Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:
Ray Sturgill's brothers-in-law, Darrel Short and Teddy Adams are in bad health.
Alice Wade's sister Linda in Florida is suffering with cancer..
Bob Hawkins is still experiencing dizziness from peripheral neuropathy. He is awaiting an appointment with his neurologist.
Virginia McKinney continues to deal with kidney issues,
Joni McConnell is still recovering from heart issues and a broken hip.
Charlie Henard is still being treated for MS.
Dave and Tina Knoy's daughter-in-law, Jessica Haynes visited the Mayo Clinic and will soon begin a different medicine to try and treat her chronic migraine issues.
Former member Beryl Miner will undergo chemo for cancer behind one of his eyes.
Karen Sproles' daughter, Jean England, is still suffering from stomach issues.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:
Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, Karen Sproles

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 their reports on the bulletin board.

Benevolent Opportunity:
For the month of November, we will be donating canned soup in support of the Gunner Burnham food pantry.

Men's Business Meeting:
The next monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, November 11th at 5:00. Note that this is a delay of 1 week due to brother Bob having participated in the Stop 11 lectureship and the absence of others.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:
Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, December 6th following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song.

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).ur

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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

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

BE AS I AM

The apostle Paul introduced the Gospel of Christ to the Gentiles of the Roman province of Galatia, and as a result, there were churches established throughout the region. They had their ups and downs (Gal. 1:7), but part of Paul's instruction was to encourage them. In Galatians 4:12 he exhorted, *"Brethren, I beseech you, be as I am."* Was this the statement of an arrogant person? NO! It wasn't arrogance. Was it right for Paul to make such a statement? YES! It had everything to do with that which was right. Can you and I rightfully make such a statement to others today? YES! You and I can make such a statement IF we mean what Paul meant, and IF we are the example that Paul was.

Paul was simply pointing out that "example" is a powerful way to teach and persuade others. Paul also used this lesson in another incidence. To the Corinthians he said, *"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ"* (1 Cor. 11:1). Here, he clarifies the statement with *"even as I also am of Christ."* The pattern of example (Christ) makes the difference.

Certainly none of us should be so arrogant as to try to influence anyone to follow our human ways. To the Philippians Paul noted, *"Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so as ye have us for an ensample"* (Phil. 3:17). The word "mark" means to observe or look to. He is showing that not only an apostle, but anyone who followed the same pattern he followed would also be an example of Christian living.

Paul admonished the preacher Timothy to be an example, *"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity"* (1 Tim. 4:12). Elders, as well as every Christian, are also to be good examples. Therefore it is not wrong nor arrogant for one to say "Follow me, as I follow Christ."

In many cases such an admonition is understood: *"And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost"* (1 Thess. 1:6). It is implied that the Christians at Thessalonica began to watch and follow the example of Paul and those workers traveling with him. Paul puts forth Christ as the prime example when he says "and of the Lord." Peter also held Christ up as the ultimate example, *"For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps"* (1 Peter 2:21).

God would have us understand that we must be "living examples." We must practice what we preach. We cannot say that we belong to Christ and live as if we belong to the Devil. When one becomes a Christian, he is saying to God that he is willing to live in a glass house. We should understand that the eyes of the world will be upon us.

Christians must desire that others will become as they are, lovers of God and followers of His will. This was Paul's wish for King Agrippa, *"Paul said, I would to God, that not only thou, but also all that hear me this day, were both almost, and altogether such as I am, except these bonds"* (Acts 26:29). Notice that Paul would not wish his chains upon anyone, but he would hope that all could be saved in Christ as he was. We should hope for the same.

First, we should be as confident in our salvation as Paul was. Second, we should have the same love for the souls of others as Paul did. In order to do so, we must live the life of Christ.

Brethren, let us live the proper example and then let us encourage others to "be as we are." - *John D. Cotham*