

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JANUARY 12, 2020

SICK/TEMPORARY: Dan Cates and Shelby Peyton were sick this past week. Joyce Geeslin has been hospitalized 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: THE ARK

Corey Sawyers, adapted

Not only do we often have incorrect opinions about some people in the Bible. Sometimes we have miscast events and items of the Bible. We began this series studying Thomas, Judas, and David. Today, let's take a second look at one of the more familiar accounts from the Old Testament: the flood of Noah, and specifically the ark that the patriarch built.

The ark is often portrayed in storybooks, decorations, and toys as a small tugboat-like vessel. These depictions of the ark make it so tiny that there is barely room for the few animals on it. The giraffes, elephants, tigers, and a few other favorite zoo creatures are hanging out the window or over the sides. This visual description of the ark is nothing at all like what we see in scripture.

In Genesis 6:14-16, the Lord commands Noah to make an ark out of gopher wood. The size of that ark was to be 300 cubits in length, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits tall. A cubit would have been somewhere around eighteen inches. The ark dwarfs not only a 747 but also the largest land animals. John C. Whitcomb (*The World That Perished*) writes that the three decks of the ark would have been the equivalent of 20 basketball courts. Whitcomb and Henry M. Morris (*The Genesis Flood*) report the ark's 1,396,000 cubic feet would have been equal to 522 railroad stock cars. Because the different kinds (note: not species!) were all represented, the math shows that there would have been plenty of room on the ark. John Morris and Tim LaHaye (*The Ark of Ararat*) suggest that the animals would have only used about thirty-six percent of available floor space. Regardless, there would have been plenty of space in the ark. That is only true if we think of the massive real ark, not the miscast tiny one!

There are many more misconceptions in the account of Noah and the ark.

1. Miscast: Only two animals of each kind went aboard. Reality: Two of each unclean animal and seven pairs of each clean went aboard the ark (Gen. 7:2-3).
2. Miscast: All the animals were represented on the ark. Reality: Only land-dwelling animals went aboard (Gen. 7:8).
3. Miscast: Many try to explain the flood away as a local flood. Reality: Not only was all the earth covered with water, but the water was 15 cubits (about 22 feet) above the highest hill. This is important because it would keep the ark from dragging and being damaged (Gen. 7:17-20).
4. Miscast: All the animals not in the boat died. Reality: Only the land-dwellers died (Gen. 7:21-23).
5. Miscast: Often, the scene in the storybooks shows a steady rain, the floodwaters slowly rising, and the ark gently floating along. Reality: This was a day of judgment. Can you

imagine the calamity as the skies above and the depths below emptied? The storms, thunder, tornadoes, lightning, earthquakes, and volcanoes would have been devastating. The cries from the perishing would have been gut-wrenching. The floating dead would have littered the waterways. Surely the smells of death and stagnant water would have been overwhelming.

Our first impression of the ark may have been miscast by the way the toys, storybooks, and decorations have pictured the ark and the scene around it. God's word gives us a second impression which teaches us the love of God's grace to those who are faithful and obedient, and the punishment that comes to those who reject Him. His ark is always big enough for us!

For more about the ark and the flood of Noah, visit ApologeticsPress.org. Much research for this article began there.

"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: Who shunned not to declare "all the counsel of God"?

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

Last week's answer: Malchus' (John 18:10)

SERMONS: "All Things That Pertain" (2 Peter 1:3)

Roger Chambers will give a report of his trip to Malawi during this evening's service

DAILY BIBLE READING (January 13-19):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Genesis	40-42	43-46	47-50				
Job				1-4	5-7	8-10	11-13

SCRIPTURE READING (JANUARY):

Cody Hadley (2 Peter 1:2-4)

(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