

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Goldie Gilbert passed away on 3-3-20, Please pray for her family.
Ken Roosa – In rehab for Neck Surgery – Is improving
Merl McTurry – in Hospital (Tina’s Father)
Don Richardson testing for possible new pace maker
Judy Coley – Recovering from surgery for relief of urinary tract blockage
Iris Hash – Having problems with her stomach
Jennifer Minor - Having problems with her stomach
Delores Hendrickson
Stephanie Sturgill – Cancer
Judy Merriman – Stage 4 Bladder Cancer
Carol Harris – Liver Cancer
Ernest Brown – Diagnosed with Cancer in his eye.
Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy)
Darryl Grimes, cancer treatment (Ken and Sherrie Roosa’s son-in-law)
Rick Sciver – 2nd Bone cancer found treatment to begin immediately
(Ken Roosa’s brother)
Cindy Murray – At home sick
Randy Murray, cancer treatments, (Cindy Murray’s husband)
Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing)
Zachary Baxter, Susie Burdsall/Riddle’s grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy
Edwin Parnell, cancer (Mike Parnell’s brother)
Eric Bowlen – Several severe health issues
Al Reynolds in VA hospital
Derrick Burdsall – Leg & back injured in fall (Tim& Liz Burdsall’s son)
Melani Dodge – In need of our prayers and encouragement
Jamie’s brother Mike

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:

Ladies Bible Study - 03-05-20 @ 11:00 AM (Ecclesiastes - 4)
Time will change on March 8 – Don’t forget, set clocks forward!
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;

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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

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

The Secret

Philippians 4:6-7 - *“⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

Philippians 4:11-12 - *¹¹ Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. ¹² I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need.*

Sometimes I suspect that our cat suffers from a bad case of FOMO (fear of missing out). When we come home with groceries, the cat rushes over to inspect the contents. When chopping vegetables, she stands up on her back paws peering at the produce and begging me to share. But when I actually give her whatever’s caught her fancy, she quickly loses interest, walking away with an air of bored resentment.

It would be hypocritical for me to be hard on our little buddy. She reflects a bit of my own insatiable hunger for more, my assumption that “now” is never enough.

According to Paul, contentment isn’t natural – it’s learned. (reread v. 11) On our own, we desperately pursue whatever we think will satisfy, moving on to the next thing the minute we realize it won’t. Other times, our discontent takes the form of anxiously shielding ourselves from any and all suspected threats.

Ironically, sometimes it takes experiencing what we’d feared the most in order to stumble into real joy. Having experienced much of the worst life has to offer. Paul could testify firsthand to “the secret” of true contentment (reread vv. 11-12) – the mysterious reality that as we lift up to God our longings for wholeness, we experience unexplainable peace (reread vv. 6-7), carried ever deeper into the depths of Christ’s power, beauty and grace.

M. Brands

*What are some of the ways you’ve been encouraged recently?
How will you encourage someone who’s facing hard times?*

“Happy is the person who knows what to remember of the past, what to enjoy in the present and what to plan for in the future.”