

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

Merl McCurry (Tina's Dad) passed on Tuesday evening 6/29. Our sympathies are extended to the family.

Ray Sturgill is home and is having some problems with his heart and will be wearing a heart monitor until the July 23. Ray is doing good.

Liz Sturgill is having good success with her health issue treatments and is doing well.

Ernest Brown (Evelyn Murphy's father) has been transferred to Arlington Place for rehab on his hip. This following his fall, broken hip and surgical repair of the hip. Ernest is doing fairly well. Thanks to all for their prayers.

Darryl Grimes (Ken & Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law) is continuing with chemo treatments.

Darryl does have some problems with the treatments but plans to continue in his battle.

Please pray for Darryl's recovery.

Deloris Hendrickson is doing OK but is experiencing some dizziness from time to time.

Charlie Henard's mother has Alzheimer's that is progressing.

Josh Cook (Shirley's grandson) is having some complications due to his hernia surgery but is progressing as well as can be expected. He is at home presently.

Linda Bush is receiving cardiac rehab every other day.

Dave and Tina Knoy have requested your prayers for their granddaughter McKeneie Ritter.

Ray and Liz have requested prayers for their Granddaughter Taylor and their Great-Granddaughter Harmony.

Clay Sturgill (Ray's brother) continues rehab in Whitesburg, KY. He is doing well.

Jeff Sturgill's back problem is better though it is ongoing.

Stephanie Sturgill has received her last Chemo treatment and is doing real good.

Harold Riddle (Jesse Riddle's Brother) has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently having treatments. Harold will be going to a second specialist in the coming days.

Karen Sproles is having problems with a place on her back and one on her foot. Her thyroid problem is being watched. Karen was ordered to receive home care for these issues as well as home occupational therapy. Karen fell about 1 mo. ago and is to begin treatment for that. Karen is going to a Wound Clinic for a bandage change weekly.

Iris Hash has been weak lately and suspects that she may be anemic. She is being treated for acid reflux. Also, she is having some leg cramps. Iris is doing some better.

Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing). Prayers are appreciated.

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Gloria Hale

**Prav 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

**Men's Business Mtg.** - 5:00PM on Wed. (8/4). **Pitch-In:** August (8/1) .after AM service.

**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. **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

**Radio Program:**

“Preparing For Eternity”

Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

# I Decided to Be Happy!

(Editor's note: I have had this article in my files for years. The author is unknown, but it relates the story of an inspiring older lady who had learned one of the most important lessons on life -- that being to make the decision to be happy. The title of an excellent book fits perfectly here.... Happiness Is a Choice. Why not start today looking at the bright side of things. Instead of asking "Why me?" while dwelling on the negative things going on your life, why not choose to ask "Why me?" when considering all the manifold blessings that are yours this day. Bill Bryant)

She is 92 years old, petite, well poised and dignified. She is fully dressed each morning by 8:00 a.m., with her hair fashionably coifed and her make up perfectly applied (Oh, yes... and she is legally blind).

I met her on the day she moved to the nursing home. Her husband of 70 years had recently passed away, making this move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the Riverview Nursing Home where I am employed, she smiled sweetly when told that her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet curtains that had been hung on her window.

"I love it!" she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented a new puppy.

"But, Mrs. Jones," I said, "you haven't even seen it yet... just wait!"

Then she spoke these words that I will never forget: "That doesn't have anything to do with it," she gently replied.

"Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged. It is how I arrange my mind. I have already decided to love it. To be happy is a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice: I can spend the day with the parts of my body that no longer work... or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do work. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open in the morning, I will focus on the new day and all the happy memories I have stored away... just for this time in my life!"

What a beautiful attitude! May we all learn from sweet Mrs. Jones--those who, like her, are already in their sunset years, and others who, by God's grace, will someday reach them. Let us greet each day with a decision to be happy!

Bill Bryant

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## Note:

There will be a Memorial Service at the Building  
For: Merl McCurry  
Friday, July 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6PM  
All are invited to attend.

Thank you, Tina Knoy