

**Prayer List of The Sick And Afflicted:**

Delores Hendrickson  
Karen Sproles – recovering from Foot Surgery  
Judy Coley (recovering from knee replacement, also to undergoing a procedure – Fri. 12/6)  
Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy)  
Ken Roosa – Severe neck problem(Surgery scheduled for February, 2020)  
Darryl Grimes, cancer treatment (Ken and Sherrie Roosa’s son-in-law)  
Dean Cook (Dean and Shirley are in Florida)  
Iris Hash – Hospitalized for fluid on lungs, possible release on 12/6/19.  
Randy Murray, cancer treatments, (Cindy Murray’s husband)  
Zachary Baxter, Susie Burdsall/Riddle’s grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy  
Edwin Parnell, cancer (Mike Parnell’s brother)  
Larry Waymire – Missionary from West Tenn. Full body scan reveals cancer isolated in the eye.  
Jennifer Dumas – Liz and Ray’s daughter recovering from back surgery.  
Eric Bowlen – Several severe health issues, treatments providing some degree of relief.  
Al and Gertrude Reynolds - Car accident – Doing well  
Evelyn Murphy – Recovering from shoulder replacement  
Ernest Brown – Diagnosed with cancer in his eye.  
Melani Dodge – In need of our prayers and encouragement  
Jean and Chuck Dunn, Tina’s cousin  
Jean Collins – Loss of family member

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Goldie Gilbert New Address: **Grand Valley Room 106  
1501 Hubert Circle  
Martinsville, IN 46151**

**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:**

Christmas week, Mid –Week service to be on **Thursday, 12-26 @ 7:00 PM**  
Tomorrow with **all** of its Blessings!

**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).

December 22, 2019

***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

**Website:**

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

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

***Romans 12:15 "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."***

Christmas is getting close. Children are getting excited. Adults are burning the midnight candle to get everything ready. Some will be traveling. Some will be hosting. It's a time of happiness, joy and fun. The holiday season is great times, that is, for most.

The holidays can also be very painful for some. It's easy to overlook the heartache that some are going through. And, even among the people of God, the holiday season can be a long struggle of tears and pain.

There are those who are going through their first holiday without a family member being with them. There has been a death. Now, a chair is empty. There is a sadness, even at this joyous season.

Our passage connects us to one another in a congregation. There are those who are rejoicing. There are those who are weeping. Be with them. Encourage them. Weep with them. It is very possible to have rejoicing and weeping going on at the same time. Some are happy. Some are miserable. Some are alone.

First, give thought to those who are going through their first holiday season after a death or a divorce. Drop them a card. Invite them over. Let them know that they are not forgotten.

Second, don't add to your misery. There are things you can do to help you and there are things you can do to make yourself feel worse. Get out to worship. You need this. You may have to force yourself to do things that you do not feel like doing, like being around others. But getting out of the house can actually lift your spirits.

Third, find a way to help others. If you are alone, don't be alone. There are wonderful ways to help others who are less fortunate than you are. Helping others often helps us.

Fourth, realize that you are not really alone. God is with you. He has been with you through this whole year. Be thankful to God for what you have been able to enjoy and what the Lord has given you.

Finally, keep your eye open for those who are hurting. You understand more than anyone what they are going through. You know what works and what doesn't work. You can make the pathway easier for them.

The holidays for those who are grieving, can be like a surgery. At first, it just hurts. You know in time it will be better, but there is no fast forwarding. It takes time. This time can bring you much closer to the Lord and others. Allow yourself to heal. In time, it won't hurt as much.

We sing a song that asks, "Does Jesus care when I've said goodbye to the dearest on earth to me, and my sad heart aches till it nearly breaks, is it aught to Him? Does He see?" And, the chorus, answers the question. It loudly says, "O yes, He cares, I know He cares, His heart is touched with my grief. When the days are weary, the long night dreary, I know my Savior cares." I know. I know my Savior cares!

And, so does God's people. You'll get through this, with the Lord's help.

Roger Shouse