

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JANUARY 10, 2021

SICK/TEMPORARY: April Kinney and Karter Shamblin were under the weather this past week. Emma Farrow is recovering from recent, successful surgery. Crystal Brown, niece of Paul and Suzanne Brown, has been suffering from flesh-eating bacteria. Karen Smart, cousin of Kaylie Hadley, has been dealing with Covid while having an autoimmune disorder.

PROTRACTED: Janice Bailey—Alzheimers; 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; Jimmy Ferguson (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; Kaylie Hadley—UCTD; Paula Harrison—Meniere's Disease; Wanda Jackson—a-fib; Monica La Rock (granddaughter of Orelia Ferguson and mother of Noah); Garrett Lentz (son of a co-worker of Cody Hadley)—seizures; Sheila Massey—Bell's palsy; Easton McCullough (Grayson Hadley's best friend)—Bell's Palsy; Becky Munns (Tabatha Clayton's aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; Shelby Peyton—knee; Robert Rawson (preacher at Crockett)—diabetes; Ray Reynold's (Sheila Massey and Mary West's dad)—memory trouble; Brett Rutherford (Dan Cates' friend)—MS; Tammy Turner (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; Francis Wallace (friend of Mary Ray).

CANCER: Clifton Angel (preacher at Coldwater)—thyroid; Sherry Brown (retired MSOP secretary); Alicia Busby (from the community); Gary Darnell (Ella Darnell's son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; Brenda Davis (a grandmother of Edra and Ryan Farrow); Nathan Jones (the Hounshells' neighbors' 16 year old family member)—brain; Sara Kiestler (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; 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); John Riley (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; Tiffany Taylor (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), and Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is at home in Pensacola, FL).

SERVING: Dylan and Maggie Cooper (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.), Cameron Hadley (Grayson Hadley's dad—Marines, Hawaii), Jacob Petrowski (grandson of former members here—Marines, soon to be let out). 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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Services: Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 4:45 p.m. (pew-packers), 5 p.m.
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.

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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 (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

COASTING

Thom Vault

2 Peter 3:3,4, "Know this first of all, that in the last days mockers will come with their mocking, following after their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For ever since the fathers fell asleep, all continues just as it was from the beginning of creation.'"

If the year 2020 has taught us anything it is how something so small that we cannot see it has the power to upend the routines we established and relied upon for years. It is so easy to get caught up thinking that tomorrow will just be like the day before. This is called the fallacy of composition. It is when we infer that the whole is true just because some parts of the whole happen to be true. God continually warns His people to not become complacent in our thinking.

We need to let our current circumstance warn us of the dangers in thinking and depending on things continuing as they have in the past. It should wake us to the urgency of ensuring our walk and lives are in alignment with Christ. We put ourselves in grave danger by trusting in the reliability of the physical world that surrounds us. When we put our trust in the things of this world, then we let the things or gods in this world replace our trust in God.

If we think the danger of complacency is only with regard to the physical world around us, we are warned about becoming satisfied with our own good qualities earlier in the book:

2 Peter 1:8, "For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The list of qualities preceding this are all attributes (ex. knowledge, self-control, godliness, brotherly kindness) we should pursue. However, we are not to rest on our current standing in these qualities. With each of these qualities we are instructed to be increasing in them.

Christians cannot coast through life being complacent in our reliance on the physical world. This world, no matter how stable and reliable it seems, is transient and can never satisfy what our souls really need. However, we should also not be complacent with where we are now in our relationship with God and our good works of the past. Let us put our trust in God rather than things finding true contentment in the process. Also, let us continue increasing in the qualities Jesus personified for us rather than resting on our laurels.

"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: According to Elihu, from what direction does the cold come?

Last week's question: Where was Timothy to have abode when Paul "went into Macedonia"?

Last week's answer: Ephesus (*1 Timothy 1:3*)

SERMONS: "Baby, It's Cold Outside" (*Genesis 8:22*)

"All the Counsel of God": Church=Kingdom

DAILY BIBLE READING (January 11-17):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Genesis	33-36	37-39	40-42	43-46	47-50		
					Job	1-4	5-7

SCRIPTURE READING (JANUARY): Carl Hounshell (Psalm 147:16,17)

(FEBRUARY): Dan Cates

PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING (JANUARY): Dan Cates

(FEBRUARY): Cody Hadley

ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (JANUARY): Conor Cates and Cody Hadley

(FEBRUARY): Ray Stanford and Mark Peyton

CLEAN BUILDING (JANUARY): Suzanne and Katie Brown

(FEBRUARY): The Hounshells

PREPARE COMMUNION (JANUARY): Tabatha Clayton

(FEBRUARY): Kim Arrington

PANTRY NEEDS: Imperishables

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

January 31

On the fifth Sunday, we will have our **potluck**. If you have any Bible questions, please turn them in because we will be answering any questions as part of that evening's class session.

June 6-9

Gospel meeting with Brian Stewart.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today.