

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Caylyn Mathews suffered a broken wrist while playing soccer and a cast was put on. She is doing well.

Steve Flick (Tina's Uncle) is not doing well. Hospice has advised that the family be called in.

Don Richardson is at home and is struggling with his health issues.

Iris Hash's blood work has been completed with tests to follow to determine the cause of her stomach problems. She is now waiting scheduling for further procedures for 09-03-20.

Karen Sproles is still having problems with her knee. Walking is difficult.

Liz Burdsall has an injury to her leg and foot. She is having difficulty with balance. It is not healing as well as expected. She is to begin physical therapy.

Delores Hendrickson and her brother need our prayers.

Stephanie Sturgill is now at home and doing good.

Charlie Henard is at home and doing some better but still weak. A kidney stone is to be removed on Friday (08-14-20).

Linda Bush is at home. She did have Heart Cath and a stint was placed in one of her arteries on 8-11-20.

Judy Coley is at home recovering from her procedure and doing very well.

Floyd Coley's ear infection is cleared up. He is having a problem with vertigo and is to begin therapy to combat this.

Ernest Brown continues recovery at home and is doing well.

Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy) is doing much better.

Donnie Thurman (Ken's cousin) his Cancer has spread to his Pancreas.

Sean Mathews – Stomach problems (ongoing)

Zachary Baxter, Susie Riddle's grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy

Edwin Parnell is in another round of radiation treatments for Cancer. The fluid on his heart his diminished to the level that it is of no further problem.

Dean and Shirley Cook are at home. Shirley is at home recovering from her procedure and doing very well. Able to get around well and feeling no pain.

Dale Pflaum (Shirley Cook's nephew) is now undergoing Chemo therapy.

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:

Tomorrow and **ALL** of its Blessings.

Annual Fish Fry is scheduled for Saturday (09-26-20) @ 5:00 PM.

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; 1 Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).
6. **Faithful Christian Living**, after the above five steps (1 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 – 7:00 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Study – 11:00 AM

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“Preparing For Eternity”

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There Is No Plan B

When engaged in some sort of project requiring a plan B, our dad used to say, “Well, there’s more than one way to skin a cat!” As revolting as is the thought of skinning a cat, we knew early on that it was just an expression. We had never seen any cat-hating evidence. We had even hosted, for a time, a couple of cute little kittens as house guests. Still the expression was heard often enough to have lodged firmly in our memories.

Some of us don’t think far enough ahead to have a plan **B**. We wait until plan **A** falls apart before scratching our heads to come up with a plan B. But, so far as this life is concerned, there is more than one way to get the job done—more than one way to skin the cat.

But, so far as spiritual things are concerned, we have often emphasized the fact that there is only one way to get to the Father and that is through Jesus our Lord. Jn. 14:6 *“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.”*

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, *“Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.”* - Matthew 7:13–14.

Majority opinion is an unsafe guide to follow if we hope to enjoy life eternal.

When it comes to our eternal destiny, many reason that there are many ways to heaven. But, as we have just shown, such is not the case. If there is an alternative plan B that will get us to heaven, then the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross was unnecessary and the Father was an accomplice to the murder of His own Son!

But, the matter needs to be taken a step further. Even among those who express belief in the Lord Jesus, there is but one way to heaven. In the same chapter we referred to a moment ago, Jesus says, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21).

Obedience is that essential characteristic of biblical faith that brings it to life (Jas. 2:26 – “For just as the body without *the* spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.”).

Biblical faith and obedience are inseparably connected to one another (Heb. 3:18-19; Jn. 3:36).

One cannot be effective without the other. We are not talking about works of merit; but works of faith. In this respect, there is only plan A— following Jesus as Lord and trusting in Him to lead us to our heavenly home.

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