

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

Doris Parnell had cataract surgery and is scheduled for another shoulder surgery.  
Ray and Liz's son Jeff fell and hurt his back and has a concussion. He was admitted to the Bloomington hospital.  
Mike Parnell's son in Arkansas is scheduled for back surgery.  
Bob Hawkins will undergo an outpatient procedure for a problem with veins in both of his legs.  
Gerald Dunn, brother of Susie Riddle, is in a health care institution in Bedford and is experiencing memory issues.  
Gloria Hale has been moved back to the Heartstone rehab center in Ellettsville.  
Charlie Henard's mother in Tennessee suffers from Alzheimer's.  
Virginia McKinney is back home from Tennessee but has been experiencing some balance problems. In April she fell, broke her wrist and had to have surgery to have a plate put in.  
Karen Sproles is still confined at home and is receiving home health services.  
Iris Hash is still battling kidney and gastric issues.  
John Richardson is in a rehab facility in Greenfield. He is in need of a colostomy.  
Terry Richardson is in rehab at The Waters in Martinsville.  
Steve Anderson is suffering from periods of dizziness.  
Haven Duncan, Dave and Tina's granddaughter, recently graduated from Army basic training and has moved on to airborne training at Ft. Benning, Georgia. She suffered a fall during training and broke some bones in her foot.  
Jesse Riddle is experiencing problems with a stent put in his arm.

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

**Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:**

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia)

Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru)

**Deepest Sympathy:**

Our prayers go out to Ken and Sherrie Roosa at the passing of their son-in-law Darryl Grimes. Pray also for Darryl's wife Angel and daughter Molly. Services were held Saturday in Jamestown, IN.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, September 7th at 5:00 PM. All men are encouraged to attend.

**September Monthly Pitch-in:**

Our next monthly pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, September 4th, following the morning services. Following the pitch-in we will have a song service at 1:00 PM.

**Fish Fry:**

Our annual fish fry will be Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at the Martinsville City Park. More information will follow.

**Radio Program:**

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

**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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***MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST***

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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

**Website:**

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

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## HATING EVIL WITHOUT BEING HATEFUL

Roger D. Campbell

After his conversion, Saul of Tarsus, who had been the number one persecutor of the Lord's church, was quite candid about his past. By no means did he boast about his pre-conversion behavior, but he did not shy away from owning it either.

Paul described what kind of person he and others were before they became followers of the Christ: *"For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another"* (Titus 3:3). Note again the last few matters he mentioned: malice, hateful, and hating one another. What an ugly picture that is!

The great news for the apostle and the rest of us comes in the message that immediately follows what we observed in Titus 3:3. Paul went on to write about being saved by the kindness, love, and mercy of God (Titus 3:4-5). Do you mean the Lord is willing to love and forgive malicious, hateful people? He sure is, and are we not thankful?!

God charges His children to lay aside all malice (1 Peter 2:1). The old me/old man may have been a person with a bitter and hateful disposition, but the new me who has been "born again" into God's family must never act in a hateful manner toward others. Doing so is not part of a Christian's DNA. Rather than being malicious (wanting to harm others or desiring to see them suffer), Jesus' disciples want what is best for others. We should stand prepared to feed our adversaries (Rom. 12:20) and do good unto all, including the obnoxious and immoral in society (Gal. 6:10). And, most importantly, like our heavenly Father, we do not want to see anyone perish in a "spiritual sense," but long for all to repent, turn to God, and leave this world ready to live with Him eternally (2 Peter 3:9).

Would it be acceptable, though, for a Christian to hate what is wicked, corrupts the world, and keeps its practitioners separated from the Lord? Absolutely.

Does the Lord hate sinful behavior? We find the answer in Proverbs 6:16-19: *"These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him. A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,*

*feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness, that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."* The Bible also declares that God's Son "loved righteousness and hated iniquity" (Heb. 1:9).

Some say, "But those passages talk about what the *Godhead* does, not what *humans* should do." True. However, Christians are to be imitators of Jesus (1 Peter 2:21-22) and the Father (Eph. 5:1). In principle, we need to love what the Godhead loves and hate what the Father, Son, and Spirit hate.

The Bible says there is a time to love, but also a time to hate (Eccl. 3:8). In addition, it is true that *"The fear of the LORD is to hate evil..."* (Prov. 8:13). A proper reverence for God and His Cause causes us to hate that which is evil.

The Psalmist proclaimed to God, *"Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way"* (Psalms 119:104). Yes, it is proper for children of God to "hate every false way."

The book of Jude shows the need for Christians to demonstrate a discerning spirit when dealing with people. Here is instruction for Christians about how to approach folks in contrasting scenarios: *"And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh"* (Jude 22-23). In one situation, it would be good to approach a person living in sin with a more gentle, compassionate manner. In a different case, though, we need to act as if we are snatching someone out of a fire, and to do so "hating" the defiled garment. Yes, it is proper to hate sin and its corrupting consequences.

I hate the philosophy known as humanism. I deplore the theory of organic evolution. I despise denominationalism. I hate any effort to mock the Lord, His word, or His people. I must learn to channel my energy and emotions, however, and make sure that I uphold the truth and oppose evil with a spirit that shows a heart which genuinely cares for those who are caught up in ungodly messages or wicked practices.

Not only is it *possible* to speak the truth in love, it is *essential* to do so (Eph. 4:15). As we show our disdain for evil, let us not be hateful in the process.