

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Judy Coley is wearing a heart monitor to get more information about her condition. Sean Mathews will have additional PSA tests this month to check his prostate. Ken Roosa had an additional test on February 6 to evaluate his heart condition. Lisa Bunch is being treated with low dose cortisone for polymyalgia muscle pain. Charlie Henard was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and now is being treated by receiving periodic infusions.

Elena Hawkins is being treated for a chronic cough.

Virginia McKinney has been diagnosed with high blood pressure.

Tina Knoy will wear a heart monitor to get data related to a periodic rapid heart rate.

Floyd Coley is experiencing issues with his hip. Floyd is also dealing with GI issues.

Deloris Hendrickson is doing better but having problems sleeping.

Doris Parnell is suffering from shoulder pain. She is also scheduled to have an ultrasound to further evaluate her kidney issues.

Joni McConnell is home and doing better, but is scheduled for a heart valve procedure on February 18.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, and Kathy Malowitz

Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:

John Grubb and his wife (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru). See reports of their works on the bulletin board.

Benevolent Opportunity

We are now collecting cereal for donation to the Martinsville school food pantry.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner is today, following the morning service. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song then dismiss for the day.

Financial Reports:

The 2025 year-end financial report is posted on the bulletin board. In addition, copies of the 2026 budget are available on the table in back of the auditorium.

2026 Gospel Meetings:

Our gospel meetings for 2026 have been scheduled. Our spring meeting will be April 10 – 12 with brother Bill Boyd and our Fall meeting will be with brother September 11 – 13 with brother Ronnie Whittemore.

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).

February 8, 2026

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

WHAT TYPE OF JUDGING DOES JESUS CONDEMN? MATTHEW 7

The Bible speaks about different types of judging. We have to look at the context to see what “judging” is being discussed. Some judging is condemned by our Lord. Other judging is endorsed by Him.

Jesus said, “*Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete [use], it shall be measured to you again*” (Matt. 7:1-2). Many folks who know little about the Bible can quote Matthew 7:1! We do not deny what these verses say because Jesus said it, we know it is true. We totally accept it.

Did you notice that the Master said that disciples will judge and be judged (7:2)? In whatever manner disciples judge others, they can expect to receive similar judgment/treatment from them (7:2; Luke 6:37-38).

What kind of judging does Jesus not want us to do? It’s judging that is inconsistent and unfair. Jesus said, “*And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye*” (Matt. 7:3-4)? It is not wrong to recognize and acknowledge that a brother has something in his eye (7:3). It is not right, however, to see and speak about my brother’s eye issue, but at the same time refuse to deal with/take care of what is in my own eye.

The judgment Jesus was condemning was *hypocritical* judging. “*Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother’s eye*” (7:5). Hypocrites are pretenders.

Outwardly, they look like one kind of person, but in their heart, that is not who they really are. The word “hypocrite” meant an actor who wore a mask. They were one person in real life and another person in the theater —on stage. Jesus wants us to be “the real deal” —genuine at all times. Before we try to “straighten out” other people, we need to make sure we are living properly ourselves (7:1-2).

If we step outside of Matthew 7, we find other biblical instruction about inappropriate judging. Judgment that is harsh and without mercy is wrong (James 2:13). So is judging according to

outward appearance (John 7:24). Judgment that is prejudicial also is out of place.

Having “prejudice” is prejudging someone. It is a judgment or opinion formed before the facts are known, a preconceived idea, a bias not based on facts. The Bible clearly condemns judging that is partial, that is, showing favoritism or feeling animosity toward another person simply because they are of a particular race or from a different region in our own country, or because of their outward looks, social standing, etc. Treating others with “respect of persons” is wrong (James 2:1-9).

There is another side of the judging coin. There are some judgments which the Lord expects us to make. If one keeps reading in Matthew 7, he will come to statements Jesus made about how to deal with dogs (7:6), hogs (7:6), wolves (7:15), and evil fruit (7:17). The Christ expects us to be able to identify such and act accordingly. Yes, we must make a judgment call about who and what are dogs, hogs, wolves, and evil fruit. We might say that Jesus wants us to do “fang and fruit inspection” (7:15-18).

When people hear the word “judge” they can get very emotional. We need to remain calm and investigate all the Bible says about judgment before we make our final conclusions. Jesus told people to judge “righteous” judgment (John 7:24). If Jesus said to do it, it cannot be wrong. This kind of judgment takes a look at what God’s word says and investigates all the facts in a matter, then we must make a decision that is based on the Bible’s teaching and the facts of the situation at hand.

First things first: we must examine ourselves to make sure we are living in the right manner (2 Cor. 13:5). There are times when we observe fellow disciples who have fallen into sin. When that happens, what are we to do? With a spirit of meekness, we are to approach them and try to restore them (Gal. 6:1). Doing so does not violate what Jesus said about judging. In fact, it shows a genuine concern for a person who is struggling.

As we try to get a grip on the types of judging that are acceptable and which kinds are wrong, and as we strive to deal with our fellow man, let us all be practicers of “The Golden Rule” of Jesus of treating others as we would like to be treated (Matt. 7:12). Yes, let us do our best to treat and judge others in the way we would like them to deal with us. - Roger D. Campbell