Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Liz Sturgill continues to receive dialysis treatments but has been experiencing sharp back pain. She is scheduled to have a nerve block for the pain.

Jesse Riddle is experiencing weakness but was able to attend services last week.

Two of Ken Roosa's cousins, Gary and Butchy Thurman, have been diagnosed with cancer.

Charlene Boggs fell at home, breaking some ribs and injuring her hand.

Shirley Cook continues to recover well from her knee replacement surgery.

Shirley Cook's sister-in-law fell, broke a vertebra so her surgery has been delayed.

Shirley Cook's nephew in Illinois, Dale Pflum, is suffering from cancer.

Karen Sproles is doing better but continues to receive steroid injections in her knee and will have a nerve block after some open sores heal on her leg. Karen's son-in-law is in the hospital in Greenwood suffering from internal bleeding.

John Richardson suffers from multiple issues and had gall bladder surgery Oct. 18th. Judy Coley will have a urinary tract procedure performed next Thursday, Nov. 2nd Former member Odell Lundy is recovering from a horse riding accident. He has multiple injuries but is back home and doing better.

Shannon Jones, daughter of Linda and Randall, is in the Vanderbilt Hospital for treatment of high calcium levels, blood clots in right arm and a staph infection. She is however improving.

Dave Knoy continues to receive radiation treatments.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, John & Terry Richardson

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See latest mission reports on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium.

Deepest Sympathy:

Our prayers go out to Charlie Henard at the passing of his aunt in Tennessee.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be during our gospel meeting on Sunday, November 12th following the AM services. After the pitch-in we will conclude our gospel meeting with services beginning at 1:00 PM then dismiss for the day.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, November 1st at 5:00.

Gospel Meeting:

Our fall gospel meeting with brother Bill Boyd of the Rockliff Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN will be held November 10-12.

Radio Program:

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

God's Plan For Our Salvation

Hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).

Believing what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).

Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).

Confession (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).

Baptism (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).

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 (March through October)

Radio Program:

"Preparing For Eternity" Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

ELDERS

Franklin Camp, deceased

There is a growing disregard for elders. This is symptomatic of our day where human wisdom is substituted for divine revelation. I want to say something on the other side.

I appreciate elders because this is God's plan (<u>1 Tim.</u> <u>3:1-7</u>; <u>Titus 1:5-9</u>). The one that does not respect elders fails to respect God's word and God's way. I cannot be faithful to the Bible and disregard elders.

I appreciate elders because of the responsibility they accept. No men on earth have a graver responsibility than elders. The president of the United States with all of our problems does not bear the responsibility of elders. Elders are responsible for carrying the Gospel to every creature (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). But that is not the end of the elders' responsibilities. They must watch after souls. They will have to give an account of the souls that are under their oversight. I appreciate the man that is willing to accept the responsibility of an elder.

I appreciate elders because of the time they give to the Lord's work. While others are free to use their time in various ways, elders must use much of their time in fulfilling their duties. There are meetings where time must be given to planning the work, dealing with problems, and many other things. This requires a great deal of time. I appreciate the man who is willing to take the time necessary to do the work of an elder.

I appreciate elders because they work with the least encouragement of any people I know. I've often wondered how long I would continue to preach if I received criticism as elders do with so little encouragement. Few people in any congregation think to give a word to encourage the elders. I appreciate men that will give years to helping the church grow, struggle with its problems, accept criticism, receive little or no encouragement, and continue to do its work.

I appreciate elders because of their families. First, they have done a good job in training their children and in building a stable marriage. My hat is off to the man that has a family that makes it possible for him to serve as an elder.

I appreciate elders because of the sacrifices they make so they can serve. Time that might be spent with his family is often used in doing the work of the Lord. I appreciate families that are willing to allow the husband and father to spend the time that is needed in dealing with the problems, planning the work of the church, and being concerned about the welfare of people that are under their oversight.