

Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:

Sean Mathews will have additional blood work performed in 6 months to monitor his prostate cancer condition before determining next steps.

Floyd Coley has experienced foot and ankle swelling that may be associated with his medications.

Sheila Eyster's neighbor, Bill Stowing, passed away from heart issues.

Linda Jones is being treated for Parkinson's disease.

Glenda Coons is scheduled to have back surgery August 20th to remove bone spurs on her spine.

Iris Hash's son Bobby Eppards is back home after being treated for fluid around his heart.

Delores Hendrickson continues to need our prayers for sustained health.

Charlie Henard's niece, Brittany Henard, is battling terminal cancer. Her condition has worsened and she is now under hospice care.

Pray For Our Shut-Ins:

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash, Terry Richardson, 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 latest mission reports on the bulletin board in the back of the auditorium.

Benevolent Opportunities:

We are now collecting canned pastas such as spaghetti O's, ravioli, etc. These items will be donated to the MSD food pantry.

Fall Gospel Meeting:

Our fall gospel meeting will be held September 12 – 14. Our speaker will be brother Donnie Vick of the Shelbyville Rd. Church of Christ in Indianapolis.

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.

Fish Fry:

Our annual fish fry will be held on September 20 at 5:00 PM at the Martinsville City Park shelter house No. 5.

Men's Business Meeting:

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, August 6th, at 5:00 PM.

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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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:

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

THE PROGRESSION OF SIN

Satan is not satisfied with one, two, or three sins; he wants to keep the progression going until you are completely destroyed and have lost your soul.

Someone once said, and rightly so, “Don’t dabble in sin because when you are through with sin, sin won’t be through with you!” One would be hard-pressed to find a more accurate statement. Numerous instances throughout the Bible prove this statement to be true. Sin has a certain progression about it that, once begun, is rather difficult to stop. God knows this, and that is why He has provided numerous examples in the Bible from which we can learn by example (as opposed to experience) to stay away from sin altogether, due to its progression from “little” to “much.” Let us notice just a few examples of such.

There are three avenues of sin: 1) **the lust of the flesh**, 2) **the lust of the eyes**, and 3) **the pride of life**. John wrote, *“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world”* (1 [John 2:15-16](#)).

All sin, in whatever form, will approach a person in one or more of these three ways. Jesus faced and overcame all three of these avenues of sin in His temptation by Satan ([Matt. 4:1-11](#)). Having faced all three of these avenues and having overcome them, the statement in [Hebrews 4:15](#) is especially significant: *“For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.”* Jesus may not have faced the exact temptation as we do today (i.e., the temptation to use drugs, smoke, etc.), but He faced and overcame all three avenues of sin and, having done so, was tempted in all points like us, yet He was without sin. It is also important to remember the words of 1 Corinthians 10:13: *“There hath no temptation taken you but **such as is common to man**: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”*

Any temptation one faces is a temptation that is common to everyone, in that it comes through one of the three avenues mentioned

in 1 [John 2:16](#). Knowing these three avenues and knowing that God will provide a way of escape, will assist us greatly in overcoming temptations.

Adam and Eve fell prey to the progression of sin ([Gen. 3](#)). The text says that Eve *“saw that the tree was good for food”* (lust of the flesh), and she saw *“that it was pleasant to the eyes”* (lust of the eyes), and she also saw that it was *“a tree to be desired to make one wise”* (the pride of life). Through these three avenues, Satan caused Eve to believe the lie, *“Thou shalt not surely die,”* and she partook of the forbidden fruit (along with Adam), thus opening the door in this world to death, suffering, sorrow, and all manner of evil. Truly, when Adam and Eve were through with sin, sin was not through with them!

Achan fell prey to the progression of sin ([Joshua 7](#)). The city of Jericho was the firstfruits of the land of Canaan and, as such, all the spoils were to be consecrated to God (6:19). The remainder of the conquest of Canaan belonged to Israel, but the spoils from Jericho were specifically to be dedicated unto God. Achan, however, took of the spoils to keep for himself. Achan would eventually confess, *“When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, then I coveted them, and took them”* (7:21).

Note the progression; Achan said he saw, he coveted, and then he took. Nothing wrong was committed when he saw the spoils, but then he coveted. Even in that act, Satan was not through with him, and Achan gave in to the temptation by taking the spoils for himself. That act (no doubt seemingly so small a thing at the time) cost thirty-six men their lives ([Josh. 7:5](#)). It also cost Achan his own life, as well as the lives of his family ([Josh. 7:24-25](#)). The progression of Achan’s sin not only hurt him, but those closest to him and his nation, as well.

Sin is an extremely dangerous thing. It should not be taken lightly. Satan is not satisfied with one, two, or three sins; he wants to keep the progression going until you are completely destroyed and have lost your soul.

Do not “play” with sin, for, as the saying goes, “When you are through with sin, sin won’t be through with you!” - *Chad Dollahite*