

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

Delores Hendrickson  
Karen Sproles – recovering from foot surgery  
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)  
Rick Sciver – Bone cancer treatment (Ken Roosa’s brother)  
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. Cancer isolated in one eye.  
Eric Bowlen – Several severe health issues  
Al and Gertrude Reynolds - Car accident – Doing well  
Al and Gertrude Reynolds – Daughter-in-law passed  
Evelyn Murphy – Recovering from shoulder replacement  
Ernest Brown – Diagnosed with cancer in his eye.  
Derrick Burdsall – Broken leg & back injured in fall  
(Tim and Liz Burdsall’s son)  
Melani Dodge – In need of our prayers and encouragement  
Jean Collins – Loss of family member  
Joni McConnell – Sister & Family living in Australia (Fires)  
Jimmy & James – Prayers for their families who have some problems

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Goldie Gilbert  
Gloria Hale

**New Addresses –**

**Dave & Tina Knoy**  
3811 Cramer  
Martinsville, IN 46151

**Goldie Gilbert**  
**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:**

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,

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

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## To Pray or Not to Pray

To pray or not to pray was not a question King David struggled with. David wrote in Psalm 55:17, “Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and He shall hear my voice.”

Persistence was one of David’s goals when it came to prayer – is it one of ours? Do we even have a goal? When is the last time you prayed three times in one day? Was it last week when you attended all the services on Sunday? Was it on your way to see the doctor? Was it on your way to a job interview? Was it a day filled with turmoil, or a day of rest? Was it just “another” day? Which day was the last day that you talked with God at least three times, and why did you do it?

James 5:16, “...The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man accomplishes much.”

Would you say that fervent covers three times a day? Could it be more? Could it be less? Does it matter?

Numbers aside, I would suppose that whether you are talking about “showers of blessings” or just “plain rain,” James is pointing out the truth about prayer – it works when it’s used passionately!

Now, does that mean just because we ask for something fervently (whether it’s for us or for someone else) that the Father will agree with it? Not necessarily; there might be a reason that we don’t see as to why our prayer is not answered with a yes...at least for the moment.

Don’t forget that Jesus taught His people to make their way through life by praying passionately and persistently, even when the answer seems like a definite no (Luke 11:1-13).

Praying three times a day can keep a lot of things away from us or it can bring a lot to us. So, keep in touch with God, and don’t be surprised when His blessings touch you.

*Eugene Adkins     Keltonburg church of Christ  
Smithville, TN*

*Who comes to mind that needs your prayers in this New Year?  
How can you remind yourself to pray for them often?*