

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

Liz Sturgill is back home and doing better.

Jeff Sturgill continues to recover from a sore on his foot and is doing better.

Ray and Liz's brother-in-law, Teddy Adams, in Kentucky is recovering from surgery to remove a tumor in the back of his neck

Ray Sturgill's sister, Louise Boggs, in Kentucky is in the hospital.

Jesse Riddle is experiencing weakness but is sometimes able to attend Sunday AM service. He recently has been placed under hospice care and is battling a UTI.

Virginia McKinney is in need of our prayers. She has been diagnosed with cancer and is scheduled for surgery April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Bob Hawkins continues to receive treatment for the veins in his legs.

Shawn Mathews will meet with a surgeon to see if he needs gall bladder surgery.

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

Please pray for Mike and Doris Parnell's neighbor's son, Jake, who has a serious illness.

Karen Sproles had a nerve block injection in her knee. She is awaiting results of a biopsy taken from a sore on her leg.

Karen Sproles' daughter is scheduled for stomach surgery this week.

Glenda Coons, former member, is struggling with undiagnosed health issues.

Nan Coons, wife of Darian and daughter-in-law of Eldon and Glenda Coons was is home and now able to eat and slowly improving.

**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..

**2024 Gospel Meetings:**

A spring gospel meeting will be held April 12-14 with brother Ronnie Whittemore of the Stop 11 Rd. Church of Christ in Indianapolis and a fall gospel meeting will be held September 6-8 with brother Tom House of the Plainview Church of Christ in Fulton, MS.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, April 3rd at 5:00.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, April 14th, following the AM services. Following the dinner, we will meet at 1:00 PM to conclude our gospel meeting with brother Ronnie Whittemore.

**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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**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](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## I WILL TAKE HEED UNTO MY WAYS

Marvin L. Weir

The Psalmist remembered to consider his own ways. Since these verses are written by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, they serve as a reminder to each of us. The apostle Paul affirms that such self scrutiny is needed in saying to the brethren at Corinth, “Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall” (1 Cor. 10:12). All of us need to, like David, take heed to certain matters. May each of us be inclined to say, I will take heed to:

**My Ways!** “I said, I will take heed to my ways...” (Psa. 39:1a). An ever growing number of people seemingly have only the desire to please self while living in this life. Their motives, habits, manners, speech, and dress matters little to them. How dare anyone question the way they have chosen to live!

A humanist and hedonistic philosophy encourages people to become their own god. These people then justify and rationalize that everything they do is acceptable — cause they approve it! And, for support, our government is now hard at work to deny most of what is godly and right while approving and encouraging ungodliness and wrong doing. A Christian, however, was never to be a part of this world. “Wherefore come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord” (2 Cor. 6:17). One seeking to save his soul and go to Heaven will search out whether his ways are in harmony with God’s word and ways!

**My Mouth!** “I will keep my mouth with a bridle while the wicked is before me” (Psa. 39:1b). Why bridle or muzzle one’s mouth? The Lord and His church are often judged by the ways and mouths of His people. The tongue is a most important but dangerous instrument. Regarding the tongue, the New Testament teaches, “For in many things we offend all. If any offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body” (James 3:2). If one can control the unruly and rebellious tongue, he should be able to control the rest of his body. It must be realized, however, that while the tongue can and must be controlled, it can never be tamed (James 3:8). In a moment of anger or despair, one can momentarily lose control of his tongue. One seeking to live godly and right will give heed to his tongue!

**My Heart!** “My heart was hot within me; while I was musing the fire burned: then spake I with my tongue” (Psa. 39:3). Blessed is the hot fire that burns in one’s heart regarding the holy things of God! There is far too little of this type of fire burning in the hearts of Christians today. The warning is clear: “Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God” (Heb. 3:12). Can a child of God fall from grace and lose his soul? The writer of Hebrews thought so

and warned against doing such! One must consider whether he has an evil or a godly heart.

**My End!** “Lord, make me to know mine end...” (Psa. 39:4). One of the most important questions one can ask is, “What shall be my end?” Do you remember an individual by the name of Balaam? He wanted his end to be with the righteous, but he also wanted the money Balak promised him to curse Israel. It is a truth that “no man can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (Matt. 6:24). Greed and a divided loyalty guarantees failure! One will do well to consider the end of this life!

Even though Balaam initially spoke to Balak only the words of God, he yearned to somehow get the money Balak had offered (Num. 24-25). Peter speaks of false teachers who have followed the way of Balaam (2 Peter 2:15). Jude notes those who “ran greedily after in the error of Balaam for reward” (Jude 11). John mentions those who “hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit fornication” (Rev. 2:14). Evidently, Balaam gave the Moabite king the plan to corrupt God’s people (Num. 25:1-3). Balaam was slain by the sword (Num. 31:8). One would do well to consider his end!

**My Days!** “Behold, thou hast made my days as a handbreadth; and my age is as nothing before thee” (Psa. 39:5). As our life in this world is only a few “handbreadths,” we need “to number our days” (Psa. 90:12) and redeem the time (Eph. 5:16). What one chooses to do with his days on earth (living in disobedience or obedience to God) will determine his eternal destiny.

**My Hope!** “And now, Lord, what wait I for? My hope is in thee” (Psa. 39:7). One must take heed that his hope is in the Lord and Savior and not in man-made creeds, man-made churches, experiences, circumstances, or self!

**My Transgressions!** “Deliver me from all my transgressions: make me not the reproach of the foolish” (Psa. 39:8). To transgress is to go beyond God’s authority. Yielding to sin is “lawlessness” or “transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4). One must take heed that he does what God requires to be delivered from his transgressions (repent and obey the Gospel).

**My Prayer!** “Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry” (Psa. 39:12). One must take heed that he is in a praying relationship with God or his prayer will simply be an abomination (Prov. 28:9).

Take heed to your ways!