

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Bob Hawkins had a successful cardiac ablation to address a heart rhythm issue. Continue prayers that the procedure will result in eliminating the dizziness he has been experiencing.

Ray Sturgill had cataract surgery last week.

Ray Sturgill's brother-in-law, Darrel Short is in bad health.

Eric Bowlen has been diagnosed with Non-alcoholic Cirrhosis of the liver and also is dealing with some cardiac issues.

Joni McConnell fell, fractured her hip and is now back home and receiving therapy.

Allen Davis is still recovering from surgery to remove a growth on his lung.

Virginia McKinney is dealing with back pain.

Karen Sproles' daughter, Jean England, is having a lot of pain due to stomach issues.

Alice Wade's sister Shirley is being treated for lung cancer and is now in the hospital with sepsis. Alice's sister Linda is also battling cancer that has spread to multiple locations and recently suffered a fall.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, and Kathy Malowitz

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb and his wife, Eta (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See their reports on the bulletin board.

Benevolent Opportunity:

For the month of July, we will be donating peanut butter in support of the Gunner Burnham food pantry.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next monthly men's business meeting will be Wednesday, August 5th at 5:00.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, August 2nd following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song then dismiss.

Radio Program:

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 FM to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

God's Plan For Our Salvation:

Hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).

Believing what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).

Repentance (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).

Confession (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).

Baptism (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).

Faithful Christian Living, after the above five steps (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

Evening Service - 6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study – 6:00 PM

Thursday

Ladies' Bible Study – 11:00 AM

Radio Program:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE

Some times life is tough and hands us a difficult hand. Jesus said, *“The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly”* (John 10:10). Jesus said that the thief comes to rob and steal. The thief is the devil. The devil desires to take away all our happiness and contentment. He uses various methods with which to do so. Paul said this about the devil, *“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices”* (2 Cor. 2:11). We need to be alert to his tricks. He uses stress and nervousness. Someone said, “Some people are so stressed out that they would make coffee nervous, give an aspirin a headache or cause a tranquilizer to have a nervous breakdown.” So, how is it that we can enjoy the abundant life in Christ?

One thing we can do to enjoy the abundant life is to **forget the past**. Dale Carnegie has a chapter in one of his books entitled, “You Can’t Saw Sawdust.” How true it is that you can’t relive the past. The apostle Paul writing by inspiration said, *“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before”* (Phil. 3:13). Repent when necessary, but then move on to live better.

A second thing we can do to enjoy the abundant life is to **give ourselves away**. That is the essence of the supreme beatitude as written in the New Testament. Here it is: *“I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought*

to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35). Send a note to someone who is sick or has lost a loved one. Bake a pie and take it to a neighbor. Cut grass for an elderly neighbor. *“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all [men], especially unto them who are of the household of faith”* (Gal. 6:10). Give yourself away.

We can enjoy the abundant life if we follow the principles of the New Testament. That is what all faithful brethren and faithful churches of Christ do.