

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

Beverly Anderson suffered a heart attack and is now recovering at home.

Mike Parnell's son, Bill, had a cancerous tumor removed from his spine. He started aggressive chemotherapy at a hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas on Sept. 7. Mike and Doris are currently in Arkansas to visit him.

Ray Sturgill is going through cardiac rehabilitation.

Floyd and Judy's niece's husband, John Newlin, was diagnosed with a blood cancer.

Darryl Grimes (Ken & Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law) will undergo surgery for his cancer at the Cleveland Clinic. Please keep Darryl, his wife and family and Ken and Sherrie in prayer.

Randy Murray, Cindy's husband, is recovering from stones in his bile duct.

Ken Roosa is scheduled to have outpatient surgery to repair a tear in his shoulder rotator cuff.

Charlie Henard's mother has Alzheimer's but is now at home and doing well.

Clay Sturgill (Ray's brother) continues rehab in Whitesburg, KY. He is doing better

Please pray for Dave and Tina's granddaughter, Haven Duncan, who is going through some difficult times. Pray for her mother, Hilary and sister Hannah as well.

Karen Sproles is doing better but is still receiving therapy.

Iris Hash is being treated for stomach problems. She recently had some polyps removed and is feeling some better.

**Deepest Sympathy:**

Our prayers go out to Ken and Sherrie Roosa and Lisa Bunch at the passing of Sherrie and Lisa's brother, Jerry Schutte, in California.

Our prayers are also in behalf of Sister Evelyn Murphy at the passing of beloved Brother in Christ, Ernest Brown. Services for Brother Brown were conducted in Tompkinsville, KY.

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Gloria Hale, Jean Collins, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

**Men's Business Mtg.** - Wednesday, November 3rd at 5:00 PM.

**Morgan St. Fall Gospel Meeting:**

Pray for our upcoming gospel meeting with brother Mark Day, from Flatwoods, KY, to be held November 12-14. Services will be at 7:00 PM on Friday and Saturday evenings. Services on Sunday will be 9:30 Bible study and 10:30 AM and 1:00 PM worship. A pitch-in lunch will be served following the Sunday morning service.

**Ladies' Pizza Lunch and Christmas Tree Painting:**

Today following the morning services, the ladies will be having pizza for lunch in the basement. Following lunch, they will proceed to Shelly's Ceramics in Martinsville to enjoy painting of porcelain Christmas trees.

**Pray For The Works 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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Martinsville, IN 46151  
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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

**Website:**

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

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## The Life of Isaac Genesis 25:19-26:35

We are first introduced to Isaac in Genesis 17:19 with God making a promise to Abraham that "...Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac." Also, in this same passage we see God's eternal purpose for Isaac, "and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him." As we read, we see one of the greatest tests of faith; this same promised child was to be sacrificed! Abraham, Isaac's father, never wavered at the request that God had made. Why? The answer lies in Genesis 15:6, "And he **believed in the LORD**; and he counted it to him for righteousness" (emp. mine, J.C.). However, there is a great truth that we often miss about Isaac. What about his faith? The Bible shows us that at this young age, Isaac had great faith in the heavenly father as well as in his fleshly father. Isaac, approximately 16-20 years old, asked his father; but where is the lamb for a burnt offering? Abraham's reply, "My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering." Abraham proceeded to carry out God's orders but not once does the Bible indicate that Isaac complained or rebelled. Indeed, what great faith Isaac shows!

Genesis 24 points us to events in Isaac's life where we can glean some valuable lessons. For example, the pain of losing his mother. I have not had to experience the loss of my mother but, I have lost a brother and others that were near and dear to me. In fact, we all have at one time or another lost someone that we love. It is a very difficult time. Isaac was no different than anyone else in these trying times. The Bible says, "And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide." It could very well be that he was there in the field in the south country to reflect upon all the great and godly things his mother had accomplished and those little special things that we all take for granted that mothers so thanklessly do. However, we see the providence of God working for the good of Isaac. He lifted up his eyes and saw beautiful Rebekah. Isaac is informed by his servant "all things that had been done." The great God-planned wedding takes place and Isaac "was comforted after his mother's death." A short time later we see a humble prayerful Isaac praying to Jehovah for his wife Rebekah to bear them much wanted children "because she was barren." We're told in Genesis 25:21 that Isaac "entreated the Lord" and the "Lord was entreated of him." Simply put, Isaac prayed and God answered. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Moreover, the prayer was answered and probably far greater than they had hoped for. They would be blessed with two beautiful boys. God gives his plans for the two children. "Two nations *are* in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and *the one* people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger."

God's promises came as they always have and always will! "And when her days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them." About that time there was a famine in the land and Isaac went unto Abimelech King of the Philistines to Gerar. God instructs Isaac not to go into Egypt and also informs him that he will bless him in the land that he was now dwelling in.

The next event in Isaac's life is one that teaches parents as well as children. Isaac follows in the footsteps of his father and repeats his sin. Abraham deceived Pharaoh by telling him that Sarah was his sister. This was the literal truth, but we need to remember that telling the truth with the intent to deceive makes it a lie. As a result of this lie, Pharaoh's house was plagued. Isaac repeats this same sin with King Abimelech. Isaac was rebuked as was his father for his sins. Let us learn from this Bible account that our children watch us and we need to remember to set the right example for them. That is, let them see God in our life. Nothing good will ever come from lies or half truths!

The last point about the life of Isaac is his restoration efforts. Here we see Isaac following again the paths his father had trod, but this time in a very positive and much needed way. Isaac had "waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: for he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him." We should never be jealous of someone's good fortune. Envy will destroy any relationship, it is a work of the flesh (Gal. 5:21). Solomon once asked this question: "...But who is able to stand before envy?" The question can be answered with a resounding, no one! We must be willing today as was Isaac to dig some wells again if necessary. "And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham." Isaac's efforts to dig again the wells of his father should be applied to the spiritual wells dug by the apostles and the first century Christians that were buried by denominationalism and had to be dug out. This takes courage and determination and a great love for the truth. Isaac never gave up until he had completed the task he set out to do. Read Genesis 26:17-35. Thank God for well diggers!

*James Cossey*