

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Dan Hale is experiencing a loss of the use of his left arm and periodic hallucinations. He is at the Owen Valley Health Campus and is not doing well.

Merl McCurry (Tina's Dad) passed on Tuesday evening 6/29. Our sympathies are extended to the family.

Ray Sturgill is home and is having some problems with his heart and will be wearing a heart monitor before July 23. Ray is doing well.

Liz Sturgill is having good success with her health issue treatments and is doing well.

Ernest Brown (Evelyn Murphy's father) is in Arlington Place for rehab on his hip. This following his fall, broken hip and surgical repair of the hip. Ernest is doing well and is really good spirits.. Thanks to all for their prayers.

Darryl Grimes (Ken & Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law) is continuing with chemo treatments. Darryl does have some problems with the treatments 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 grandson) is having some complications due to his hernia surgery but is progressing as well as can be expected. He is at home presently.

Linda Bush is receiving cardiac rehab every other day.

Clay Sturgill (Ray's brother) continues rehab in Whitesburg, KY. He is doing better

Jeff Sturgill's is having trouble with his heart. He will be going for tests in August.

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. Harold will be going to a second specialist in the coming days.

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 going to a Wound Clinic for a bandage change weekly.

Iris Hash is being treated for stomach problems. She has a Drs. Appointment on Thursday 7/22. She will await the results and pending that is considering surgery. Also, she is having some leg cramps. Iris is doing some 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. (8/4). **Pitch-In:** August (8/1) .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).

July 25, 2021

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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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

Fight for Encouragement

I have never witnessed more discouragement than what I see now in the world around me. It never surprises me to see people who don't know Jesus discouraged, but for Christians, this should not be.

I'm not saying that Christians are immune to discouragement, we certainly are not, but we should have a distinct advantage over those who are not Christians.

Our advantage is Christ himself. When I look intently upon Jesus – his life, his death, and his resurrection, I can't help but be uplifted. I can't help but be filled with joy. In the midst of that joy, I may still be sad, discouraged, or frustrated due to my current life circumstances, but I can still find encouragement in the midst of those circumstances, if I but look to Jesus.

Jeremiah wrote the book of the Old Testament that we call "Lamentations." Jeremiah was known as the weeping prophet. Personally, Jeremiah was a joyous man, a prophet of God, but he lived at one of the saddest times in Israel's history.

Jeremiah was an eye-witness of the fall of Jerusalem and wept as the nation of Israel was taken away into captivity. He was a prophet, in a long line of prophets, that begged Israel to turn back to God, but they would not.

Yet, despite the terrible circumstances that surrounded him, in the saddest book of the Bible, Lamentations, right in the middle of the depressing book, Jeremiah wrote:

Lamentations 3:21-26 – 21 This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope. 22 The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail. 23 They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness. 24 "The Lord is my portion," says my soul, "Therefore I have hope in Him." 25 The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him. 26 It is good that he waits silently for the salvation of the Lord.

How can Jeremiah be encouraged in the midst of his awful circumstances? Because He knows the Lord.

Observe his process:

Vs 21 – he stops and thinks – I recall to my mind

Vs 22 – he remembers the God he knows – lovingkindnesses never cease / compassions never fail

Vs 23 – every day he knows God is faithful even when his people are not – Great is Your faithfulness

Vs 24 – When he has nothing else, he understands he has God and God cannot be taken away by anyone or anything, and God alone is enough – "The Lord is my portion," says my soul

Vs 25 – he will not allow himself to forget that God is always good to His faithful, even when they can't see the big picture – The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the person who seeks Him

Vs 26 – he knows in the end, God is going to save him – waits silently for the salvation of the Lord

Jeremiah knew all of this and he didn't even know Jesus! God has demonstrated to us in a much more powerful way his great love and devotion to us. How much more should we be able to find encouragement in the midst of discouraging times? Being encouraged isn't always easy, but it's worth fighting for.

Wes LeFlore

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Note:

There will be a Memorial Service at the Building
For: Merl McCurry
Friday, July 30th @ 6PM
All are invited to attend.

Thank you, Tina Knoy