

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Virginia McKinney fell again and cracked a rib but is recovering well.
Joni McConnell is dealing with chronic coughing issues.
Ray Sturgill's brother-in-law, Teddy Adams, has brain issues and is being treated at the hospital in Lexington, KY but is allowed to return home on the weekends.
Iris Hash is dealing with hip issues and pleurisy.
Allen Davis is dealing with a respiratory infection.
Iris Hash's son, Bobby Eppards, is in cardiac rehab in Carmel following surgery.
Karen Sproles' son Ken suffered a mild heart attack and is recovering at home. Her daughter, Jean, is battling LARS, a chronic stomach issue.
Deloris Hendrickson is suffering from a bad cough and continues to need our prayers for sustained health.

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 (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See reports of their works on the bulletin board.

Benevolent Opportunities:

We are now collecting instant potatoes. These items will be donated to the MSD food pantry.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, November 2nd, following the AM services. Following the meal we will have a service in song at 1 PM then dismiss for the day.

Men's Business Meeting:

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

Stop 11 Road Church of Christ 2025 Lectureship:

The Stop 11 Rd congregation will host their annual lectureship November 2 – 6. Lectures will be presented Sunday at 10:00 and 11:00 AM and at 1:30 and 2:30 PM. Additional lectures will be given Monday – Thursday at 10:00 and 11:00 AM and 1:30, 7:00 and 8:00 PM. Our brother Bob Hawkins will be delivering talks at 11:00 AM on Sunday and 7:00 PM on Wednesday. Brother Tim Hale will be our speaker on Sunday morning in Bob's absence.

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).

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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:

"Preparing For Eternity"
Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

Website:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

YOU CAN'T JUST SIT!

Wayne A. Dixon

In Numbers 32:1-5 we read of a request presented to Moses by two of the tribes of Israel. The tribes of Gad and Reuben, and (as we later learn in verse 33) half of the tribe of Manasseh, asked that they be allowed to stay on the east side of the Jordan (Num. 32:5). Verse one of this text tells us this was a good place for cattle, of which they had many.

After hearing their request, Moses responds, "...*Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here*" (Num. 32:6)? He rebukes them for their indifference and accuses them of discouraging the other nine and one-half tribes (Num. 32:7). He proceeds to give them a history lesson (vs.8-13) of the similar half-heartedness of the ten spies which caused discouragement and disobedience with a resulting forty year punishment in the wilderness. Moses then reminds them (Num. 32:14-15) that their request, as stated, will result once again in a wilderness wandering as well as "*ye shall destroy all this people*" (Num. 32:15). Numbers 32:15-33 are conditions proposed by these two and one-half tribes agreed to by Moses (v.33).

After the death of Moses, Joshua reiterates the previous agreement between the tribes of Gad, Reuben and one-half of Manasseh and Moses which is recorded in Joshua 1:12-18. This occurs as the actual crossing of the Jordan is about to take place.

There are several lessons from this study for us today that will increase our faith (Rom 10:17).

First, *conditions were required*. The two and one-half tribes had to provide armed troops to participate in the battle (Num. 32:20; Josh. 4:12-13). Furthermore, they had to continue in the battle "*Until he hath driven out his enemies before him. And the land be subdued before the Lord: then afterward ye shall return*" (Num. 32:21-22). Moses reminded them that disobedience would not go unnoticed. "*But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out*" (Num. 32:23).

Likewise, *our salvation is conditional*. We can only enter our promised land (heaven) by being obedient to the Gospel which requires us to **Hear** (Rom. 10:14-17), **Believe** (John 8:24), **Repent** (Luke

13:3), **Confess** (Rom. 10:9-10) and be **Baptized** (Acts 2:38).

Just as Moses told the two and one-half tribes they could not just sit (Num. 32:6), after becoming Christians we can not just sit! We also have to be doers. "*But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves*" (James 1:22). We must actively engage in the daily fight with the devil. By inspiration, James makes it crystal clear that "faith without works" is dead and tells us so three times (James 2:17,20,26).

Unlike the Israelites and their physical battle, ours is one of a spiritual nature and our "sword" is God's word. "*And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the spirit, which is the word of God*" (Eph. 6:17). With this sword (God's word), we are admonished to take a stand in accordance with God's word (Eph. 6:13-14).

If we will be obedient, God will not forsake us. He told Joshua this very thing specifically in the last three words of Joshua 1:5 when he said, "*I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee*" as long as they followed the conditions of verses 7-8. He tells us the same thing today as we read in the last phrase of Hebrews 13:5, "*I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.*" The conditions for our access to an eternal heavenly home are also based on our obedience to God's will for us today, which is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Just as Moses reminded the Israelites that their sins would be uncovered, likewise, we face the same fate, "*For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ*" (Rom. 14:10).

Won't you be obedient today? After all, this is all that God has required since the Garden of Eden. Also, let us never forget that his burden is light, "*For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light*" (Matt. 11:30).