

Deepest Sympathy:

Kelly Adkins - Our deepest sympathy is extended to Mike and Doris Parnell at the passing of Mike's brother-in-law, Kelly Adkins. Funeral arrangements were held in Tennessee last week.

Joan Collins – Our hearts go out to sister Jean Collins at the recent passing of her sister, Joan. Arrangements were held last week in Virginia.

Lanelle Riddle – We sorrow at the passing of our dear sister Lanelle Riddle. A memorial service was held at the church building for her on Friday. Our deepest sympathy is extended to brother Jesse and his entire family.

Pray For The Sick And Afflicted:

Sherrie Williams (surgery)

Randy Murray (Cindy Murray's husband)

Ernest Brown (Evelyn Murphy's father)

Shirley Farmer (Jesse's sister)

Zachary Baxter (Susie Burdsall's grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy)

Merl McCurry (Tina's father, heart issues)

Pete Nusz (Tina Knoy's cousin's husband, cancer)

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:

Summer Gospel Meeting – Pray for our upcoming gospel meeting to be held on June 28-30. Brother Ronnie Whittemore will be our speaker. Services at 7:00 PM Friday and Saturday. Pitch-in dinner on Sunday followed by 1:00 PM worship service. Fliers for the meeting are located on the table in back of the building. Please take them and send to your friends, family and neighbors.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner – Our next monthly pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, June 30th 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 Sunday, July 7th, at 5:00 PM.

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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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

JOSIAH'S DISCOVERY OF THE LAW

Marvin L. Weir

The prophet Jeremiah lived during a period of time in which God's law had been ignored. A failure to study, teach and practice the law of Jehovah resulted in the Israelites sinking into the depths of apostasy. The people did not desire to listen to law that condemned their sinful lifestyles. Neither did folks desire to be condemned for rejecting God and worshipping idols. The kings had no intention of insisting that God's law be read or followed. It is said that history repeats itself, and who can argue that we are not walking in Israel's footsteps today? What lessons are ours to learn?

First, Josiah's parents failed to teach him the Word of God!

The last good king before Josiah was Hezekiah. Manasseh, Hezekiah's son, introduced idols in the temple, allowed human sacrifices, encouraged wizards and soothsayers, and shed innocent blood. Manasseh's son, Amon, followed in the steps of his father and *"trespassed more and more"* until finally killed (2 Chron. 33:23). Josiah was the son of Amon. This explains Josiah's ignorance of the law; he had not been taught to respect God's Word! Moses made clear the responsibility of parents in teaching their children in saying: *"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes. And thou shalt write them upon the posts of thy house, and on thy gates"* (Deut. 6:6-9).

Josiah's parents will give an account to God for their failure to correctly teach their son, but Josiah shows that one can overcome a lack of teaching and bad influence if he so desires. When he was sixteen years old, Josiah makes a choice to follow the God of David (2 Chron. 34:3). The young boy king was tempted in every way to follow the path of evil but instead rejected sin's beckoning call. Every person today of the age of accountability and of sound mind is responsible for his actions and decisions!

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Second, there is always the opportunity to do what is godly and right.

God allows this world to stand and life to continue. Each day is another opportunity for one to choose to learn, obey and follow the Creator of all that is good (Gen. 1:31; James 1:17). Josiah could not have been reared in more unfavorable conditions. He could have used the excuse that he was a product of his environment and that because of such he was due understanding, special considerations, and an exemption from God's laws. But Josiah did not harden his sense of right and wrong; instead, he chose to follow the true and living God who has made Himself known to all (Rom. 1:19-20).

Third, Josiah is proof that one does not inherit the sins of his parents and can choose to have either a humble or haughty heart! One could have no more wicked parents and grandparents than did Josiah! Neither could one live in a more wicked environment! But Josiah refused to be corrupted by evil people and worldly things. His ego was not overly inflated, and neither did he have an arrogant and haughty heart. The Scripture says, *"Because thine heart was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before the LORD, when thou heardest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard [thee], saith the LORD"* (2 Kings 22:19). A hardened heart opposed to the will of God will always lead to the loss of the soul. Josiah knew that two ways stood before him — the *way of the world* and the *way of God!* Millions today are faced with the same choice. Our prayer is for tender hearts that will respond to the Lord's will.

Fourth, the determination of one devoted to doing God's will is a powerful force. Josiah knew that all things pertaining to spiritual matters had to be done with the proper spirit and in the right way (cf. John 4:24)! He gathered all the people at Jerusalem, publicly read from the book of the law, and demanded that all submit to God's will. The divine commentary says: *"Surely there was not holden such a passover from the days of the judges that judged Israel, nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, nor of the kings of Judah; But in the eighteenth year of king Josiah, [wherein] this passover was holden to the LORD in Jerusalem. Moreover the [workers with] familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD. And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there [any] like him"* (2 Kings 23:22-25).

The greatest need today is for one to **find** and **obey** the Word of God and **turn** to Jehovah with his whole heart!