

**Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**

Ken Roosa had a heart catheterization performed last week. Some blockage was found in one artery but it did not require insertion of a stint, but he will be treated with medication

Virginia McKinney is doing much better after a brief stint in the hospital.

Ray Sturgill's brother-in-law, Teddy Adams, has brain issues and is being treated at the hospital in Lexington, KY but is allowed to return home on the weekends.

Iris Hash is doing better with her hip issues and pleurisy.

Iris Hash's son, Bobby Eppards, is in cardiac rehab in Carmel following surgery.

Karen Sproles' son Ken suffered a mild heart attack and is recovering at home. Her daughter, Jean, is battling LARS, a chronic stomach issue. In addition, Karen's brother-in-law Ken has been diagnosed with bladder cancer and will have surgery soon.

Deloris Hendrickson is doing better following her battle with respiratory issues.

Joni McConnell is still dealing with a chronic cough and is being scheduled to have an echocardiogram to evaluate her heart function.

Charlie Henard is recovering from elbow surgery.

Doris Parnell has been suffering with shoulder pain.

Dave Knoy is recovering from foot surgery and is doing well.

**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 Opportunities:**

We are now collecting canned soups. These items will be donated to the MSD food pantry.

**Monthly Pitch-in Dinner:**

Our next pitch-in dinner will be Sunday, December 7th, following the AM services. Following the meal we will have a service in song at 1 PM then dismiss for the day.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next men's business meeting will be Wednesday, December 3rd 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".

**Ladies' Holiday Party:**

The ladies will have a holiday party on Saturday, December 6 at 11:00 AM at the building. All ladies are invited and encouraged to attend and are encouraged to bring guests with them. If questions, please see Tina Knoy.

**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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Martinsville, IN 46151  
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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

## HAS GOD ANSWERED YOUR PRAYERS?

*Jonnie Hutchison*

Among the great blessings and privileges of being a Christian is the opportunity to approach the God of heaven and earth through the avenue of prayer. The Hebrew writer declares, *“Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need”* (Heb. 4:16). We are assured that God will hear and answer our sincere prayers as we ask in harmony with His revealed will. *“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us”* (1 John 5:14).

God’s greatest servants have always been men and women who prayed regularly and consistently. The Bible records the prayers of Abraham (Gen. 15:7; 17:18; 20:17), Daniel (Dan. 2:17-18); Solomon (1 Kings 3:6-9), David (1 Sam. 23:10-13; 2 Sam. 7:18; Psalm 51:10-13), Ezra (Ezra 9:6); Gideon (Judges 6:36); Habakkuk (Hab. 1:2-4); Hannah (1 Sam. 10:11), Isaac (Gen. 25:21), Jesus (Matt. 11:25; John 17:1-26; Luke 23:34, 46), Paul (Acts 28:8; Eph. 3:14-21; 2 Cor. 12:8), Peter (Acts 9:40); the church (Acts 12:5) and the disciples (Acts 4:29-30); just to name a few. The prayers of these faithful men and women were answered by the very same loving God that we serve.

Sometimes people pray to God expecting their prayers to be answered but are disappointed in the outcome. They may express this disappointment in words like “I prayed about it, but God didn’t answer my prayer. Why?” In answering this question consider the following:

**Did you ask according to His will?** According to 1 John 5:14, asking according to God’s will is a condition to acceptable prayer. If one asks for something which is contrary to the will of God as revealed in the Bible, then he need not expect his prayer to be answered.

**Did you ask in faith with no doubting?** Regarding the subject of praying for wisdom the book of James affirms, *“But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord”* (James 1:6-7). The faith in this passage refers to ones personal faith. How confident were you in your prayer that God would both hear and answer it? Or, did you doubt he would? Jesus said, *“But I say unto you, That it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee”* (Mark 11:24). “The doubter forfeits all legitimate expectation that his prayer may be answered” (Coffman).

**Have you forgiven others?** Jesus taught, *“And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in*

*heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses”* (Mark 11:25-26). One who harbors a grudge or an unforgiving attitude toward others is not ready to seek God’s forgiveness. Until one repents of such an attitude he need not expect God to forgive him even if he asks in prayer. (See Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13).

**Did you pray with humility and reverence in recognition of your own unworthiness?** Jesus gave a parable of a Pharisee and a publican (Luke 18:9-14) to contrast two different attitudes that impact prayer: self-righteousness and humility. The parable speaks of a Pharisee and a tax collector who went to the temple to pray. The Pharisee’s prayer showed an utter disregard for his own guilt as well as a lack of respect for others. While the Pharisee exalted himself telling God all the good things he had done and how much better he was than others. The tax collector, in humble recognition of his own unworthiness, refused to raise up his head before God, beat himself on his chest and said, “God, be merciful to me a sinner.” Jesus ended this parable by explaining the tax collector was justified before God *“...for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted”* (Luke 18:14). One ought to approach God in prayer with the deepest of humility and reverence if he expects God to accept his prayer.

**Are you an impenitent sinner? Are you truly doing God’s will in your life?** The Bible reads in John 9:31, *“Now we know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and doeth his will, him he heareth.”* According to these words, God does not hear impenitent sinners in the sense of answering their prayers. On the other hand, God does hear the prayers of those who do his will. The inspired Solomon wrote, *“The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the Lord, But the prayer of the upright is his delight”* (Prov. 15:8). The prophet Isaiah was inspired to reveal, *“...your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear”* (Isa. 59:2). Obeying God and becoming a faithful Christian assures us of the fact that God will hear and answer our prayers according to His will.

God will hear and answer our prayers but He will do so in agreement with his unlimited knowledge and according to his eternal purpose. He may not always answer our prayers in the way we expect or on our timetable. Sometimes God may say “no” in answering our prayers. We should accept that he will hear our prayers; and if we place our trust in him, He will answer our prayers as to what is best spiritually for all involved. Then with confidence we can say with the Psalmist, *“But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me”* (Psalm 66:19-20).