray's Sister-In-Law) passed and burial was 4-28-20.  
Iris Hash – Improved but advised to stay in.  
Delores Hendrickson  
Delores Hendrickson's son's father-in-law passed on 5-12-20.  
Deloris Hendrickson requests prayers for her brother.  
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)  
Darrell Grimes, Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law, Chemo treatments completed and a full body scan on Monday (4-13-20). Great news, Darrell is in complete remission!  
Rick Skiver, Ken Roosa's brother, has completed radiation treatments. He has been told that there was no more they could do as far as chemo and they are setting him up for long-term Hospice care.  
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 back home with Gertrude  
Melani Dodge – In need of our prayers and encouragement  
Guyten Montgomery's mother is thankfully recovering from the corona virus.  
Dean and Shirley Cook are back home and doing well.  
Lori Bowlen is self-quarantined for Covid-19 – No symptoms now.

**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:**

**Sunday Morning Bible Study/Worship to resume on 05-16-20!**

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. **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 (**Resuming on 05-17-20**)

Worship – 10:30 AM (**Resuming on 05-17-20**)  
**(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

## Encourage One Another

Who does not like to receive an encouraging word? Who does not appreciate a kind, timely word spoken into your life when you needed it most? The Proverbs speak to the value of these words to our souls.

**“Anxiety in a man’s heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad.” (Proverbs 12:25)**

**“Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.” (Proverbs 16:24)**

**“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver.” (Proverbs 25:11)**

In the early days of the fledgling church in Jerusalem, there was a man who was such an encouragement to the body of Christ that they did not call him by the name given by his parents. They simply called him, “son of encouragement.” We know that name as Barnabas. The name “Barnabas” means son of encouragement. We see in this man many instances of encouragement. In Acts 4 sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money to the apostles so that they could take care of the needy Christians in Jerusalem. In Acts 9 we see Barnabas again when Paul becomes a Christian. Paul comes to Christ and tries to join the church in Jerusalem. The church refuses Paul because he was a persecutor of Christians because they did not believe he was a disciple. Who was the person who came to the side of this persecutor of Christians? Barnabas did. Barnabas brought Paul to the apostles and told them about how Paul had been boldly preaching the name of Jesus. Then in Acts 15, after Mark had left Paul and Barnabas during their first preaching journey, who wants to have Mark come with them on the second journey? Barnabas does.

We need this kind of encouragement. This is exactly what God has called for us to have toward one another. Our theme this year is to look at the passages that instruct us regarding how we are to behave toward one another as the body of Christ. God calls for us to encourage one another. **“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11).**

Think about how many people have the gift of discouragement. When that person talks, it is always something negative to say. Everything is a complaint. This kind of attitude can easily be developed in the church.

But this is not what we are supposed to be toward one another. God says that we need to encourage one another and build one another up. Not only should we consider the example of Barnabas, but let us also take a moment to reflect on the example of Jesus. When do you see Jesus being a discouragement or offer a discouraging word? The Samaritan woman that Jesus encounters at the well has a sinful mess of life. Does Jesus speak encouraging words or discouraging words? We recognize that he encouraged her spirituality and faith. Consider the woman who was caught in adultery that the leaders are ready to stone. Does Jesus encourage her or discourage her? What wonderful words he says, “Neither do I condemn you; go and from now on sin no more” (John 8:11). Jesus does not say, “What is the matter with you?” He does not say, “What is your problem?” He received people to him and healed them.

What I want us to think about is how we need a lot more encouragement in our lives and less of a stick. How often we can start with a verbal stick with each other rather than verbal encouragement! This does not mean that there is not a place or a need for rebuke. There is a need for rebuke. But this is not the only thing we need. We need to start with encouragement. In fact, listen to what Paul taught Timothy in his first letter to him.

**“Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity.” (1 Timothy 5:1–2)**

Do you see what Paul said? Encourage older men like you would your father. Encourage younger men as your brother. Encourage older women like you would your mother. Encourage younger women like you would your sister. We need encouragement. In fact, please consider what you respond well to. We need to be the people who come alongside a person and not whip on them but encourage them. I cannot find a passage in the

New Testament that tells us to come together and rebuke one another regularly. But we do have passages that tell us to come together and encourage each other regularly. So how can we encourage each other and what should we encourage each other in? Consider Hebrews 10:22-24.

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