

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Judy Coley – C-Scan Results (had reaction to Dye used for Scan)
Delores Hendrickson
Kirill Hawkins – High Blood Pressure and related issues
Karen Sproles – recovering from foot surgery
Teddy Burgess (friend of Evelyn Murphy)
Ken Roosa – Severe neck problem (Surgery scheduled for February, 2020)
Darryl Grimes, cancer treatment (Ken and Sherrie Roosa’s son-in-law)
Rick Sciver – Bone cancer treatment (Ken Roosa’s brother)
Randy Murray, cancer treatments, (Cindy Murray’s husband)
Zachary Baxter, Susie Burdsall/Riddle’s grandson, deployed in the U.S. Navy
Edwin Parnell, cancer (Mike Parnell’s brother)
Larry Waymire – Missionary from West Tenn. Cancer isolated in one eye.
Eric Bowlen – Several severe health issues
Al Reynolds in VA hospital, possible pneumonia
Evelyn Murphy – Recovering from shoulder replacement
Ernest Brown – Diagnosed with cancer in his eye.
Derrick Burdsall – Leg & back injured in fall (Tim& Liz Burdsall’s son)
Melani Dodge – In need of our prayers and encouragement
Jimmy & James – Prayers for their families who have some problems

Pray For Our Shut-ins:

Goldie Gilbert
Gloria Hale

New Addresses –

Dave & Tina Knoy	Goldie Gilbert
3811 Cramer	Grand Valley Room 106
Martinsville, IN 46151	1501 Hubert Circle
	Martinsville, IN 46151

Pray For The Work We Are Supporting:

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia)
Charles DiPalma (Mission work in Australia and New Zealand)
Northwest Florida School of Biblical Studies

Upcoming Events:

Monthly Pitch-In following AM Worship – 2-2-20
Men’s Business Meeting after Pitch-In
Ladies Luncheon Prep w/Pottery Works – 2-23-20
Ladies need to select pottery choice and sign-up by 2-2-20
Tomorrow with **all** of its Blessings!

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. After the above five steps, **Faithful Christian Living** (I Peter 2:11, 12;

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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 and 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study – 7:00 PM

Thursday

Ladies Bible Study – 11:00 AM (March – October)

Radio Program:

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

Website:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

James 3:8 "But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison."

That troublesome tongue—that's what James details here in the third chapter of this book. He compares a bit in a horse's mouth and a rudder of a ship. In both of those examples, the tongue is controlled by us. We are not along for a ride. It's not the moment, nor is it our emotions that dictate what we might say or react to. Like a rider on the horse, or the captain of a ship, we are in control. We decide what will be spoken.

James then describes the negative impact that the tongue can have. It's like a fire and it can consume. He then says, in our verse today, it's full of poison, like a viper and likely to strike at any moment. Our verse says the tongue is a restless evil. It is full of deadly poison. And, most shockingly, "no one can tame it."

It is that last expression, "no one can tame it," that causes the most alarm. If no one can tame it, then there's no hope. If it can't be tamed, why try? If it can't be tamed, then I'm not responsible for gossiping. My tongue can't be tamed. And, in the big picture, why does James devote most of this chapter to the tongue if it cannot be tamed? He said in the first chapter, if we do not bridle our tongue, we deceive ourselves and our religion is worthless. How can that be if it's untamable? Great questions, but missing the point of what James is telling us about the tongue.

In the previous verse, James says that man has tamed beasts, birds and reptiles. But no one can tame the tongue is our verse.

Our tongues are not tamed. Our tongues are like the wild animal.

You can't trust a wild animal. Untamed, it might do anything. That's our tongues. You must treat it as an untamed animal. You have to be on guard all the time. Something happens, and that tongue wants to erupt like a volcano. Get a group of brethren together, and if not careful, the gossip starts. You have to watch it. Something great happens and the tongue wants to boast and put on the pride. Forget to do something or you let someone down, and the tongue wants to lie to cover up your responsibility. Oh, that tongue never seems to learn. You have to watch it all the time. You can't leave it alone, because it'll say something that it shouldn't.

That's the direction James is driving at. He's not giving us a pass and throwing up the hands saying, you can't help it. What he is saying is, you've got an untamed animal and you better not let him out of your sight. This means that we always have to have our guard up. We always have to be watchful. We have to be careful. That animal, our tongue, can turn at any moment. We must think first. As James said in the first chapter, we must be quick to hear and slow to speak.

It is our tongue that can do most good or the most harm. Take a typical Sunday morning down at the church house. And, what you say and how you say it can do more good than a month of sermons. Or, what you say and how you say it can stay with a person for a lifetime and be the reason why they never return.

So, here are a few things to remember:

There isn't a time limit to sermons. Did you learn anything? What you say can sure put a cloud over the preacher's head and make him discouraged or you can just keep those thoughts to yourself. A pat on the back and a "I sure appreciate the hours you pour into helping us see God and knowing His word," will go a long way in making his day.

A new person walks in. You can turn your head and go find someone you know to talk to. That's the easy thing to do. And, if everyone does that, this visitor, even though encouraged by the worship, leaves thinking no one likes me and I'm not welcome there. However, if you go up and extend your hand and have a smile on your face, and say, "I'm really glad you came today," that person just might come back. How about, "You can sit with me and my family if you'd like." That tongue, pointed in the right direction, can sure do a lot of good.

The tongue—it's a wild animal. You gotta watch it all the time. The wrong words, the wrong way and all kinds of trouble happens. But directed, like that horse or that ship, in the right way, and so much good can be accomplished.

Roger Shouse

How often do we stop to consider the daily protection God extends over us? What does the knowledge that He saves us from unseen dangers mean to you?