

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Al Reynolds is making progress in therapy for improvement in the use of his hand s. He is hoping to improve to the point that he will be able to go home.

Virginia McKinney is in Tennessee visiting with her brother. He is not doing well. Prayers are appreciated.

Iris Hash has been diagnosed as having a Hiatal hernia. Iris is undecided as to whether or not to have surgery at this time. She will be following steps to alleviate her situation until this decision has been made. Prayers for Iris are needed and greatly appreciated.

Karen Sproles is still having difficulty walking. Her MRI revealed that she did not have a stroke. It is being discussed for Karen to go to a “Balance” center for therapy. It was really great to see Karen at the Fish fry this past Saturday.

Delores Hendrickson and her brother need our prayers. Stephanie Sturgill is at home and continues doing better.

Linda Bush is at home and doing better. She was wearing a heart monitor to determine if a procedure was needed. It has been decided that the procedure will not be necessary and she is no longer wearing the heart monitor

Ernest Brown is at home and doing quite well.

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

Donnie Thurman (Ken’s cousin) is undergoing Cancer treatments. Prayers are requested.

Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing)

Edwin Parnell has completed his chemo and is scheduled for a PET scan on 10-20.

Dean and Shirley Cook are at home and doing well.

Dale Pflaum (Shirley Cook’s nephew) is in a second round of Chemo therapy. Prayers are greatly 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

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday Bible Study – 6:00 PM - (Changes from 7:00 PM eff. Oct. 7, 2020)

Men’s Business Meeting - 5:00 PM on Sunday Oct.4.

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; 1 Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).
6. **Faithful Christian Living**, after the above five steps (1 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 – 7:00 PM (Effective Oct. – 6:00 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

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

A Place of Belonging for the Homeless Soul

Jesus told the story about a man whose unclean spirit departed. He describes the unclean spirit as passing “through waterless places seeking rest” but finding none. So, he returns to the man from whom he had departed, bringing along with him seven other spirits to take up residence with him (Mt. 12:43). Even unclean spirits, it seems, need a place to call home.

When asked how he felt when he was baptized into Christ, a recent convert said that he felt that he had found a sense of belonging for his homeless soul. We need a home—a sense of belonging. God created us with an innate longing to find our home in fellowship with Him.

But, we cannot be at home with the Father apart from Christ. Our sins separate us from God and we are under the sentence of death (Is. 59:1-2; Rm. 6:23). But, Jesus provides the only means of appeasing the wrath of God through His atoning sacrifice on the cross (1 Jn. 2:2). In this way, “God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them...” (2 Cor. 5:19). Thus, Christ is the “new and living way” to find our home with the Father (Heb. 10:22 cf. Jn. 14:6).

In the meantime, the church is our place of belonging—that place where those saved and purchased by the blood of Jesus are brought together as His body (1 Cor. 12:13). We are part of His family—spiritual brothers and sisters in Christ who share a common longing for home.

This world is not our home. We are but “aliens and strangers” (1 Pet. 2:12). Like those who have gone before us, we “desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one”—a city prepared by

God Himself—a place of eternal belonging (Heb. 11:16-17). In fact, we would rather be “absent from the body” and “at home with the Lord” (2 Cor. 5:8).

Though our time on earth is limited; even now, we have our part in a heavenly citizenship (Ph. 3:20). In the midst of darkness, we stand as light among those who eagerly wait for the Savior, “who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory...” (vs. 21). For it is in the church—His body of believers—that we find our spiritual family and that place of belonging for the homeless soul.

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