

**Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**

Judy Coley – Surgery on 2-10 to relieve urinary tract blockage  
Goldie Gilbert at Nursing Home learning to use Oxygen  
Delores Hendrickson  
Karen Sproles – recovering from foot surgery  
Evelyn Murphy – Recovered and back to work – Yeah! replacement  
Ernest Brown – Diagnosed with cancer in his eye.  
Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy)  
Ken Roosa – Severe neck problem (Surgery scheduled this month)  
Darryl Grimes, cancer treatment (Ken and Sherrie Roosa’s son-in-law)  
Rick Sciver – 2<sup>nd</sup> Bone cancer found treatment to begin immediately  
(Ken Roosa’s brother)  
Randy Murray, cancer treatments, (Cindy Murray’s husband)  
Sean Nathews – Stomach problems (ongoing)  
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. Cancer isolated in one eye.  
Eric Bowlen – Several severe health issues  
Al Reynolds home from VA hospital  
Derrick Burdsall – Leg & back injured in fall (Tim& Liz Burdsall’s son)  
Melani Dodge – In need of our prayers and encouragement  
Jimmy & James – Prayers for their families who have some problems

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Goldie Gilbert  
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:**

Monthly Pitch-In following AM Worship – 3-1-20  
Men’s Business Meeting after Pitch-In  
Ladies Luncheon Prep w/Pottery Works – 2-23-20  
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).

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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

## Cont'd from 02-16-20

### Aspire to Live Quietly (4:11)

Make it your ambition to live a quiet life. Loving others means living peaceful lives that are free from hostility and conflict toward others. We live quietly, not drawing attention to ourselves. We live in a world right now that really encourages us to make a lot of noise and draw lots of attention to ourselves. But Christians are not looking for a crowd. People get along with us. What Paul says is that we make it our ambition to be quiet. Consider Jesus, who he is and what he came to do, he did not make a lot of noise. He did not draw a lot of attention to himself. Trouble came and attention came because he was doing God's will and showing the glory of God through his teachings and actions. But he did not make a display of himself intentionally. Neither should we make a display of ourselves. Make it your goal to be quiet and live a quiet life.

### Mind Your Own Affairs (4:11)

Second, Paul says that we show love by paying attention to our own affairs. We do not meddle in the affairs of others. Meddling is not love. We want all the gossip. We want all the details. We want to be "in the know." But this is not love. Let people open up to you. Do not pry into their lives. Let them reveal what they will about themselves as they get to know you and trust you. Build a relationship of love and trust so that you can share your lives with each other. No one wants others prying.. If people ask you can tell them what you did. But do not be proud as if you have all the answers. Mind your own affairs.

### Work With Your Hands (4:11)

Third, we are to work with our hands. Being idle and doing nothing is how you get in a lot of trouble. Work is something God has given to men and women. Sometimes people think that work was the product of Adam's sin and the fall. But before sin was in the world listen to what God did.

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it." (Genesis 2:15 ESV)

All humans are to work. But men and women are to keep busy with work. We are to keep ourselves busy with work. Doing nothing is bad in God's eyes. Whether we stay at home or are retired or have some sort of physical difficulties, God tells us that we need to be doing something to keep ourselves occupied. We even have an old English proverb that says similarly: "An idle mind is the devil's playground." The proverb was originally rendered, "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do." The Proverbs in the word of God are filled with warnings about idleness and laziness leading to life problems. We always need to be looking to do good works, whether it is on the job, in the home, or in the church. But we must not allow our hands to grow idle. Idleness is dangerous to our souls and does not show love to others.

Purpose: Walk Properly and Not Dependent (4:12)

Paul now states the reason for these instructions. "**So that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.**" God's purpose is that we would stay out of trouble and not need others to support us. Live quietly, mind your business, and work with your hands so that you will not cause problems to those who are outsiders.

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*Dear God, guide me as I speak the truth so that I do so out of love and seek only to build up, not to tear down.*