

Pray For The Sick And Afflicted:

Delores Hendrickson
Judy Coley (upcoming surgical procedure)
Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy)
Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law Darryl
Dean Cook
Iris Hash
Randy Murray (Cindy Murray's husband)
Zachary Baxter (Susie Burdsall's grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy)
Edwin Parnell (Mike Parnell's brother, cancer)
Larry Waymire – Missionary from West Tenn. Undergoing treatment for Melanoma of the eye.

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:

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner – Due to the late September fish fry there will be no pitch-in dinner for the month of October.

Students' Visit From NW Florida School of Biblical Studies – Brother Guyton Montgomery and some students from the Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies will worship with us on Sunday evening, November 3. One of the students will deliver the evening message in the absence of brother Bob who will be preaching at the Stop 11 congregation. Following the evening service, a pitch-in meal will be provided in honor of our visitors. More information to follow.

Fall Gospel Meeting – Our fall gospel meeting will be held November 8 – 10 with brother Sidney White. Additional details to follow. Please pray for our meeting.

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

From the Heart: Are You Packed & Ready?

Read [1 Cor. 15:51-58](#)

There is an old story of a wealthy and selfish woman who died and reached heaven. She was told that she would be taken to the house which had been prepared for her. She passed many beautiful mansions and saw in them people whom in this world she had known and despised. Finally on the very outskirts and suburbs of heaven she was shown a very small and undistinguished house and was told that it was hers. She complained and protested, but was told quietly: ‘That is all we could do for you with the materials you sent up.’ In this world it is easy for a man to enrich his life with material things, and at the same time to impoverish his soul. He can forget that he has got a soul, and discover too late that his soul is the part of him which matters most of all. To quote an old Spanish proverb: There are no pockets in a shroud.

Just a bit over 2 years ago, my sister died. She had been battling cancer for a close to a year and was determined to do all she could to get well. Her physical condition deteriorated and she was in and out of consciousness. She labored hard to stay but when she realized the Lord was calling her home, she was packed and ready. Finally, unable to go on, she passed away, into that heavenly realm, where the Lord had prepared her heavenly home.

Someday we will all be called to make that journey. We do not know whether it will be when we die or when the Lord returns. But our departure is certain. Like getting ready for any journey, we should think about the place where we are going and how we can prepare for the move.

In verse 58 of our text above, Paul advised believers to be “*steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.*” By doing this we will be packing for heaven.

An article that was published some time ago in the “Workstyle Magazine” emphasizes the importance of getting ready for a trip beforehand. It gave guidelines on carrying the right amount of clothing, selecting the kind you will need, and being prepared for changes in the weather. It gave specific directions for packing a suitcase by rolling garments into logs, folding sweaters a certain way, and properly packing shirts and dresses. The article suggested that a person who is going on a journey should spend quality time in preparation. If he does, he will be ready to go.

There are some parallels in the Christian’s preparation for that final journey to heaven. We all know that this life is temporary and we will all be spending eternity somewhere. Just as you would plan and prepare for a vacation trip, we should plan and prepare for our heavenly trip.

Once there was a young mother who was trying to explain to her five year old daughter about her daddy’s death. She said, honey, the Lord called for daddy and some day he will call for you and me. The little girl looked at her mother with big sad eyes and she said, “When Mommy?” When is the Lord going to call for you and me? Her mother said, “I don’t know honey, nobody knows when.” The little girl said, Oh, Mommy, if we don’t know when, we might not be ready, “Don’t You Think We Ought To Start Packing!”

It has been said, that Heaven is a prepared place for a prepared people.

PRAYER:

Our Father, who art in Heaven, how truly great you are. Help us Father to be packed and ready when we hear Your Call! — In Jesus Holy Name, Amen

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