

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Charlie Henard's Mother (she lives in Murfreesboro, TN) has been diagnosed with Covid.

She is doing well. Prayers for Charlie's Mother will be appreciated.

Eric Bowlen had shoulder surgery is expected to be recuperating for the next two weeks.

Karen Sproles had a CT scan performed and it revealed that she has a nodule in her thyroid. She will be seeing her family Doctor to determine the necessary steps for treatment. Karen is still having difficulty walking and continues going to a "Balance" center for therapy.

Iris Hash has been diagnosed with her Hiatal hernia but still no decision has been made as to have surgery or not. Iris has some new medication and is also on probiotics and doing a lot better. Iris is also experiencing some problems with indigestion.

Jeff Sturgill (Ray and Liz's son) is down in his back and in severe pain.

Stephanie Sturgill is at home and continues doing better.

Deloris Hendrickson is at home and in quarantine.

Linda Bush is at home and doing better. It has been decided that the procedure will not be necessary and she is no longer wearing the heart monitor

Ernest Brown recently celebrated his 102 birthday and is at home doing well.

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

Donnie Thurman (Ken's cousin) has been undergoing Cancer treatments but is now at home. Donnie is not doing well and his prognosis is not good. He is not expected to survive for much longer. Your prayers are needed.

Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing)

Dean and Shirley Cook have gone to spend the winter in Florida. Dean is doing much better (has some new medication). Shirley has requested prayers for Dean. Please pray for Shirley as 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:

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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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

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www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

When You Don't Feel Like It

We all struggle with spiritual discouragement and lethargy. Some days our circumstances threaten to overwhelm us, and we struggle just to pray. Many times we just don't feel like doing the things we know we should. For one reason or another, God sometimes seems far off and unreachable.

David faced times like these in his life. The Psalms are filled with verses that express his despair and feeling of abandonment.

Yet the Psalms also give us the key to living victoriously during the dark periods of life. Let's take a quick look at Psalm 119:89-95*.

“Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven. Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations; You established the earth, and it stands. They stand this day according to Your ordinances...”

My circumstances or feelings have not changed God. He is the same God today as He was when He hung the stars in the sky, led the Israelites through the Red Sea, and fed the five thousand.

“For all things are Your servants...”

All things, even the things affecting me right now, are God's servants. The circumstance, people, and events around me are all under God. They are His servants, designed to help and bless me spiritually.

“If Your law had not been my delight, Then I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget Your precepts, For by them You have revived me. I am Yours, save me; For I have sought Your precepts. The wicked wait for me to destroy me; I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.”

Recalling God's faithfulness and control over everything that touches us gives us strength to walk with God even when we feel like giving up in despair. After all, our feelings and circumstances have not changed God. He is perfectly capable of sustaining us if we will only let Him. We simply need to choose to *delight* in and *diligently consider* God's precepts (His principles and character) despite how we feel. Choosing to delight in God might not be easy. It might even involve hard work. But only God can revive and save our soul from spiritual lethargy.

Next time you feel spiritually drained or inadequate; remember that you have a choice. You can wrap yourself up in excuses and self-pity, or you can choose to draw your strength from an unchanging God.

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