

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Jeri Adams (Tina's Aunt in Fla.) is off the respirator, walking, eating solid food and to be released on Monday.
Minnie Flick (Tina's other Aunt) is doing much better.
Merl McCurry (Tina's Dad) is doing good.
Steve Flick (Tina's Uncle) Not doing well at all.
Rusty Knoy (Dave's brother) is at home and doing well, has started physical therapy.
Don Richardson fell and injured his hip. He went to the VA for surgery and had some pins put in place. He is now at Miller's Merry Manor for rehab. Prayers are needed.
Iris Hash had blood work completed with tests to follow to determine the cause of her stomach problems.
Karen Sproles got a shot for her knee problem. She may have a pinched nerve in her back and is starting therapy on 7-14-20.
Liz Burdsall has an injury to her leg and foot. She is having difficulty with balance. It is not healing as well as expected. She is to begin physical therapy.
Delores Hendrickson and her brother need our prayers.
Stephanie Sturgill underwent Cancer surgery today (7-15-20).
Ernest Brown developed an eye infection, it is being treated and he is at home recuperating.
Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy)
Rick Skiver, Ken Roosa's brother, is in Hospice care.
Donnie Thurman (Ken's cousin) has a serious problem with Cancer.
Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing)
Zachary Baxter, Susie Riddle's grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy
Edwin Parnell, cancer some worse plus fluid on heart (Mike Parnell's brother)
Al and Gertrude Reynolds are at home. They are doing well.
Dean and Shirley Cook are at home. Shirley has shingles but that is improving.
Jerry Pflaum (Shirley Cook's brother) is holding his own and is doing surprisingly better.
Eric & Lori Bowlen are staying in with Lori's parents for the time being.

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:

Monthly Pitch-In Dinner on 8-02-20. Morning services prior to the Dinner. Evening services to be held following the Dinner.
Men's August Business Meeting is to be held between the Pitch-In and the Evening Service.
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).

July 19, 2020

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 – 7:00 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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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

The Burn Barrel

Many years before modern recycling, my grandmother separated trash. Things that could be burned went out to the burn barrel located along the back border of her property. The rest went into a small bucket which opened by applying pressure to a foot pedal at its base. As to the destiny of this bucket's contents, I can only speculate. I was much more interested in the things which could be burned. As I remember, it was quite a privilege to carry out the trash with a couple of matches in my pocket!

As a general rule, we burn or discard only that which has become useless or worthless to us. A quick survey of the closet or attic could reveal a number of things in our possession that no longer hold any value. These are things which might be discarded.

Spiritually speaking, it is the fruitless disciple who has become worthless and subject to burning. The Parable of the Vine and the Branches is among the many lessons of Christ drawn from agriculture (Jn. 15:1-8). Jesus explains that fruitfulness is the result of abiding in Him. Then, he warns that "If anyone does not abide in [Him], he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned" (Jn. 15:6). Abiding in Christ and His word is the key to both fruitfulness and eternal joy.

God's word tells us that the devil and his angels will have their part in the lake of fire which is the second death (Rev. 20:10). Also occupying a place in eternal torment will be "the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars..."

(Rev. 21:8). This is by no means a comprehensive list (e.g. Gal. 5:19-21). Nor, are those who practice such things without hope. For as long as life lasts, there is opportunity for "repentance that leads to life" (Acts 11:18). The Scriptures reveals that God is patient, "not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance" (2 Pet. 3:9).

Lest we forget the regenerative power of Christ's precious blood and find ourselves lulled into a sense of complacency, we should be reminded that both the fruitless branch and the wayward disciple will share the same fire as the devil (1 Pet. 1:18; 1 Cor. 10:12; Jn. 15:6). For those who once knew the way of righteousness, their last state will "become worse for them than the first" (2 Pet. 2:20). But, God does not delight in punishing the wicked in the way I used to enjoy burning the trash. His matchless love provided the gift of His only Son so that we might be saved from eternal destruction (Jn. 3:16; Jn. 12:48; Mt. 25:46).

—Glen Elliott—

Church of Christ, Greenbrier, AR

July 13th, 2020

Life may be unpredictable and sometimes filled with painful separations, but we can take heart that everything takes place under God's gaze. We can enjoy life and treasure the moments—the good and the bad—for our loving God is with us.