

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 is currently taking aggressive chemotherapy.
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 and treatment following the surgery, 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 on November 8th.
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
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.

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. Meeting flyers are on the table in the back of the auditorium. Please pick up copies to send to your family and friends.

Pray For The Works We Are Supporting:

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

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:

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

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

The Most Needful Man In The World

The most needed man in the world today is not a doctor or a lawyer or an actor or an astronaut or even a preacher or elder. What the world needs in the worst way is more godly fathers. As our homes deteriorate, so does the nation. A home will never be what God would have it if the man of the house is not a man of God. The picture of the father God would have is mentioned in Ephesians 6:1-4, "*Children obey your parents...and, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.*"

Family Relationships

This text delves into the subject of family relations and concludes by stressing the role of the father as the provider of "the nurture and admonition of the Lord." It is not exclusively the work of the church or the preacher to train up the children of the world. God gave that glorious and responsible task to the fathers of the children. Certainly, a faithful congregation can aid in the rearing of a child, but the duty lies in the person of the father.

When Paul addressed the family unit he began in citing that man was first formed, then Eve (1 Tim. 2:13). The husband is to be the head of the wife due to his place in the very creation of the human race (Gen. 1,2). In Ephesians 5 the Spirit adds, the husband is to be the head of the wife as Christ is head of the church. He leads her out of his love for her, and would gladly die for her as Jesus died for the church (Eph. 5:22-33). Far too many men are unwilling to stand up and be the head of the house. We are in desperate need to once again have men who will stand as "real men," not shunning their God-given position. There is no place for cowardice in the heart of godly fathers (Rev. 21:8).

Training Up Children

Not only is the man to be the head of the wife as Christ is the church, he is also to train up his children in that which is most important. Often fathers worry about the financial and educational futures of their children more than their spiritual future. Friends, such things ought not to be. Nothing is as important as preparing children for a life of godly service. In Deuteronomy 11:18-21, God clearly sets out what it takes to truly prepare our children to be able to stand in the day of adversity. "Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your

soul...And ye shall teach them your children, speaking of them when thou sittest in thine house,...walkest by the way,...liest down,...risest up...That your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children...."

God doesn't tell us to just take them to services once or twice a week. Rather, He instructs us to put His word ever before our children and to train them up in His way. Many fathers fail in this area for a number of reasons. Some are ignorant of what the word of God teaches, and therefore are unable to pass on to their children that which they do not know. The solution is quite simple, study God's word with the diligence and persistence due it. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15; cf. 2 Tim. 3:16,17).

Others have a knowledge of God's word but lack a scriptural love for their children and therefore fail to take the time or make the effort needed to train them in the ways of Jehovah. "He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow: and the father of a fool hath no joy" (Prov. 17:21). How many children have ruined their lives because their father didn't really care enough about them to lead them to Jesus and instruct them in His divine ways? "For whom the LORD loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth" (Prov. 19:26).

Many fathers are simply too busy. Their intentions are good. One day they are going to get "around to it," but far too many never do. The love of money and prestige take them from home and keep them out late, day after day, week after week, and year after year. Sadly, many awake from the stupor of their materialistic life too late to save their children from the pit of hell. Children are a gift from God and we should be appreciative of it. But they will make us miserable if we fail them as fathers.

We Need Godly Men

Fathers, be men. Stand in the old paths of God on this matter (Jer. 6:16), and such misery can be avoided. What the world needs today is for you, as a man created in the image of God, to rise up and be a REAL father, a Christian father, a father after God's own heart. We can achieve biblical fatherhood if we are willing to comply with the ways of God on the matter of being a father (Isaiah 55:8-9; Phil. 4:13). – Michael Light