

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

Angel Grimes, Ken and Sherrie Roosa's daughter, is recovering from gall bladder surgery. Randall and Linda Jones' daughter Shannon is undergoing chemotherapy at Vanderbilt University hospital.

Bob Hawkins has been able to return to services but several of his family members are still recovering from COVID.

Jesse Riddle's eyelid surgery has been postponed until October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Continue to pray for Mike Parnell's son, Bill in Arkansas.

Clay Sturgill, Ray's brother, is in the hospital in Virginia.

Aletia Sturgill, a close friend of Ray and Liz, is in a rehab center in Virginia.

Ray and Liz's son Jeff had back surgery and is now recovering at his home.

Doris Parnell's shoulder surgery is being rescheduled.

Bob Hawkins will undergo an outpatient procedure for a problem with veins in his legs.

Gerald Dunn, brother of Susie Riddle, is in a health care institution in Bedford and is experiencing memory issues.

Virginia McKinney is still experiencing some balance problems. She was recently hospitalized and suffered a minor stroke while in the hospital. She is now back home.

She will be wearing a heart monitor to help in diagnosing her problems.

Karen Sproles is still confined at home and is receiving home health services.

Iris Hash is still battling kidney and gastric issues and is staying with her daughter.

John Richardson has been admitted to the hospital in Greenfield, in need of a colostomy.

Terry Richardson is in rehab at The Waters in Martinsville.

Haven Duncan, Dave and Tina's granddaughter in the Army, has a broken foot.

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

**Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:**

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru)

**Deepest Sympathy:**

Our thoughts and prayers are with Brother Charlie Henard at the passing of his mother in Tennessee. Charlie will be in Tennessee for several days pending arrangements.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, October 5th at 5:00 PM. All men are encouraged to attend.

**Fall Gospel Meeting:**

Our fall gospel meeting with Brother Ronnie Whittemore will be held November 11-13. Services will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday and Saturday evenings. There will be a pitch-in dinner after the Sunday morning service followed by a 1:00 PM service to conclude the meeting.

**Radio Program:**

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

**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:**

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Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

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

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## **IF WE'RE IN HEAVEN AND KNOW SOME OF OUR LOVED ONES AREN'T THERE, WILL WE BE HAPPY?**

Perhaps a bigger concern for the moment is, how unhappy are we right NOW about our loved ones who are not Christians or unfaithful Christians? I'm not happy about it, are you? But, that does not prevent me nor hinder me from serving and worshiping God acceptably. How much effort are we exerting to teach them and encourage them to obey the Gospel? If we were more unhappy about it, would we do more to teach and warn them? It's not possible for us to have control over others. Nor can we make them obey the Lord and live faithful Christian lives. We certainly can teach, counsel, advise, warn, beg and plead and pray for our loved ones (and everyone else) to obey God. But, we can't make them obey. What we can do in our lives is to be a good example and influence for them. We can pray for them. But we cannot live their life for them. God made it that way. Each one is responsible for him/herself and no other. Would you like for someone to have control over you and make all your choices for you? I wouldn't, and I don't think you would either. The Scriptures are clear concerning our state of mind in heaven. "And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away" (Rev. 21:4). How God will make this happen is not my concern. The Bible simply says that is the way it will be. God will take care of it. First John 3:20 has some bearing on this subject as well. "For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things." God will take care of it.

We often may feel inadequate and down on ourselves, but we need not be. God wants us to be saved and has provided what is necessary so we can be saved. When we comply with His commands, He will take care of the rest. Another thing to consider is that our relationship with one another will be different in heaven than it is on earth. Jesus said, "For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven" (Matt. 22:30). What God has in store for us, we do not completely know right now, but we do know it will be wonderful and beyond our imagination. The time is NOW that we prepare for that day. Are YOU ready?

— Garland M. Robinson