

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Judy Coley had a cardiac pacemaker implanted at Methodist Hospital last week to address cardiac arrhythmias. She is now at home and doing well.

Sheila Eyster had significant water damage to her home in North Ft. Myers, FL caused by hurricane Ian.

Jesse Riddle's eyelid surgery has been rescheduled for October 18th.

Continue to pray for Mike Parnell's son, Bill in Arkansas as he battles cancer. He will be staying temporarily with Mike and Doris as he receives treatments in Indianapolis.

Clay Sturgill, Ray's brother, is in the hospital in Virginia.

Aletia Sturgill, a close friend of Ray and Liz, is in a rehab center in Virginia.

Ray and Liz's son Jeff had back surgery and is now recovering at his home.

Doris Parnell's shoulder surgery has been scheduled for October 31st.

Bob Hawkins had an outpatient procedure for a problem with veins in his legs. He will receive more treatments in the future.

Gerald Dunn, brother of Susie Riddle, is in a health care institution in Bedford and is experiencing memory issues.

Virginia McKinney is still experiencing some balance problems. She will be wearing a heart monitor to help in diagnosing her problems. She is also having a biopsy of her thyroid.

Karen Sproles is still confined at home and is receiving home health services. Her husband Chet broke his leg and is in rehab at Meadow Lake in Mooresville.

Iris Hash is feeling some better but is still staying with her daughter. She is on antibiotics and is also suffering from arthritis.

John Richardson has been admitted to the hospital in Greenfield, in need of a colostomy.

Terry Richardson is in rehab at The Waters in Martinsville.

Haven Duncan, Dave and Tina's granddaughter in the Army, has a broken foot and pneumonia.

Hurricane victims in Florida.

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)

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, November 2nd at 5:00 PM. All men are encouraged to attend.

Fall Gospel Meeting:

Our fall gospel meeting with Brother Ronnie Whittemore will be held November 11-13. Services will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday and Saturday evenings. There will be a pitch-in dinner after the Sunday morning service then a 1:00 PM service to conclude the meeting.

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

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

I LOVE SPORTS

Not everyone is “into” sports. In truth, neither enjoying sports, nor finding them uninteresting, makes one more spiritual or more faithful in the Lord’s service.

Some sports bore me. I have zero interest in participating in them or watching others play them. But when it comes to other sports, I am a confessed lover of them.

I love sports, BUT...

- **I never want to become a person who loves pleasure more than loving God.** God’s word says, “...*In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God*” (2 Tim. 3:1-4).
- **I do not want to think more about sports than I do about heaven.** “For we know that if our earthly house of [this] tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with **our house which is from heaven**” (2 Cor. 5:1-2).
- **I do not want to talk more about sports than I do about Jesus and His Gospel.** “...Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and **preached Christ unto them.** ... Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and **preached unto him Jesus**” (Acts 8:5,35).
- **I do not want to spend more time reading about sports than I do reading God’s word.** Upon hearing the Gospel, the people in Berea “...were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and **sought the scriptures daily**, whether those things were so” (Acts 17:11). The Psalmist wrote, “O how love I thy law! it [is] my meditation all the day” (Psa. 119:97,113,163).
- **I never intend to forsake the assembling of the saints in order to attend or watch a sport.** “**Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another]: and so much the more, as ye see the day **approaching**” (Heb. 10:25).
- **I do not want to be described by others as one who “eats, drinks, and sleeps” sports.** “...Seek those **things which are above**, where

Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection **on things above**, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:1-2).

- **I do not want to get so worked up over sports that I become obnoxious or cannot function.** “Finally, [be ye] all of one mind, having **compassion** one of another, **love as brethren**, [be] pitiful, [be] **courteous**. Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it. For the eyes of the Lord [are] over the righteous, and his ears [are open] unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord [is] against them that do evil” (1 Peter 3:8-12).
 - **I do not want my references to sports to be a distraction to others during worship services.** “God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD” (Psa. 122:1).
 - **I have no intention of spending more money on sports than I contribute to my God.** “But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you” (Matt. 6:33). “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, [so let him give]; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7).
 - **I have no intention of having a falling out with a saint who cheers for my team’s biggest rival.** “And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise” (Luke 6:31). “For all the law is fulfilled in one word, [even] in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself” (Gal. 5:14).
 - **I refuse to allow sports to become an idol, a stumblingblock that will keep me out of heaven.** “Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and **covetousness, which is idolatry**” (Col. 3:5). “Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also [do] ye. And above all these things [put on] charity, which is the bond of perfectness. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful” (Col. 3:12-15).
- Roger D. Campbell