

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Darryl Grimes (Ken & Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law) began his chemo treatment this past Monday. Darryl did have some problems with the treatment but plans to continue in his battle. He is showing some improvement. Please pray for Darryl's recovery.

Shannon Jones (Randal Jones Daughter) had her surgery and is improved. She was able to go home on Thursday (6/10).

Harold Riddle (Jesse's brother) has been diagnosed with a rare form of an aggressive cancer. Treatment plans are as yet undetermined. Prayers are needed.

Deloris Hendrickson is doing OK but is experiencing some dizziness from time to time.

Charlie Henard's mother has Alzheimer's that is progressing. Prayers are needed.

Josh Cook (Shirley's son) is to have hernia surgery on Tuesday (6-8).

Shirley Cook is planning to have a Celebration of Life in honor of Dean. This will be on 6-26 @ 1:30 PM, taking place at 3915 St Rd. 44.

Dave and Tina Knoy have requested your prayers for their granddaughter McKeneie Ritter.

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 real good.

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

Karen Sproles is having problems with a place on her back and one on her foot. Her thyroid problem is being watched. Karen was ordered to receive home care for these issues as well as home occupational therapy. 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. Iris is having a problem with being anemic and is to begin taking B-12 to help with that issue.

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

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

Coming Events: Men's Business Mtg. - 5:00PM on Wed. (7/7).

Monthly Pitch-In: July (7/11) after AM service.

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

Father's Day

As Americans everywhere pause to honor their fathers, on Father's Day, it is good to remind ourselves of its beginning. The most widely accepted story on the origin of Father's Day comes from Spokane, Washington. Sonora Smart Dodd, who grew up without a mother, was looking for a way to publicly **recognize, thank and honor** her father who had raised six children single-handedly. She brought the idea to her minister and church members who embraced the idea and held the first Father's Day celebration on June 19, 1909.

The day as it was established was well meaning, but it is impossible to improve on Scripture. Ephesians 6:1-3 "*Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), ³SO THAT IT MAY TURN OUT WELL FOR YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.*"

Because there is a link between honoring our parents and honoring God, we need to be aware of the unintended consequences of establishing one day to honor parents; people tend to forget the history that led to the establishment of this day of honor and begin to act as if it is the only day that they should or need to honor their parents.

We can also see how the law of unintended consequences can impact our relationship with God. For instance, if we are not careful, the term "Lord's Day" can come to mean Sunday is the only day that belongs to God and, therefore, is the only time we pause to worship, praise and honor Him. Left uncorrected, this concept can take root and lead one to falsely believe that God is pleased if we only pause once a week for an hour or two to honor Him.

When we were growing up my mom and dad were never big on mother's or father's days. They taught us that if we lived our lives as Christians we would naturally bring honor to them every day. Conversely, we were taught if we rejected our Christian faith, giving them cards, flowers or other presents to honor them on one specific day once a year, amounted to a hollow gesture.

Again, I believe this has application in our relationship with God; if we only pause once a week to honor him, our Sunday assembly can become a hollow gesture. As a community of faith we understand that we are

created to honor God through lives of daily service. So, what does it mean to honor Him daily?

Matthew 5:13-16 "*Your light must shine before people in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*"

We honor God daily by loving Him and obeying His word: Jesus said, (John 14:15) "*If you love Me, you will keep My commandments.*"

We honor God daily by trusting Him. (Luke 12:24) "*Consider the ravens, that they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!*"

We honor God daily by making His priorities our top priorities: "*Seek ye FIRST God's Kingdom and His righteousness.*" (Matthew 6:33)

We honor God daily by treating others with the grace he has shown us: "*You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.*" (Matthew 5:43-48)

Finally, we honor God daily by sharing the story of His salvation with others: "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*" (John 3:16)

While we are thankful that America pauses on this day to recognize the blessings of fathers for those of us who have become God's children, every day is Father's Day, a day that we joyfully recognize, thank, and honor God as our spiritual Father!

In Service to Our Lord,
Rod Ellison

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