

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 - Dean is doing much better with his 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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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

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Press On!

“I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14

Of all the Israelites, perhaps no one strove harder to please God than Saul of Tarsus. Every area of his life conformed strictly to the Law. No one could accuse this respected Pharisee of lacking zeal. He was a man with a mission—a mission to please and serve God.

But on the road to Damascus, Saul’s life changed entirely. From now on, he would no longer try to please God himself. Instead, he would press on with the goal of knowing

Christ. “I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” Philippians 3:8 (NIV emphasis added). Saul (now called Paul)

had a new mission—a mission that remained constant amid ever-changing circumstances. It didn’t matter whether he was preaching to a crowd or sitting in a damp prison. Paul now had one goal before which everything in his life bowed. Paul wanted to know his Lord.

How about you? Is knowing Christ—fellowshipping, trusting, and depending on Him—the goal toward which you’re striving? Ask God to help you press on to know Him today.

Continually Surrounded

“The LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him. Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!” Psalm 32:10,11

God controls and allows every detail of our lives. Nothing happens without His knowledge and approval.

Every day, little changes in schedule or small irritations occur. Every day, we can choose to let these obstacles upset us, or we can rest in the knowledge that God lovingly ordained them as small irritants to help us look to and rely on Him. For example, we can grumble about the frustrating traffic jam that is keeping us from getting somewhere on time, or we can remember that God knows about our deadlines and view the time sitting in traffic as an opportunity to pray. We can complain, or we can rejoice.

May we allow the knowledge that we are continually surrounded by God’s unfailing love to permeate our lives and chase away our complaints and fears.

Christian Perspective