

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Ken Roosa continued improvement, starting to use neck brace less.
Jeri Adams (Tina's Aunt in Fla.) heart surgery completed on 05-26-20. All went well and a full recovery is expected.
Merl McCurry (Tina's Dad) is having health issues and is at home.
Don Richardson is some better, at home but not receiving phone calls at this time.
Rusty Knoy (Dave's brother) is to have By-Pass surgery on 6-12-20.
Iris Hash – At home and 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 home with Gertrude
Guyten Montgomery's mother is thankfully recovering from the corona virus.
Dean and Shirley Cook are home and doing well.
Jerry Pflaum (Shirley Cook's brother) is in need of our prayers.
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 (**Resumed**)

Worship – 10:30 AM (**Resumed**)
(6:00 PM Service Temporarily Suspended)

Wednesday

Bible Study – 7:00 PM (**Temporarily Suspended**)

Thursday

Ladies Bible Study – 11:00 AM (**Temporarily Suspended**)

Radio Program:

“Preparing For Eternity”

Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

Finishing the Race

"No one likes a quitter!" I heard that statement often growing up. Perhaps you did, too. Sometimes people quit because they realize they are doing something that is a waste of time. All can understand that sentiment, but most of us hate to see someone quit something truly important. Nothing is more important than finishing the Christian race, but many quit along the way. The book of Hebrews was written to people who were seriously considering "quitting" the Christian faith. They had become weary in their life as Christians in a world that hated them for it.

One of the greatest passages to encourage the child of God to remain faithful is Hebrews 12:1-2. "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

There are three key points to remember from this passage that can inspire us to finish the race.

There must be DETERMINATION. This is reflected in the command to "lay aside every weight." In those days, a runner would often train with weights and then remove them prior to the race. Removing the weights showed the runner's determination to win, not just to train. We must be willing to do the same. How so? Two examples are provided. First of all, bad friends might occasionally hamper our running (I Cor. 15:33). We must be willing to let them go in order to run well. Also, the love of money can hinder our running and cause us to stray from the faith (I Tim. 6:7-10).

True determination will cause us to lay aside every weight that would hinder us.

There must be DEDICATION. We must be willing to "run the race with patience." Regardless of the level of pain and toil that will accompany the race, the runner must be dedicated to running until the finish line is reached. This endurance can only be developed through constant discipline of the body. Paul mentions the reason for his success in the race in I Cor. 9:27, "But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection..." There will be no dedication without discipline.

There must be DIRECTION. The Hebrew writer exhorts us as we run to be "looking unto Jesus..." The Greek word translated looking means "to consider attentively." In other words, we don't just occasionally consider the Captain of our faith; instead we keep our eyes fixed on His great example. Notice what happen to Peter when he attempted to walk on water to Jesus during the storm. When he took his eyes of the Lord and set his gaze on the turbulent waves around him, he began to sink. So will we when the storms blow in on us in life. Our direction must always be set.

How well are we running the Christian race? The Lord wants us to run to the finish line and will assist us in every good way. It is up to us. Determination, Dedication and Direction; may we remember these three words as we "run" each day.

Bill Bryant

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