

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JANUARY 5, 2020

SYMPATHY: Russell Carson (of the community and good friend of Sonny Stewart and the Browns) passed away recently.

Carrie Stapleton (granddaughter of Lorraine Hounshell) lost a grandmother recently. Tom Wacaster (instructor at MSOP who will preach our meeting this year) lost his wife recently,

SICK/TEMPORARY: Conor Cates and Jessica Young were sick this past week.

PROTRACTED: Janice Bailey—Alzheimers; Paul Baldwin—diabetes; Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Gladys Marie Elrod (Mary Ray's son-in-law's mother)—congestive heart failure; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; Bubba Farrow (Emma Farrow's son)—Alzheimer's; Jerry Floate (of this community)—liver transplant; Brook Hale (Tracy Roberts' niece)—Grave's Disease; Paula Harrison—Meniere's Disease; Paul Hounshell (Carl Hounshell's son)—a-fib; Wanda Jackson—a-fib; Brenda Jones—Lupus; Stan Jones—Meniere's Disease; Garrett Lentz (son of a co-worker of Cody Hadley)—seizures; Becky Munns (Tabatha Clayton's aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; Robert Rawson (preacher at Crockett)—diabetes; Ray Reynold's (Sheila Massey and Mary West's dad)—memory trouble; Brett Rutherford (Dan Cates' friend)—MS; Dan Sandidge (Syble Embrey's son-in-law)—Grave's Disease; Tammy Turner (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; Francis Wallace (friend of Mary Ray); and Elizabeth Yount (sister-in-law of Paula Harrison)—recovering from a very serious auto accident.

CANCER: Clifton Angel (preacher at Coldwater)—thyroid; Sherry Brown (retired MSOP secretary); Robin Brueck (niece of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey)—breast; Alicia Busby (from the community); Earl Carlton (son of a friend of Syble Embrey)—esophageal; Gary Darnell (Ella Darnell's son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; Brenda Davis (a grandmother of Edra and Ryan Farrow); Debbie Farrow; Orville Fowler (father of the Browns' neighbor)—stomach; Joyce Geeslin—under hospice care; Tom Gordon (of Looxahoma); Nathan Jones (the Hounshell's neighbors' 16 year old family member)—brain; Sara Kiestler (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; Billy Kimbrough (former son-in-law of Joyce Geeslin)—esophageal; Wade Loggins (member of congregation in Elkmont, AL); Dorothy Mosher (wife of an MSOP instructor); Carol Ogelsby (family of Sonny Stewart and the Browns)—stomach; Tommy Pierce (the Browns' friend); and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: Marie Crockett (home), Emma Farrow (in a care facility in Sardis), Orelia Ferguson (home).

SERVING: Dylan and Maggie Cooper (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.), Cameron Hadley (Grayson Hadley's dad—Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC), Jacob Petrowski (grandson of former members here—Marines, Romania). Also, please continue to pray for Kyle Embrey (Syble Embrey's grandson—policeman) and all other military [especially who are going or remain abroad] and for all those in authority that we might live "quiet and peaceable" lives (I Timothy 2:1,2).

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Missions [the latest reports from these works are on the bulletin board in the foyer]

Independence Mission Fund (next: tbd)

Memphis School of Preaching (Jonathan Jenkins)

Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)

Jim and Tammy Turner (Fairfield, North Carolina)

Trent Kennedy family (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)

Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India [Providing Bibles]

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

Pablo Horna (Costa Rica) [Overseeing funds]

Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

SECOND IMPRESSION: DAVID

Corey Sawyers, adapted

We began with Thomas and Judas. Today, I would like for us to take a second look at one of the more familiar individuals from the Old Testament: David. There are at least three ways David sometimes gets miscast. Let's examine them together.

First, we miscast David as the boy who faces Goliath (I Samuel 17). So many depictions of the battlefield scene have the giant challenged by a small Hebrew boy. There is much evidence in the text that he was at least an older teen. He had already become Saul's armor-bearer. Saul calls him "a youth," but the Hebrew word could mean someone from a baby to marrying age.

