

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Merl McCurry (Tina's Dad) passed on Tuesday evening 6/29. Arrangements are incomplete at this time.

Ray Sturgill is home from the hospital and is doing well. While in the hospital it was determined that Ray is having some problems with his heart and will be wearing a heart monitor.

Liz Sturgill is having treatments for her health issues and that is going well.

Darryl Grimes (Ken Roosa's son-in-law) has begun his chemo treatments. Darryl did have some problems with the initial treatment but plans to continue in his battle. Please pray for Darryl's recovery.

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

Charlie Henard's mother has Alzheimer's that is progressing.

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

Linda Bush is receiving cardiac rehab every other day.

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.

Jeff Sturgill's back problem is better though it is ongoing.

Stephanie Sturgill has received her last Chemo treatment and is doing real good.

Harold Riddle (Jesse Riddle's Brother) has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently having treatments.

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. Karen fell about 1 mo. ago and is to begin treatment for that. Karen is in a lot of pain.

Iris Hash has been weak lately and suspects that she may be anemic. She is being treated for acid reflux. Also, she is having some leg cramps. Iris is somewhat better.

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

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

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Acts 2:1 *“When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.”*

Our verse today describes the setting as the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles. Immediately after this, they speak in various tongues, preaching the saving message of Jesus Christ. People who had gathered from faraway places each understood that message in their own language.

But the start of this takes place as the apostles were all together in one place. This is what the Lord told them to do. And, they had obeyed. There was an occasion earlier, when the Lord appeared after His resurrection and Thomas was missing. Rumors and reports were filling the air about the resurrected Jesus, but Thomas missed being there. Not this time. This time “they were all together in one place.”

From this simple statement, there are some thoughts that we need to share:

First, Sunday is a great time for the church to gather together in one place. Rarely is everyone all there. Someone is sick. Someone had to work. Someone was out of town. And some were simply missing. But when we are there, together, fellowship is a wonderful reminder that we are not alone in our journey with the Lord. It also reminds us that we have others who have been there and are just a few steps ahead of us and can help us.

I had a long phone conversation with such a person recently. A parent is in assisted living, with some serious medical and memory issues. It is obvious that the journey here will soon be ending. She called. She wanted to talk. She knew that I had been through a similar journey with my dad. It helps talking to someone who has gone through what we are going through. Being together and having a togetherness helps us.

Second, being together is such a rich and rewarding encouragement. We now understand this having come through this pandemic. Worshipping at home is just not the same. The singing isn't the same. The feel isn't the same. And, what's missing are the smiles, hugs, tears, and joys we receive when we see each other. God intended for

us to be together. Worshipping apart, worshipping alone is not the way God designed things.

Third, being together is a great reminder for all of us about our walk with the Lord. All around us are those who have suffered, been through valleys, fought their own giants, raised kids, lost jobs, struggled with stress and worry and yet here they are in one place. And, not just in one place, but in one piece. Scarred, weary, and showing the marks of battles, onward they go. This not only encourages and helps us, but it often shames us because our current battles seem like nothing compared to what they have been through. Around us are those who have buried mates, children, had family cut them off, but they keep marching with the Lord. We forget that when we are alone. We don't see that when we are alone. But when we are all in one place, what great lessons are around us. Some of the best lessons are not from the pulpit but from the pews. Men and women who love the Lord. They have invited strangers to services. They have opened their homes to hospitality. They have taught the Bible wherever they could. Their love for the Lord is unstoppable.

Thomas wasn't with the apostles when the Lord appeared. He doubted. The five foolish virgins weren't with the others when the groom appeared. They were out looking for oil when the door was shut. They missed out. The prodigal's brother wasn't with the father when the prodigal came home. As he approached the house, he heard music and dancing and likely smelled the aroma of a feast. He wasn't there to hear the prodigal's sorrowful words. Instead, he got angry and refused to participate.

Being together is important. It strengthens our soul. It builds others up. It's good and right.

Together in one place—couldn't that be a description of Heaven?

Roger Shouse

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