

**Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**

Bryan Dyer, Susie Riddle's son and Cindy Murray's brother, is undergoing cancer treatment.

Sean Mathews recently had another PSA to check his prostate health. He will be meeting with his physicians to determine next steps.

Ken Roosa had a cardiac defibrillator inserted and awaiting further analysis.

Lisa Bunch is being treated with low dose cortisone for polymyalgia muscle pain.

Charlie Henard is receiving periodic infusions to treat his Multiple Sclerosis.

Virginia McKinney is home dealing with kidney failure but is doing better.

Charles Blair, gospel preacher at the Stop 11 congregation, had surgery for a blood clot on his spine. He is now recovering at home and receiving physical therapy.

Brother Ronnie Whittemore of the Stop 11 congregation, is scheduled to undergo a cardiac ablation for his heart.

Floyd Coley is experiencing issues with his hip and back. He is undergoing physical therapy and had a spinal injection. He also is dealing with GI issues.

Deloris Hendrickson is doing better but having problems sleeping and back pain.

Joni McConnell underwent surgery for a heart valve replacement, is undergoing physical therapy and is now doing well.

Karen Sprole's brother-in-law Dennis will have exploratory surgery. Also, Karen's husband Chet is undergoing rehab after a heart attack.

**Pray For Our Shut-Ins:**

Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, Virginia McKinney 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 reports of their works on the bulletin board.

**Benevolent Opportunity**

For the month of March, we are collecting spaghetti noodles and sauce for donation to the Martinsville school food pantry.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, April 12, during our gospel meeting.

Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have the final service of the meeting.

**Spring Gospel Meeting:**

Our 2026 spring gospel meeting will be held April 10 – 12 with services at 7:00 PM on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday services at 9:30 and 10:30 AM. A pitch-in dinner will be held following Sunday morning services followed by a final service at 1:00 PM. Our speaker will be brother Bill Boyd of the Rockliff Church of Christ in McMinnville, TN.

**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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Martinsville, IN 46151  
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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

## WHAT IS THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY TO THE LOST?

*James E. Rogers*

It is the responsibility of the church to preach the Gospel to the world (Matt. 28:18-20). The work of evangelism consists of the faithful Christians finding the lost and bringing them to the Christ. Everything done by the church is to contribute toward the salvation of the souls of men. We have great opportunities before us to teach the Gospel to the world. We must have Christians who will busy themselves as faithful finders of the lost. I am unable to give proper credit for the following but it illustrates the point as to the concern a Christian must have for the lost.

The late Foy Smith used to tell the following story, and added a few thoughts to drive the point home.

A preacher was sitting in his study one Sunday morning. It was time for him to go into the pulpit and a person tapped on the door to see what was causing the delay. There the preacher sat in his chair looking out the window. He could see for miles down into the valley below. When asked why he was weeping, the preacher replied: "I was sitting here looking out over the valley. I see thousands of houses. People are going about their business. Most of them are lost, and I can't do anything about it." The friend replied, "Quit crying, you will get over it." The preacher responded, "I know it. That's why I'm crying."

Have we forgotten how to cry over lost souls? We are so used to seeing millions around us who are all but impossible to reach with the Gospel and, with a shrug, we learn to let them go on with a "so what?" dismissive attitude.

Our Lord wept as He looked over the city of Jerusalem (Luke 19:41). His agony is also evident in the reading of Matthew 23:37-38. If Jesus wept over lost souls, so should we. May we never try to comfort the soul winner by saying, "Dry your eyes; quit crying. You'll get over it." Benjamin Franklin once said: "Nothing dries sooner than a tear." But it was the apostle Paul, who by inspiration, said, "*Woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel*" (1 Cor. 9:16). Is it not time we started shedding these kinds of tears?

Perhaps a reading of Luke 15 will provoke some ideas for carrying out our responsibility to the lost. Here, Jesus talks about lost things and lost people. May we suggest the following thoughts!

My responsibility is to recognize when people are lost and go to find them (Luke 15:4). John 1 tells about the activities of faithful finders of the lost. John the Immerser, Andrew and Philip were finders of the lost (John

1:35-37; 3:1-6; 1:40-42; 1:43-51).

My responsibility is to see clearly, sweep thoroughly and search diligently for the lost (Luke 15:8). I must have my life in order that I might help others (Matt. 7:1-5). I will leave no lawful method unused in bringing the Gospel to the lost. Each individual may favor a certain method of teaching and he should use it to his best ability. Others may approach the task differently. But All must approach the task.

My responsibility is to live in such a way as to be attractive to the lost (Luke 15:17). It was the memory of the conduct of his father toward the hired servants that helped bring this lost boy home. Peter recommended a lifestyle as an evangelistic tool to be used to "gain" a lost one (1 Peter 3:1-6). We teach more than we know by what we do.

My responsibility is to go to the lost and entreat them (Luke 15:28). Sometimes this means I will leave pleasant activities to fulfill my task (15:22-24). Seeing the importance of a lost soul and understanding my responsibility to that soul will motivate me to move when the time is right. I do not know the outcome of this effort by the father with his elder son, but I do know the father did everything in his power to convince this boy. When I have done all I can to teach the lost, I have delivered my soul (Ezekiel 33:7-16).

A study of the book of Acts shows the activities of first century Christians as they carried out their responsibility to the lost. As one examines these Scriptures, he will observe three things:

1. **Their message was The Christ** (Peter, Acts 2,3,4,10; Philip, Acts 8:5,12,35; Paul, Acts 13:1-14:28; 15:36 18:22; 18:23 21:16).
2. **Their message was preached with constancy.** The early chapters of Acts tell of the activities of the apostles in the early 30s of the first century, the middle chapters of their activity in the 40s and the later chapters of their activity in the 50s. In each decade the emphasis was on Christ.
3. **Their lives characterized their teaching.** Peter and John were pillars of the church (Gal. 2:9); men of prayer (Acts 3:1) and benevolence (Acts 3:6) and people could tell they had been with Jesus (Acts 4:13). The apostles were men of prayer and the ministry of the word (Acts 6:4). Barnabas was generous in giving (Acts 4:36-37), judgment (Acts 9:26,27) and heart (Acts 15:36-41).

This is the Christian's responsibility to the lost. May each Christian take his responsibility seriously. No, May **I** take **my responsibility** seriously.