

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Iris Hash is staying with her daughter, recovering from her hip replacement surgery. She is currently having rehab therapy.

Ray Sturgill is back home recovering but has been able to attend services.

Delores Hendrickson is still struggling with a bad cough.

Sean Mathews continues to struggle with GI issues and is now on a special diet.

Shirley Cook's brother, Richard Pflaum, has been diagnosed with lupus.

Mike Parnell's sister-in-law, Ethel Parnell, is suffering from dementia.

Jesse Riddle is on hospice care but is often able to attend Sunday AM service.

Connie Davis is recovering well after surgery to replace her left hip.

Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling terminal cancer.

Karen Sproles had a nerve stimulator inserted in her knee to help with pain.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, John & Terry Richardson

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See latest mission reports on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium.

Benevolence Opportunity:

For the month of August, we are asked to bring in pasta (e.g. spaghetti noodles, elbow macaroni, etc.) red spaghetti sauce and white alfredo sauce. These items will be donated to the Metropolitan School District of Martinsville food pantry.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, August 7th at 5:00 PM.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, August today, following the AM services.

Following the pitch-in we will have a service in song at 1:00 PM.

2024 Fall Gospel Meeting:

A fall gospel meeting will be held September 6-8 with brother Tom House of the Plainview Church of Christ in Fulton, MS.

Ladies' Inspiration Day:

The ladies of our congregation will be hosting a Ladies' Inspiration Day on Saturday, October 5th for the ladies of our congregation and those from area congregations. Please pray for their success in hosting this event.

Annual Fish Fry:

We will be having our annual church fish fry on Saturday, October 12th at 5:00 PM at the Martinsville City Park.

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; Rev. 2:10).

August 4, 2024

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 (March through October)

Radio Program:

"Preparing For Eternity"

Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

Lord, Teach Us How To Pray

The prayers of Jesus teach us in so many ways. Not only can we learn from what Jesus prayed, but we learn from when, why, and how he prayed. Let us survey some interesting facts about the prayers of Jesus and allow the Lord to deepen our capacity for prayer with the Father.

By Jason Jackson

The disciples saw something in Jesus that they lacked. So one asked him, “Teach us how to pray” (Luke 11:1). Can we develop this spiritual quality? Can we learn how to pray? Certainly we can, and we must, in order to stay strong through the temptations and trials of life.

Think of the times of day when Jesus was found praying in the Gospels. Like Paul’s admonition, “Pray without ceasing,” we find Jesus praying at all times of day. When his ministry began to accelerate in the city of Capernaum, we find Jesus, before daylight, finding a place to pray alone (Mark 1:35-38). On another occasion, he went up into a mountain alone and prayed all night (Luke 6:12). Certainly we ought to begin and end every day, talking to our Father in heaven.

Consider the occasions when the Lord prayed. At his baptism, which commenced his earthly ministry, he prayed. The night before he chose from his disciples twelve apostles, he prayed at length (Luke 6:12). When he heard of John’s execution, he withdrew and talked with his Father (Matthew 14:13,23). Upon a mountain, he was praying in the presence of Peter, James, and John, and he was transfigured before their eyes, and they heard the Majestic Voice testify concerning his glory and honor (Luke 9:28-29; cf. 2 Peter 1:16-18).

Shortly before the Lord’s death, he prayed in the upper room (Matthew 26:26-28), interceded for his disciples (John 17), poured out his soul in the Garden of Gethsemane (Matthew 26:36-46), and had prayed at some point especially on Peter’s behalf (Luke 22:31-32).

Likewise, on the cross the Lord was observed in prayer — for others, as well as for himself. In the hours of trial, leading up to, and on the cross, the Lord’s concern was the will and plan of God. That led him to

think about the spiritual condition of others. It strengthened him to accomplish his part in the redemptive plan.

Evaluate your spirituality with the help of Jesus, as he teaches us how to pray in Matthew 6:9-13. He teaches us about our spiritual relationship with God. As a Christian, he is our Father. He instructs us to recognize God’s nature — he is holy. He wants us to focus on the plan of God — the kingdom *has come*. He desires that we be concerned with the will of God in our lives. He teaches us to appreciate the providence of God, which sustains us on a daily basis. He shows us the need for forgiveness — we need it, and we need to have a forgiving disposition towards others. He reminds us of our moral responsibility to resist temptation — pray for God’s help. He teaches us that God is the only one who can save us, delivering us from the evil one.

We need to pray fervently. We need to pray persistently. We must pray frequently — for the lost people we know, for our missionaries, for our elders, for our preachers, for the sick among us, for those who persecute us, for those who are visiting our services, for those with whom we are studying, for those who have fallen away, for our own spiritual development, for our own forgiveness, for our weaknesses, for God’s providence to use us in his cause.

As Jesus teaches us how to pray, he also indicates why we should pray. God, our Creator and Redeemer, is not a reluctant hearer. He is a willing listener, inviting us to pray and receive his blessings, as we offer up our petitions and thanksgivings to our heavenly Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.