

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Ken Roosa continued improvement, able to get out some.
Jeri Adams (Tina's Aunt in Fla.) is home but in need of heart surgery (Waiting for an appointment to see a cardiologist).
Don Richardson is still in Grand View Nursing Care and unable to receive visitors.
Ray Sturgill's back pain is much improved.
Vickie Mattingly (Cindy Murray's Sister-In-Law) passed and burial was 4-28-20.
Iris Hash – Improved but advised to stay in.
Delores Hendrickson
Deloris Hendrickson requests prayers for her brother.
Stephanie Sturgill – Cancer
Judy Merriman – Stage 4 Bladder Cancer
Carol Harris – Liver Cancer
Ernest Brown – Diagnosed with Cancer in his eye.
Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy)
Darryl Grimes, Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law, Chemo treatments completed 2 weeks ago and a full body scan on Monday (4-13-20). Great news, Rick is in complete remission!
Rick Skiver, Ken Roosa's brother, has completed radiation treatments. He has been told that there was no more they could do as far as chemo and they are setting him up for long-term Hospice care.
Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing)
Zachary Baxter, Susie Burdsall/Riddle's grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy
Edwin Parnell, cancer (Mike Parnell's brother)
Al Reynolds is back home with Gertrude
Melani Dodge – In need of our prayers and encouragement
Guyten Montgomery's mother is thankfully recovering from the corona virus.
Dean and Shirley Cook are back home and doing well.
Lori Bowlen is self-quarantined for Covid-19 – No symptoms now.

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Gloria Hale

Pray For The Work We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia)
Charles DiPalma (Mission work in Australia and New Zealand)
Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies

Upcoming Events:

No Pitch-Ins until the Coronavirus Crisis is past

All Services are Suspended Temporarily!

Tomorrow with **all** of its Blessings!

God's Plan For Our Salvation:

1. **Hearing** the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).
2. **Believing** what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).
3. **Repentance** (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).
4. **Confession** (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).
5. **Baptism** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3,4).
6. After the above five steps, **Faithful Christian Living** (I Peter 2:11, 12; Revelation 2:10).

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Bible Study – 9:30 AM (Service Suspended)

Worship – 10:30 AM (Service Suspended)

(6:00 PM Service Suspended)

Wednesday

Bible Study – 7:00 PM (Suspended)

Thursday

Ladies Bible Study – 11:00 AM (Suspended)

Radio Program:

“Preparing For Eternity”

Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

Who Knows?

I don't make any claims to clairvoyance. But, my wife says I'm pretty quick at uncovering the identity of the culprit in many of the made-for-television mystery movies. However, I am mistaken often enough to keep things interesting and I am tempted to wait until the end of the movie and say, "Oh, I thought it was him all along!"

The fact remains; we are just not equipped to predict the future. Only God knows the end from the beginning (Is. 46:10 "*Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure';*"). So, we are left to ponder about what might have been if only a different course of action might have been taken. In football, we call it Monday morning quarterbacking. But, it is practiced in all walks of life.

Hindsight is so much clearer than foresight. But, even then, we acknowledge the absence of many details which might influence our critique. Therefore, wisdom dictates a healthy diet of humility when examining the actions of others or in setting our own course for the future.

Providence is the unseen operation of God using natural means to accomplish His purpose. However, apart from divine revelation, we are left to speculate as to how He might have been working through a particular event. When Queen Esther hesitated to come before the king on behalf of the Jewish people, Mordecai encourages her, saying, "Who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this" (Est. 4:14). We don't know the future. But, as someone has said, "We can know the God who holds the future in His hands."

As we turn the corner on this pandemic, we should be especially careful not to rob God of glory that rightly belongs to Him. Some parts of the country have felt the impact of the Coronavirus to a far-greater extent than central Arkansas. We might be tempted to do a little Monday

morning quarterbacking. Could we have done things differently and have avoided some of the long-term consequences threatening our future?

Who knows? But, regardless of how our present situation develops—either in resolution and rebuilding or in additional learning experiences - we know that many have earnestly prayed for God's help and strength in meeting this crisis. Who knows but that our present, better-than-expected situation, as well as similar conditions across our country, is not the result of answered prayer? Who knows but that, for the grace of God, we might be looking into a much worse scenario than presently anticipated?

Therefore, in all things, we must give God the praise for He "*is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us...*" (Eph. 3:20).

—Glen Elliott—

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