Furthermore, Saul, who was head and shoulders taller than the rest of his people (I Sam. 9:2), offered David his armor. David puts on the armor but refuses it, not because he could not wear it but only because he had not tested it. After defeating Goliath, David swings the giant's sword to chop off the Philistine's head. This would have been a remarkable feat for a small child.

Second, we miscast David as being led astray by Bathsheba (II Samuel 11). Perhaps this is as much of a miscasting of Bathsheba as David. Still, we often portray David as an innocent guy on his roof when a sinful temptress shows herself off and seduces the king. The truth is, David should never have been on that roof. He should have been leading his army in battle (v. 1). Instead, he saw Bathsheba bathing and allowed his passions to control him. He "sent messengers and took her" (v. 4). What could this woman do but yield herself to the king? After lying, deceiving, and murdering, Nathan confronts David. The prophet paints a picture in chapter 12 of David stealing Bathsheba. He took her, and she was powerless to withstand him had she tried.

Third, we miscast David by expecting perfection from one phrase (Acts 13:22). David is the man after God's own heart. This phrase comes from Paul's sermon in the Antioch synagogue. It is often debated how God could feel this way about the former shepherd boy after all the sins he committed. I have heard faithful Christians question the legitimacy of such a statement. Note, though, why God thought so highly of David. "who will do all my will." That does not mean he was flawless. David trusted in God, loved God's word, and sought the will of the Lord. As noted before, he still sinned. Nevertheless, when he sinned, he dealt with it in the way the Lord wanted him to (see Psalm 51).

So, what can we learn from David?

1. There comes a time in our lives in which the Lord expects us to step up and follow His will. However, he does not expect more of us than we can do.

2. We must not look at ourselves (or others) with rose-colored glasses. We have to be honest in our self-evaluation. Only then are we able to do what needs to be done.
3. The Lord does not expect you, and I to be perfect. He expects us to trust Him, love Him, and obey Him. When we fail, He demands we turn back to Him.

Our first impression of David may have been skewed by the way the accounts in his life have been told through the years. The text paints a different picture! No matter what the songs or stories might say, God's word gives us a second impression of David, which teaches valuable lessons for those who seek to follow Him!

"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:" (Ephesians 4:14,15)

BIBLE QUESTION:

This week's question: Whose right ear did Peter cut off?

Last week's question: Whose hand's reward shall be given to the wicked?

Last week's answer: His own (Isaiah 3:11)

SERMONS: "Highly Proficient in Using Their Weapon" (*Ephesians 6:17*)

Moral Issues Facing America 4: Marriage and the Home 4 (*Isaiah 5:20*)

DAILY BIBLE READING (January 6-12):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Genesis	16-19	20-22	23-26	27-29	30-32	33-36	37-39

SCRIPTURE READING (JANUARY): Cody Hadley (Hebrews 4:12)

(FEBRUARY): Carl Hounshell

PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING AND EVENING (JANUARY): Garrett Young

(FEBRUARY): Thomas Massey

ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (JANUARY): Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

(FEBRUARY): Mark Peyton and Dan Cates

CLEAN BUILDING (JANUARY): The Masseys

(FEBRUARY): Ella Darnell and Carolyn Stanford

PREPARE COMMUNION (JANUARY): Suzanne and Katie Brown

(FEBRUARY): Brenda Jones

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

UPCOMING EVENTS (For particular details, check the bulletin board for flyers):

January 22-26

Lectureship at Nesbit on *Time and Eternity*

March 29-April 2

Lectureship at MSOP on *Magnify His Name*

June 7-10

Gospel meeting with Tom Wacaster

June 12-14

Gospel meeting at Looxahoma with Aaron Ownbey preaching

June 6-9, 2021

Gospel meeting with Brian Stewart
