

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Dan Hale is at the Owen Valley Health Campus and is doing some better.
Ray Sturgill had a stent placed in one of his coronary arteries last Wednesday to alleviate a blockage and he is doing well.
Ernest Brown (Evelyn Murphy's father) is doing better. Eve is taking a leave of absence from work to care for him.
Darryl Grimes (Ken & Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law) received his last scheduled treatment and was due to have another scan last Thursday.
Floyd Coley's back problem is slowly improving.
Deloris Hendrickson is doing OK but is experiencing some dizziness from time to time.
Charlie Henard's mother has Alzheimer's that is progressing.
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 doing better but is still receiving therapy.
Iris Hash is being treated for stomach problems and it has been recommended that she see a specialist in Terre Haute.
Pray for the earthquake victims in Haiti
Pray for peace in Afghanistan and the safety of Americans and Afghans there.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Gloria Hale
Jean Collins
Karen Sproles
Iris Hash

Men's Business Mtg. - Wednesday, September 1, 5:00 PM.

Fish Fry: August 28, 5:00 PM @ Jimmy Nash City Park, Shelter House No. 5. Fish and chicken will be provided. There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board to list sides, drinks and deserts that you would like to bring.

Pray For The Work We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia)
Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies

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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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

WHAT IS THE “ONE BAPTISM” IN EPHESIANS 4:5?

There are several baptisms mentioned in the New Testament: John’s baptism (Luke 3:16), baptism of the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:16), baptism of fire (Matthew 3:11), and the baptism of the great commission (Acts 8:36-39). But, Ephesians 4:5 says there is “ONE” baptism. Which of these is the “one baptism” in Ephesians 4:5?

- 1) “John’s baptism” was in water for the forgiveness of sins. It was limited in that it would only last until Christ should die on the cross (Mark 1:4; Acts 19:3-5).
- 2) Jesus promised “Holy Spirit baptism” to the apostles (John 16:13; Acts 2:1-4). There’s no record of it being received by members of the church in general.
- 3) The “baptism of fire” is reserved to punish the wicked at the end of time (Matthew 3:11-12; Revelation 20:11-15). No one wants this baptism!
- 4) “Water baptism” (Christ’s baptism) was to be administered by the disciples to all sinners who had repented of their sins and desired to be saved (Acts 2:38). It was commanded to be done as long as the world stands (Mark 16:15-16). The purpose of it is for the salvation of the soul (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21).

The “one baptism” is not “John’s” baptism for it was superseded by Christ’s baptism. It is not “Holy Spirit” baptism for it was only received by a few. It is not “fire baptism” because it is reserved for the wicked after this life is over. The “Water” baptism of the great commission is the only baptism that was to be practiced till the end of the world. Jesus told his disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Those who believed and repented of their sins were then to be baptized in water for the forgiveness of their sins (Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16). By the time the book of Ephesians was written, only ONE baptism was known, not two, three or four! The “one baptism” is to be administered to every sinner who repents and wants his sins washed away in the blood of Christ (Revelation 1:5; Acts 16:22). The ONE BAPTISM then is WATER BAPTISM which was commanded by Jesus to be administered to all who believe in Christ and repent of their sins as stated in the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:16). Will you obey today?

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