

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Virginia McKinney is suffering with back and hip pain.
Ray Sturgill is recovering at his daughter's home in Mooresville from heart issues and is going to rehab three times per week.
Joni McConnell's sister has been hospitalized with shoulder issues after falling.
Evelyn Murphy has been struggling with respiratory issues.
Tim Burdsall is still recovering from knee replacement surgery.
Iris Hash is dealing with fluid in her ears.
Delores Hendrickson continues to need our prayers for sustained health.
Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling terminal cancer but holding her own.
Karen Sproles is still dealing with pain in her knee.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, 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.

Benevolent Opportunities:

We are collecting canned soups and meal entrees such as ravioli, beef stew, etc. through March 9th. These items will be donated to the Martinsville school food pantry.

We are also collecting full-size pillows until the end of February, to be donated to Sleep In Heavenly Peace, an organization that makes beds for foster families and needy children.

Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:

Our next pitch-in dinner will be today, following the AM services. Following the pitch-in, at 1:00 PM, we will have a service in song.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, March 5th at 5:00 PM.

2025 Gospel Meetings:

Our gospel meetings for 2025 have been confirmed. Brother Randall Jones will hold our spring meeting April 25 – 27 and brother Donnie Vick will hold our fall meeting September 12 – 14.

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).

March 2, 2025

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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

Website:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

SAD, MAD OR GLAD

Jerry Joseph

When the Truth is proclaimed (2 Tim. 4:2-4) the hearer will respond in one of three ways: sad, mad or glad. The obedient people on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2 responded with *gladness* (Acts 2:41) while the rich young ruler was *sad* when he heard the Truth (Matt. 19:16-22). In Acts 7:51-60, some became so *mad* at what Stephen preached they stoned him to death. False accusations were made against Jesus (Matt. 11:19; John 10:20) and the apostle Paul (Acts 26:24) out of anger over the Truth that was proclaimed.

Do people generally respond in the same way today? Yes! We are thankful that some are glad to hear the Truth and obey it. But how tragic it is when people respond in a sad or mad way and continue to do so.

Why are people sad or mad when Truth is proclaimed? Let's notice three reasons.

1) People are sad or mad when they hear what is NEEDED, not necessarily what is wanted. Some want their ears tickled with fables and foolishness (2 Tim. 4:3-4). They want to hear that which is smooth and not right (Isa. 30:10). Too many want to hear what pleases them rather than what God demands that must be preached.

2) People are sad or mad when they hear NEGATIVE preaching. It is amazing how some believe there is no place for negative preaching.

One cannot read and understand 2 Timothy 4:2-4 and not understand that negative preaching is a part of "God pleasing preaching." The very words "reproving" and "rebuking" demonstrate that. Of course, there must always be the preaching of both the positive and negative.

3) People are sad or mad when they hear NAMES called or mentioned. Is it wrong to identify those who are making havoc of the Truth and/or who are false teachers? Of course not. Fulfilling Romans 16:17-18 demands that it be done. Paul did it in 2 Timothy 2:17-18 and 4:14-15. He was not wrong for doing so. Some will become mad when a false teacher is identified but will not say one thing when that false teacher (by his teaching) causes others to lose their souls. Indeed, isn't that strange. Such is a demonstration of the wrong attitude toward God, His Word and the church.

We must not become **mad** with the **message** nor **messenger** of Truth.

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, [then] are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32).