

**Pray 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  
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

**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 8, 2019

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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

## **Encourage One Another – I Thess. 5:11**

Encouragement is so valuable. The Proverbs speak to the value of these words to our souls.

*“Gracious words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body.” (Proverbs 16:24)*

In the early days of the fledgling church in Jerusalem, there was a man who was such an encouragement to the body of Christ that they did not call him by the name given by his parents. They simply called him, “son of encouragement.” We know that name as Barnabas. The name “Barnabas” means son of encouragement. We see in this man many instances of encouragement. In Acts 4 he sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money to the apostles so that they could take care of the needy Christians in Jerusalem. In Acts 9 we see Barnabas again when Paul becomes a Christian. Paul comes to Christ and tries to join the church in Jerusalem. The church refuses Paul because he was a persecutor of Christians because they did not believe he was a disciple. Who was the person who came to the side of this persecutor of Christians? Barnabas did. Barnabas brought Paul to the apostles and told them about how Paul had been boldly preaching the name of Jesus. Then in Acts 15, after Mark had left Paul and Barnabas during their first preaching journey, who wants to have Mark come with them on the second journey? Barnabas does.

We need this kind of encouragement. This is exactly what God has called for us to have toward one another. Our theme today is to look at the passage that instructs us regarding how we are to behave toward one another as the body of Christ. God calls for us to encourage one another. *“Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11)* Again, we need this kind of encouragement.

Think about how many people have the gift of discouragement. How easy it is to be the discourager! When that person talks, it is always something negative to say. God says that we need to encourage one another and build one another up. Not only should we consider the example of Barnabas, but let us also take a moment to reflect on the example of Jesus. When did you see Jesus discouraging someone?

Think about is how we need a lot more encouragement in our lives and less of a stick. I cannot find a passage in the New Testament that tells us to come together and rebuke one another regularly. But we do have passages that tell us to come together and encourage each other regularly. So how can we encourage each other and what should we encourage each other in?

Turn to Hebrews 10:22-24.

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