

**Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**

Rick Skiver, Ken Roosa's brother, passed on Wednesday (07-29-20). Please prayer for the family in their loss.

Gertrude Reynolds passed away on Saturday (07-24-20). Please pray for the family.

Jeri Adams (Tina's Aunt in Fla.) passed on Friday (07-24)-20). Prayers are requested for the family.

Minnie Flick (Tina's other Aunt) is still improving.

Steve Flick (Tina's Uncle) is still just not doing well at all.

Don Richardson is still at Miller's Merry Manor for rehab. He is eating well but is being treated for a kidney infection. Prayers are needed.

Iris Hash's blood work has been completed with tests to follow to determine the cause of her stomach problems. She is now getting therapy for neck and back.

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 and is now at home and doing a little better.

Linda Bush is at home and being medicated to relieve her condition (possible allergic

reaction to odors from paving the street).

Ernest Brown continues recovery at home and is doing well.

Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy) is doing much better.

Donnie Thurman (Ken's cousin) his Cancer has spread to his Pancreas.

Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing)

Zachary Baxter, Susie Riddle's grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy

Edwin Parnell is to begin another round of radiation treatments for Cancer. The fluid on his heart his diminished to the level that it is of no further problem.

Dean and Shirley Cook are at home. Shirley has shingles but that is just about gone.

Jerry Pflaum (Shirley Cook's brother) passed on Friday 07-17-20.

Dale Pflaum (Shirley Cook's nephew) is now undergoing Chemo therapy.

**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:**

Tomorrow and **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).

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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

**Website:**

[www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

*John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; believe in God, believe also in Me."*

Troubles-they also seem to follow us. I like the expression, "The guy who says all his troubles are behind him, drives a school bus." His troubles are filled in all the seats of that school bus. Don't be troubled, is what Jesus is saying. Jesus understood the trouble that troubles cause. Troubles make us worry. They put us on edge.

Some troubles are experienced by many people. Church troubles can affect everyone in the congregation. This pandemic has changed so many things. You may not have had Covid-19, and you need to be thankful if that is the case, but in some way you have seen disruptions in what "normal" once looked like for you.

There are two central thoughts that this text shows us:

First, one cannot stop troubles. There were major troubles facing the disciples when Jesus first spoke these words. He was going to leave them. The process of that was going to be His death, burial, resurrection and ascension. The leader was going to be killed. It would seem that Rome was winning. The disciples would be scattered later on. Persecution would chase them the rest of their lives.

And, for us, troubles are always there. Some are big things that are beyond our control. We can't stop wars or improve the weather. Some troubles are small. When they happen they don't seem small. You are in a hurry to get out of the house and you can't find the car keys. A wreck on the road and traffic is backed up for miles. The kids are fighting, the dog won't eat, your mom complains that she hasn't seen you in a while, the store requires a mask and you forgot yours. You wonder if things can get worse. And, the answer is always, YES. Troubles come.

Jesus had troubles, lots of them. The Jews were ready to kill Him before it was time. His disciples were fussing about who was the best. The Pharisees were abusing every word He spoke. The line wanting miracles was long. The apostles didn't seem to understand the basic core principles that Jesus was teaching. Troubles will be there. As long as we have breath in our bodies, there will be troubles.

Second, troubles do not have to find their way into our hearts. That's the point of Jesus' words in our verse. "Let not your heart be troubled," is what He said. He didn't say, "Don't have any troubles," because you will.

But don't let the troubles trouble you. Keep the troubles on the outside. Don't allow the troubles to come into your heart.

By using the words, "Let not..." Jesus shows that we are in control of what enters our heart. Sure there are troubles, but those troubles do not have to trouble you. Let not, means you are in control. You are not along for the ride. It seems that we tend to forget this. We tend to allow troubles to take over and suddenly we are no longer at the helm of our ship. We allow troubles to be the reason we can't do things. We allow troubles to be a ready excuse that keeps us from worship and keeps us from walking with the Lord. And, with that, the troubles run and then they ruin our lives.

Let not your heart be troubled. There are plenty of reasons to be bothered, but you won't be. And, Jesus gives us two valuable ways to keep those troubles on the outside.

First - faith. Believe in God, He says, then believe in Me. Faith. God loves you. God is in control. Greater is He who is in you, than He who is in the world. When the ten spies reported to Moses and Israel what they saw in the promise land, their words were marked with fear, doubt and uncertainty. The ears heard those words and their hearts melted. Their hearts were troubled. Faith was lacking and they couldn't take their eyes off of the problems.

Second - personal promises. Where I am, the Lord says next, there you may be also. You. You can be with Me. His words were spoken to believers. They are spoken to us. Jesus will take care of you.

Things couldn't be worse, is how it is often presented. And, then my mind goes to this verse, "Let not your heart be trouble." Say a prayer. Read some passages. Get the bad stuff outside.

Troublesome times have not caused trouble in our hearts. Peace and calm are the people of God.

Roger Shouse