

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

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

Bill Brown, brother of Evelyn Murphy, is in the Community Hospital North being treated for pain and swelling in his legs.

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 at her home but dealing with kidney failure.

Alice Wade has two sisters which have been diagnosed with cancer. One recently had surgery and will begin radiation treatments.

Charles Blair, gospel preacher at the Stop 11 congregation, had spinal surgery, is recovering at home, receiving physical therapy and now able to be back at services.

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 dealing with problems sleeping, back pain and GI issues.

Joni McConnell had a heart valve replacement and is undergoing physical therapy.

Karen Sprole's brother-in-law had exploratory surgery and is now cancer free.

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. The theme for the meeting sermons is "Lessons From The Book of Romans".

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:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

THE DEAD DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING

Roger Campbell

What? Where did you get such an idea? Well, I read it in my Bible. It is found in Ecclesiastes 9:5: “*For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.*”

Some take this Bible statement and run with it, right into a fallacious claim. They affirm that when a person leaves this world, he/she is no longer conscious. They use this verse to try to justify their teaching. It is not supported by the Scriptures. Let’s take a look.

In the context of Ecclesiastes 9, we see the folly of a person focusing all of his attention on earthly activities. There is some sense in which it is better to be alive on earth than to be one who has departed from this life. Consider Ecclesiastes 9:4 6: “*For to him that is joined to all the living, there is hope: for a living dog is better than a dead lion. For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion forever in anything that is done under the sun.*” It is a fact that the living know that they shall die (9:5). Here is what we observe in life: one by one, folks leave this world through physical death. Yes, the Bible says it is appointed unto me once to die (Heb. 9:27).

In verse five, we also see that the dead no more have a reward. They did, but now they do not. This is not denying the possibility of receiving a reward after we leave this world —the reward known as “*the crown of life*” (James 1:12). Rather, it is acknowledging the reality that once a person leaves this world, he no longer has an earthly reward. As we consider this passage, it is imperative that we connect its meaning with the final part of verse six: Solomon is writing about things “*done under the sun.*”

Some look at the words “*the dead know not anything*” and conclude that they are unconscious in their current environment. They couple that with “*the memory of them is forgotten,*” then claim the

dead cannot remember anything that happened when they lived on earth.

Two serious thoughts apply here:

First, the dead do not know anything in regard to what? They are unaware of anything that is going on “*under the sun*” (9:6), that is, on earth, at this very moment. Once a person leaves this world, he does not see or hear activities that transpire on earth.

Second, we know from other Bible statements that people do recall things after they pass from this life. In Jesus’ account about a rich man and beggar (Lazarus), He said the rich man remembered his own earthly circumstances, as well as those of Lazarus (Luke 16:25). The rich man also recalled that he had five brothers (Luke 16:27-28). In Revelation 6:9-10, we also read of those deceased saints who could recall the blood they shed on earth.

After a person’s demise, in the course of time, his love, hatred, envy, as well as his other attributes and activities, are forgotten. New generations come and the previous ones, in general, are forgotten — “out of sight, out of mind.”

The thought in Ecclesiastes 9:4 6 that stands out is that once a person leaves this world, he is no longer a factor in it. He is disconnected from the ongoing activities of humanity on earth. He no longer can influence them directly, though his works, good or bad, may continue to send a powerful message, like Abel’s faith does (Heb. 11:4).