

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Gloria Hale has been moved from the rehab center to stay with her son Tim.
Charlie Henard's mother suffers from Alzheimer's in Tennessee.
Karen Sproles is still suffering with problems in her knee. However, she now has a doctor and foot doctor making visits to her home every 6 weeks.
Iris Hash is now staying with her daughter and waiting to have a colonoscopy and to see a kidney specialist.
Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law, Darrell Grimes is back home however it appears that his cancer has spread to his liver. Please keep him, his family and Ken and Sherrie in your prayers.
John Richardson has been moved to a rehab facility in Greenfield.
Terry Richardson is in the Waters Nursing Home recovering from an accident.
Darrell Short, Ray Sturgill's brother-in-law, is at home recovering from gall bladder surgery.
Steve Anderson has been suffering from dizziness.
Tim and Liz Burdsall have been quarantined at home for the last several days after exposure to COVID.

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)

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 baby and children's clothes (sizes 0 to age 5). If you would like to support this work, please bring this in throughout the month so they can be delivered at month's end.

July Pitchin Dinner:

Our next pitchin dinner will be held Sunday, July 3rd immediately following the morning service. Following the pitchin we will have a song service at 1:00 PM then dismiss for the day.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, July 6th at 5:00 PM. All men are encouraged to attend.

South Keystone Avenue Church of Christ Gospel Meeting:

The South Keystone Avenue Church of Christ will be holding a gospel meeting June 26 – 29th with Brother Brad Green of Knoxville, TN doing the speaking. Service times are 9:45, 10:45 AM and 5:00 PM on Sunday and 7:00 PM Monday through Wednesday.

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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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

“WHEREFORE DIDST THOU DOUBT?”

Marvin L. Weir

This is a most significant “wherefore” in the teaching of Christ. Peter doubted while in the Lord’s immediate presence. Many people today follow in the footsteps of Peter and doubt in the very light of God’s precious Word. In either case, it is unreasonable to doubt because of the assurances that have been given (John 20:30-31).

The disciples saw Jesus walking on the sea, and thinking they had seen a ghost, were frightened and troubled. The Scriptures then declare: *“But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. And immediately Jesus stretched forth [his] hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt”* (Matt. 14:27-31)?

Peter has no reason to doubt. He has witnessed the mighty power of Christ. He now sees Him walking on the sea. Peter hears the Master bid him to come, and yet he doubts. Why? Will Christ fail him? No! Is Christ deceiving or tricking Peter? No! Will Peter not be able to do what Christ bids him do? No! Why, then, is Peter filled with doubt? He becomes more concerned with the wind than the Master! It is at this moment that Peter is filled with doubt and begins to sink.

Satan has always attempted to entice men to lose faith and doubt. Eve understood God’s instructions regarding the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden: *“...Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die”* (Gen. 3:3). The devil’s reply: *“Ye shall not surely die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil”* (Gen. 3:4-5). Eve allows herself to doubt the commandment of Jehovah and she sins in partaking of the forbidden fruit.

A lack of faith that leads to doubt is a spiritual killer! This is clearly seen in the Scripture that says, *“For he that wavereth (doubteth) is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man [is] unstable in all his ways”* (James 1:6-8).

Let us notice some areas where doubt leads to spiritual destruction.

It is lack of faith and doubt that leads to the establishment of man-made churches. Jesus forthrightly declares, *“I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it”* (Matt. 16:18). Christ established the church, purchasing it with His own blood (Acts 20:28). What man has the right to build his own church and claim it is the one purchased by Christ? It is lack of faith or doubt that contributes to men thinking the church of Christ is not sufficient to accomplish God’s purpose. It is lack of faith and doubt that keeps people from obeying the Gospel. The Bible does not say, “He that accepts Christ into his heart as his personal Savior and has a religious experience shall be saved.” Instead, the Bible says, *“He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved”* (Mark 16:16). Why do most people believe what the Bible “does not say” about salvation and reject what the Bible “does

say?” It is simply a lack of faith in the inspired Word of God!

It is lack of faith and doubt that has people worshipping in error. The Bible says one who worships God *“must worship him in spirit and in truth”* (John 4:24). This means one cannot attend the church of his choice and worship the way he desires. Such an attitude demonstrates lack of faith and doubt in what God has commanded.

It is lack of faith and doubt that has people thinking they are going to Heaven while living ungodly lives. An ever-growing number of people believe they can lie, cheat, steal, drink intoxicating beverages, live in fornication and adultery, be possessed with envy, jealousy, hatred, wrath, or a divisive spirit and still be saved (Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 13:9; James 5:4). Men may believe such because of lack of faith and a lustful desire to do otherwise, but the Bible says *“they who practise such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God”* (Gal. 5:21).

It is lack of faith and doubt anytime one chooses not to abide by a commandment God has given. God’s Word is not optional, and a failure to obey is frightening. John reminds us, *“He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him”* (1 John 2:4).

Peter is more concerned with the wind than the Master and begins to doubt. Many today lose faith and begin doubting because they are more concerned with man-made creeds or satisfying self than obeying God and saving their souls!