

Pray For The Sick And Afflicted:

Ken Roosa
Sheila Wilson (surgery)
Sherrie Williams
Delores Hendrickson
Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law (colon cancer)
Dean Cook
Shirley Cook's brother Bill, his wife Doris and their son Dale
Randy Murray (Cindy Murray's husband)
Ernest Brown (Evelyn Murphy's father)
Shirley Farmer (Jesse's sister)
Jimmy Lindsey's friend at the group home
Zachary Baxter (Susie Burdsall's grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy)
Edwin Parnell (Mike Parnell's brother, cancer)

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Goldie Gilbert, Al and Gertrude Reynolds

Pray For The Mission Work That We Support:

John Grubb (mission work in Asia)
Charles DiPalma (mission work in Australia and New Zealand)
Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies

Pray For Our Upcoming Events:

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner – Our next monthly pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, September 1st, immediately following the morning services. Following the pitch-in we will reconvene at 1:00 PM for an afternoon service then dismiss for the day.

Men's Business Meeting – The next men's business meeting will be held September 1st, immediately following the pitch-in dinner.

September Fish Fry – Our annual fish fry will be held on Saturday, September 28th at the Martinsville Jimmy Nash City Park at 5:00 PM.

Fall Gospel Meeting – Our fall gospel meeting will be held November 8 – 10 with brother Sidney White. Additional details will follow. Please begin to pray for our meeting.

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. After the above five steps, **Faithful Christian Living** (I Peter 2:11, 12; Revelation 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 and 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Study – 11:00 AM (March – October)

Radio Program:

“Preparing For Eternity”

Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

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LIBERALISM GOES BEYOND

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Liberals take liberties with God's word/law. Their position does not respect God's law and therefore refuses to be bound by it. In effect liberals say: "I know some say God forbids this or that, but I believe it will be alright to do it anyway. God is a loving God and he won't condemn me for interpreting the Bible my way." Such ideas do not respect God's laws and therefore does not recognize His authority. As a matter of fact, they would tell us we don't know which parts of the Bible are inspired and which parts are not. We will have to ask "them" to tell us. They've drank from the dry and parched cisterns of higher learning in so-called "seminary" schools (often called 'cemetery' schools) for so long they don't know which way is up and which way is down. If they had spent half as much time in God's holy Book, they would be worlds ahead of where they are now. Like Hymenaeus and Philetus, they have erred from the faith. We are specifically told, "*But shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness. And their word will eat as doth a canker: of whom is Hymenaeus and Philetus; Who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is past already; and overthrow the faith of some*" (2 Tim. 2:16-19).

The faithful are not buying what they are selling. We know better than that. "*For we are not as many, which corrupt the word of God...*" (2 Cor. 2:17). Verse 20 of 2 Timothy 2 says, "*Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.*"

Liberalism allows what God forbids. Individuals who wander off the "strait and narrow" path to the left hand (or to the right), don't believe God means what he says. They do not believe the Bible is a rule book, a guide, a model, a pattern that is to be respected and followed. They detest the idea that God actually has his own Will and has given it to man in the Bible. They look at anyone who believes in doing exactly what God says, nothing more and nothing less, with disgust. They'll say something like: "you folks are Bible thumpers, Pharisees. We can't be tied to a set of rules!" However, liberals think they're right and don't recognize they could even possibly be wrong. They don't see they are going beyond the boundaries God has given.

Liberals use all manner of terms and expressions in an effort to cast down those who love the Lord enough to honor and obey his will —terms such as legalists, pharisees(ism), right wingers, narrow minded (while they are broad minded of course). Their attempt is to "poison the well" in the minds of those whom they seek to influence so they will not be receptive to the truth or those who uphold the truth. They promote themselves instead of God.

The "left hand" believes in going beyond God's word — allowing more than God allows. Those on the "left" act without authority from God. Authority is not important to them. They think the principle of authority is silly and foolish and they laugh at those who follow it. To them, it is sinful to see the Bible as "the" absolute pattern —God's blueprint for mankind. However, Colossians 3:17 demands authority for all we say and do. "*And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus.*"

Those who have gone off course on the "left hand" stand condemned by 2 John 9-11. "*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into [your] house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.*" The same point is made in First Corinthians 4:6. We are not to think above or beyond that which is written.

Those on the "left hand," denying God's authoritative word, are disruptive to the body of Christ. They are sowing discord and division. The Holy Spirit inspired Paul to tell us what to do with those who teach false doctrine and/or cause division. "*Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple*" (Rom. 16:17-18).

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Paul went about preaching the unadulterated Gospel in every place. Those who believed it and obeyed became members of the Lord's blood-bought body. Congregations were established every place he went. Following not far behind Paul were disrupters who came tearing down everything that had been built up. In Galatians 2:4 we read, "*...that because of false brethren unawares brought in, who came in privily to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage.*" An inspired example as to what is to be done with such troublemakers is found in the next verse. "*To whom we gave place by submission, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you.*"

God hates those who sow discord (Prov. 6:19). He hates those who teach contrary to his will. In Galatians 1:8-9 we are told such individuals are "accursed" —cut off from God. They are not to be tolerated and no time is to be wasted in refuting their false doctrine. Souls are at stake. "*Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was*" (2 Tim. 3:8-9).

Often those who teach contrary doctrines would have us believe they are "somewhat." That is, they set themselves forward as being among the "elite" —educated, schooled, learned, enlightened, important. In their mind, they have learned things that others of yesteryear missed and they are here to tell us all about it.

The apostle Paul wrote: "*But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person;) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me*" (Gal. 2:6). Paul was an inspired apostle and no one had any more authority than he had. Those considered to be "somewhat" added nothing to his inspired teaching. Both "they" and "he" were all on the same page, so to speak. Neither were superior to the other. The truth is the truth no matter who is teaching it. That was the case in the first century and it is the case now. The truth is the truth whether it is presented from a young preacher just starting out or a seasoned preacher of many years. The truth spoken from a "thus saith the Lord" will destroy the untruth spoken by those holding the highest of academic degrees conferred upon them by man. McGarvey spoke of those who promoted themselves as "somewhat," as the "no-what." We ought not give them a platform to spew their venom that will damn souls. Time is too short and eternity too long to do otherwise.

It is tragic that their kind are doing the same thing to congregations today that was done in ancient times. Just when some are converted to the truth, there comes along those who are splintering and dividing the body. Such ought not be so!

Notice the words of the Holy Spirit in Galatians 1:6-9: "*I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.*"

Notice also these verses: "*...Be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive*" (Eph. 4:14). "*Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience*" (Eph. 5:6). "*And this I say, lest any man should beguile you with enticing words*" (Col. 2:4). "*Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind*" (Col. 2:18). "*But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction*" (2 Peter 2:1).

We are to be as the church at Ephesus toward false brethren. The Lord said, "*I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars*" (Rev. 2:2).

The best advice I could give to anyone is: "LOVE THE TRUTH." Love all the Truth, nothing but the Truth. "*Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*" (John 8:31-32).

- Garland M. Robinson