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 light-headedness. 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.
Floyd Coley is dealing with water buildup on his feet and legs.
Steve Anderson recently had outpatient surgery to remove a growth on the back of his neck.
The husband of Iris Hash's niece is suffering from a rare condition that causes him to be extremely sensitive to touch.

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.

Additional Contribution To Mission Work:
The men recently agreed to send a one-time donation of $1,000 to support the missionary work of Brett and Joanne Rutherford, who are working in the country of Tasmania. This work is overseen by the Mersey Bluff congregation in Mississippi.

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, December 2nd at 5:00 PM.

Ladies' Holiday Luncheon:
The ladies of the congregation will be having a holiday luncheon at the church building on Saturday December 5th starting at 11:00 AM.

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).

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Sunday
Bible Study – 9:30 AM
Worship – 10:30 AM
Evening Service - 6:00

Wednesday
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Thursday
Ladies' Bible Study – 11:00 AM

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THE CHRISTIAN'S RESPONSE TO THE RISE OF THE RELIGION OF ISLAM IN AMERICA

The presence of Muslims in the Congress of the Unites States of America is an indication of "the rise of the religion of Islam in America." These Muslims are: André Carson (D-IN), Ilhan Omar (D-MN), Lateefah Simon (D-CA), and Rashida Tlaib (D-MI). Professor Victor Davis Hanson recently observed America is becoming an Islamic Socialist Republic. A case in point is the new mayor of New York City, Zohran Mamdani who has declared himself to be an Islamic socialist. The political views of all these people aside, the purpose of mentioning them is to establish the reality of the "rise of the religion of Islam in America." Also, the increase of the number of mosques in the USA from 1,209 in 2000 to 3,150 in 2026, more than double, quantifies numerically the "rise of the religion of Islam in America."

Outside of the political arena, what is the Christian's response? In America, the First Amendment of the Constitution assures freedom of speech, but in some other countries the Christian's response offered here could bring a death sentence. A threefold response follows.

One, point out the god of the Quran, although referred to as Allah (meaning god) and is referred to in the Quran as the Beneficent, is not the God of the Bible. Proof comes from the Quran and the Bible. The Quran says god has no son; the Bible says God has a Son.

The Quran: "And they say: The Beneficent has taken to Himself a son. Certainly you make an abominable assertion! The heavens may almost be rent thereat, and the earth cleave asunder, and the mountains fall down in pieces, That they ascribe a son to the Beneficent! And it is not worthy of the Beneficent that He should take to Himself a son" (Surah Mary a.k.a. chapter 19:88-92).

The Bible: *"While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him"* (Matt. 17:5). Also, *"And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.... Father, glorify Thy name. Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again"* (John 12:23,28). And, the memorable John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

These contrasts from the Quran and the Bible prove the religion of Islam to be a false religion.

Two, point out the Muslims are monotheistic, that is, the Quran affirms only one single person is their god. The Bible speaks of the Godhead, that is, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the god of the Quran is not the God of the Bible.

The Quran: "That is Allah, your Lord. There is no god but He; the Creator of all things; therefore serve Him, and He has charge of all things" (Surah The Cattle a.k.a chapter 6:103). "Say: He, Allah, is One. Allah is He on Whom all depend. He begets not, nor is He begotten: And none is like Him" (Surah The Unity a.k.a. chapter 112:1-4).

The Bible: *"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost"* (Matt. 28:19). *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen"* (2 Cor. 13:14). *"Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device"* (Acts 17:29). *"For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse"* (Rom. 1:20). *"For in Him* [Jesus Christ] *dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily"* (Col. 2:9).

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Three, point out the Quran itself calls for the death of non-believers and for those who do not believe in their monotheism. The Bible commands "love thy enemies" (Matt. 5:44) and "turn the other cheek" (Luke 6:29).

The Quran: "And kill them wherever you find them, and drive them out from where they drove you out, and persecution is worse than slaughter. And fight not with them at the Sacred Mosque until they fight with you in it; so if they fight you (in it) slay them. Such is the recompense of the disbelievers" (Surah The Cow a.k.a. chapter 2:191). And, "So when the sacred months have passed, slay the idolaters [polytheists], wherever you find them, and take them captive and besiege them and lie in wait for them in every ambush. But if they repent and keep up prayer and pay the poor-rate, leave their way free. Surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful" (Surah The Immunity a.k.a. chapter 9:5).

The Bible: *"Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you"* (Matt. 5:43-44). And, *"But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also"* (Matt. 5:39).

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False religions in America have twisted the Scriptures not only to their own destruction but also to the ruination of the nation (2 Peter 3:16). How sad that America seems never to have learned the lesson Jesus taught when He said, *"And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand"* (Mark 3:24).

Perhaps by looking for ways to apply this "Christian response to the rise of the religion of Islam in America" the church will be empowered to take the proper stand against this evil. Wisdom shows that *"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people"* (Prov. 14:34). Before listing the Christian's spiritual armor, the apostle to the gentiles said, *"Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all to stand. Stand therefore..."* (Eph. 3:10). – Gary McDade