

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Liz Sturgill is doing better and continues to receive dialysis treatments.
Jeff Sturgill has a sore on his foot but is now doing better.
Jesse Riddle is experiencing weakness but is able to attend Sunday AM services.
Delores Hendrickson has been unable to attend services but is doing better.
John Richardson is recovering from gall bladder surgery.
Two of Ken Roosa's cousins, Gary and Butchy Thurman, have cancer.
Shirley Cook's nephew in Illinois, Dale Pflum, is suffering from cancer.
Karen Sproles is doing better will have a nerve block injection in her knee soon.
Nan Coons, wife of Darian and daughter-in-law of Eldon and Glenda Coons has been hospitalized with repeated infections. She will undergo a diagnostic procedure soon to try and determine the cause,

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, John & Terry Richardson

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See latest mission reports on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium.

Congratulations:

Congratulations to Daniel, Audrey, Caleb and Charlie Goshorn on the birth of Levi. Levi was born last week in Lima, Peru. Levi and Audrey are both doing well. We thank God for answered prayers on their behalf. We are blessed to be able to support Daniel and his family as they spread the gospel in Peru.

2024 Men and Women's Planning Sessions:

On Saturday, January 20th the men and women will meet for breakfast then return to the building to have planning sessions to determine the works that we will pursue for 2024. More information to follow.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, February 4th, following the AM services.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 3rd at 5:00.

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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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 (March through October)

Radio Program:

"Preparing For Eternity"
Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

OUR CHOICE OF ASSOCIATES MAKES US WHO WE ARE

Victor M. Eskew

The Bible warns us about our choice of associates or friends. “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed” (Prov. 13:20). “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (1 Cor. 15:33).

The reason for the warning is because we become like those with whom we choose to associate.

- We walk like them.
- We talk like them.
- We dress like them.
- We behave like them.
- We like what they like.
- We dislike what they dislike.
- Their attitudes become our attitudes.
- Their views become our views.
- Their habits become our habits.
- Their friends become our friends.
- Their enemies become our enemies.

If our associates are...

- Spiritual, we become spiritual.
- Worldly, we become worldly.
- Negative, we become negative.
- Positive, we become positive.
- Liberal, we become liberal.
- Conservative, we become conservative.

- Honest, we become honest.
- Dishonest, we become dishonest.
- Kind, we become kind.
- Evil, we become evil.

Have you ever seen someone change:

- After getting a new friend?
- When he/she starts dating?
- When he/she gets into a clique?
- After changing churches?
- After getting a new job?

We have all seen it happen. We wonder: “What has happened to him/her?” Our associates, our friends, are powerful forces in our lives. Thus, we need to carefully examine those with whom we associate. Our merely liking them is not the best reason to stay with them. Do my friends...

- Make me a better person?
- Cause me to treat others better?
- Make me more Christ-like?
- Help me to refrain from sinful things?
- Cause me to be positive?
- Challenge me to grow in Christ?
- Encourage me to put spiritual things first?
- Let me be me?

The Bible does not discourage friendships and associations. It merely exhorts us to make good decisions about who these individuals are. “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise...”