

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Elena Hawkins is still experiencing left knee pain after receiving a steroid injection. Allen Davis is recovering at home from surgery to remove a growth on his lung. Bryan Dyer completed his treatments for his cancer. Tests indicate it is in remission. Floyd Coley is being treated for an ear infection and Judy is being treated for a UTI. Charlie Henard is receiving periodic infusions to treat his Multiple Sclerosis. David Cook had surgery to repair an aortic aneurysm and is now home. Virginia McKinney is battling kidney failure but has been able to attend services. Alice Wade's sister Shirley is being treated for lung cancer. Alice's sister Linda is also battling cancer that has spread to multiple locations and recently suffered a fall. Charles Blair is receiving rehab following hand surgery. Randall Jones is recovering from pneumonia and Linda recently suffered a fall.

Our Shut-Ins:

Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, and Kathy Malowitz

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb and his wife, Eta (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See reports of their works on the bulletin board.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Lisa Bunch, grandmother to a new healthy baby girl, Paisley. Lisa's daughter and Paisley's mother, Kaci, is recovering from preeclampsia.

Benevolent Opportunity:

For the month of June, we are collecting ramen noodles for the MSD food pantry.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next monthly men's business meeting will be Wednesday, June 3rd at 5:00 PM.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, June 7th following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song then dismiss.

Area Gospel Meetings:

The Franklin Road congregation is hosting a singing and ice cream social Saturday June 6th 5:00 – 6:30 PM.

The Stop 11 Rd. congregation will have a gospel meeting June 7 - 10 with brother Neal Pollard. Services will be at 10 and 11 AM and 1:30 PM on Sunday and 7 PM Monday – Wednesday.

The Paris, IL congregation will have a gospel meeting June 21 – 24 with brother Robby Eversole. Services will be at 9 AM, 10 AM and 6 PM on Sunday and 7 PM Monday – Wednesday.

Radio Program:

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 FM to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

God's Plan For Our Salvation:

Hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).

Believing what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).

Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).

Confession (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).

Baptism (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).

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:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT DEATH

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Nothing is more common to life than death. Men and women, boys and girls have been dying from the time God “...formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul” (Gen. 2:7).

From that earliest moment of life, God informed man of death. “And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die” (Gen. 2:15-17).

Perhaps nothing in all of life has preoccupied the mind of man more than death. Entire lifetimes have been spent in pursuit of the non-existent “fountain of youth.” Some have spent their fortune in the futile effort to find it. Scientists and doctors continue to search relentlessly for the cure of every disease so life might be sustained indefinitely. But, such will never be found for “...it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment” (Heb. 9:27). Oh, that such great pain and effort would be expended in the quest to escape the consequences of spiritual death! Why don’t men search for eternal life with God? Sadly, they want the things of the world, not the things of God!

FOUR TYPES OF DEATH

Physical death — all pass this way. “...It is appointed unto men once to die...” (Heb. 9:27). Physical death occurs when the spirit leaves the body. “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:26). Man’s spirit is what makes the body of flesh alive. Our physical body is only a tabernacle, a tent, which houses our soul and gives it existence on this earth.

As faithful Christians “...we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life” (2 Cor. 5:1-4).

Spiritual death — separation from God — “dead in trespasses and sins” (Eph. 2:1). Though one is alive physically, he may be dead spiritually. This fact eludes so many as they continue to gratify every lust of the flesh. In First Timothy 5:6 we read, “But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.” The father of the prodigal son said, “For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found” (Luke 15:24,32). Ephesians 2:12 speaks of those spiritually dead saying they are “...without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.”

The second death, hell. “And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death” (Rev. 20:14). When this life is over, those who have lived in sin and pleasure will experience the second death — hell fire, eternal damnation. Revelation 21:8 gives a glimpse of some who will experience this second death. “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

You can live so as to avoid the second death. It has no power over those who overcome a life of sin and rebellion. “...He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death” (Rev. 2:11).

Dead unto sin. One can put to death the “old man of sin” and be alive unto God. “Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord” (Rom. 6:11). “For he that is dead is freed from sin” (Rom. 6:7). When we die to sin we do not serve it any longer. We do not give ourselves over to it. We give ourselves to God, not sin (Rom. 6:12-

16). This occurs when we obey the gospel by believing (John 8:24), repenting (Acts 2:38), confessing (Rom. 10:9-10), and being baptized (Rom. 6:3-6). “Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness” (Rom. 6:18).

Each of these four types of death contemplate a separation. In physical death the body is separated from the spirit. In spiritual death the spirit is separated from God. In the second death there is eternal separation from God. In dying unto sin there is a separation from the practice of sin.

THE POWER OF DEATH IS PROFOUND

Death is perhaps the most powerful force on earth. It is man’s common enemy. It is feared by both young and old. It is so vast that none can escape it. God told Adam and Eve, “In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return” (Gen. 3:19). Solomon proclaimed, “For the living know that they shall die...” (Eccl. 9:5). Elihu rightly said, “All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust” (Job 34:15). Moses reported, “The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away” (Psalm 90:10). David declared, “Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away” (Psalm 144:4). “What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave” (Psalm 89:48). “But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he” (Job 14:10)? There is “a time to be born, and a time to die...” (Eccl. 3:2).

Many have acknowledged death terminating their existence on this earth. When Joshua was old and well stricken in age he said, “And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth...” (Josh. 23:14). Of the second king of Israel we read, “Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man” (1 Kings 2:1-2). Job said, “For I know that thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living” (Job 30:23). Solomon said, “All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again” (Eccl. 3:20). “There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death...” (Eccl. 8:8). “Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it...because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets” (Eccl. 12:7,5).

Jesus made it plain that one can die at any moment. There is no “set time” for me or you to die. Some people say every-one has a “time to die” and if it’s not your time, you will not die, or if it is your time, you cannot keep from dying. This statement is not true! Notice John 7:6 where Jesus said, “...My time is not yet come: but your time is alway ready.” There was a “specific time” for Jesus to die, but we can die at any time. We can potentially shorten or lengthen our life depending on the way we live.

For the most part, people act as if they will never die. People go about their normal routine every day. All may say the words, “I know I am going to die,” but so few live as if it will be today or tomorrow. However, all must pass through the valley of the shadow of death. “For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again” (2 Sam. 14:14).

Man is like a great icicle which the sun of time continually thaws. Once we pass through death’s door, we will never see this world again — there’s no coming back. All the accomplishments attained in this life will be to no avail. It does not matter whether you were a scientist or a bum, president of the USA or PTA, all that matters is the record of your life. No more chances will be given. Will your life be found in faithful obedience or shameful disgrace?