

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Elena Hawkins is still experiencing left knee pain after receiving a steroid injection. Allen Davis is recovering at home from surgery to remove a growth on his lung. Bryan Dyer has nearly completed his treatments for his cancer. Tests indicate it is in remission.

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

David Cook had surgery to repair an aortic aneurysm and is now home and doing better.

Virginia McKinney is battling kidney failure but has been able to attend services.

Alice Wade's sister Shirley is being treated for lung cancer. Alice's sister Linda is also battling cancer that has spread to multiple locations and recently suffered a fall.

Charles Blair is receiving rehab following hand surgery.

Our Shut-Ins:

Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, 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.

2026 Morgan County Fair Booth:

We will once again have a booth in the merchant's building at the 2026 Morgan County Fair, July 10 – 18. Please sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board to help out with this important work.

Benevolent Opportunity:

For the month of June, we are collecting ramen noodles for the MSD food pantry.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next monthly men's business meeting will be Wednesday, July 1st at 5:00 PM.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, July 5th following the morning service.

Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song then dismiss for the day.

Area Gospel Meetings:

The Paris, IL congregation will have a gospel meeting June 21 – 24 with brother Robby Eversole. Services will be at 9 AM, 10 AM and 6 PM on Sunday and 7 PM Monday – Wednesday.

The Bargersville Church of Christ is hosting a gospel meeting June 21st – 26th.

Services are Sunday 9:30, 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM and Monday – Friday 7:00 PM.

The speaker is brother Chase Byers and the theme is "Lessons From Acts".

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).

June 14, 2026

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

- LESSONS FROM PAUL'S REBUKE OF PETER

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- *"But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews" (Gal. 2:11-14)?*

Simon Peter was an apostle of the Lord Jesus, as was Paul. Both of them preached the Gospel to Jews and Gentiles, though Paul did more of his work among the Gentiles, while Peter carried out more of his labors among the Jews (Gal. 2:8).

Here is what Paul penned about one situation that involved himself and Peter: *"Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed" (Gal. 2:11).*

Let us consider some lessons we can learn from the course of action taken in this matter by these two apostles.

Let's look first at **Peter**. As noted above, he had done something for which *"he was to be blamed"* (Gal. 2:11). Wait a minute. If Peter was a genuine apostle of the Christ, how could he mess up? Was he not guided by the Holy Spirit? Take note of the following point. The Holy Spirit guided Jesus' apostles to communicate the Gospel without mistakes, both orally and in writing. But, the Spirit did not take over their minds and make their choices for them in their personal lives. When preaching, Peter's message was perfect. In his own life, he had the freedom to make his own choices, and when humans do that, even when they show forth a pattern of being faithful servants of God, they still make mistakes.

In this case, of what sin was Peter guilty? Paul labeled it as **hypocrisy** (Gal. 2:13). A hypocrite is one who is an actor, a stage player, a pretender. The person whom we see performing as a character in a theatrical performance is a different person in real life. In the same way, a hypocrite is one who is very different in his heart than the impression he wants others to have of him. He is a pretender.

Notice this about Peter's hypocritical mistake: **it had an influence on others**. When others saw Peter, who definitely would have been counted as a leader, acting like a hypocrite, some of them joined him in his misdeed: *"And the rest of the Jews also played the hypocrite with him, so that even Barnabas was carried away with their hypocrisy" (Gal. 2:13).* Yes, our choices, whether helpful or harmful, can have an influence on

others. That is especially true for those who are in the role of leaders.

What led to Peter's sin in this instance? **Others may have affected his thinking**, but the bottom line is, **it was fear that led him to behave like he did**. The Bible says Peter stopped associating with Gentiles, *"fearing those who were of the circumcision"* —the Jews (Gal. 2:12). When we allow fear to take over our heart, we do not make healthy choices. As Peter was walking on water, fear entered his heart and he began to sink (Matt. 14:30-31). Do you remember that? And, when he denied the Lord three times, what was going on inside of him? He was fearful. God does not want us to live in fear of what might happen. Instead, He wants us to put our trust in Him, cast our cares on Him, and make choices which glorify Him.

Now, what about Paul's action in dealing with Peter? First of all, **what Peter had done could not be justified, nor could it be swept under the carpet as if it had never happened**. It happened. It influenced others. It had the potential to bring great harm to the Lord's work. You see, there was a point when Peter was spending time with Gentile Christians and treating them like they were on equal footing with Jewish saints and were "part of us." Then, because he was afraid of what some Jewish Christians might think about him, Peter started treating those same Gentiles as if they were *not* "part of us" (Gal. 2:12).

Kudos to Paul for having the courage to stand up to Peter *"to his face"* (Gal. 2:11). In fact, Paul rebuked his fellow-apostle *"before them all,"* that is, in the presence of others who were involved (Gal. 2:14). If a brother or sister in the Christ has sinned against me in a personal matter, that is between me and him/her and I should attempt to resolve it in a private manner. That is what Jesus taught (Matt. 18:15-16). What Paul describes in Galatians 2, though, was not a matter of Peter sinning against Paul. His was a sin against the Lord that had been committed in such a way that it was a corrupting leaven, having a widespread, evil effect on the thinking of others (Gal. 2:13).

Paul "called Peter out," so to speak, in front of others, the intention being to bring about repentance and limit the damage done. It is a biblical approach to follow the instruction of 1 Timothy 5:20: *"Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear."* Paul's rebuke of Peter was not done in an effort to try to make Peter look bad (Peter already had done that all by himself), nor was it done to make Paul look superior. Paul did it to help Peter, help Barnabas, and help the church.

The Bible says, *"He who rebukes a man will find more favor afterward than he who flatters with the tongue"* (Prov. 28:23). There are indications that after Paul rebuked Peter for his hypocrisy, they still thought highly of one another, and neither labeled the other as unfaithful or unreliable. That says a lot about both of those men. Are we listening?

- - Roger D. Campbell