

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
JANUARY 19, 2020

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Joyce Geeslin is at home with comfort measures due to her cancer. Paul Brown, Shelly Cates, and Kaylei Hadley were sick this past week. Kaylie Hadley has also been diagnosed with Undifferentiated Connective Tissue Disease. April Kinney is still recovering from her second heart ablation. Madison Young has been diagnosed with laryngomalacia which affects breathing and eating; also she will have to have her hearing checked every three months.

**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; Kaylie Hadley—UCTD; 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); Madison Young—laryngomalacia; 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; 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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## The Informer



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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.

**Ministers:** Every Christian

**Elders:** Dan Cates (662-560-8045)

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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

# WHY I QUIT GOING

Barry Gilreath, III

In *A Heart Like His*, authors Mike and Amy Nappa provided twelve reasons why they stopped going to sporting events. Here are the twelve reasons:

1. Whenever I go to a game, they ask for more money.
2. The other fans don't care about me.
3. The seats are too hard.
4. The coach never visits.
5. The ump/referee makes calls I disagree with.
6. Some of the games go into overtime which causes me to be late for dinner.
7. The band plays songs that I do not know.
8. I have other things to do at game time.
9. My parents took me to too many games when I was growing up.
10. I know more than the coaches do anyway.
11. I can be just as good a fan at the lake.
12. I won't take my kids to a game either. They must choose for themselves what teams to follow.

I do not know the Nappas personally, but I believe they are trying to make a point about something else here. Wouldn't you agree?

We recognize that there is a reason why football stadiums are packed to the rafters each week. There is a reason why fans will part with their entire paycheck in exchange for seats on the 50-yard line. There is a reason why these same folks will sit atop uncomfortable metal bleachers for hours in the freezing cold. All the while, they hope – they pray – for overtime!

No. No one really reasons like this about sporting events, but many have adopted this line of reasoning in a futile effort to justify why they will not be found among the church – the household of God (cf. 1 Tim. 3:15). People have offered up excuses such as:

- “All the church cares about is money!”
- “No one there cares about me.”
- “The pews are uncomfortable.”
- “The [preacher, elders, etc.] never visits.”
- “The Bible class teacher says things that I disagree with.”
- “The preacher often preaches into overtime, and I've got lunch!”
- “The song leader leads songs that I have never even heard.”

“I'm busy. I have other things to do on Sundays.”

“My parents took me to too many church services when I was growing up.”

“I know more than the they do anyway.”

“I can be just as good a Christian at home, the mall, or the lake.”

“I need to let my kids choose for themselves what they will believe.”

Behind every one of these meager excuses is an issue of the heart – the inner man. All that we do flows out of our heart (cf. Prov. 4:23). The bottom line is that we all do what it is we love. May we be a people who love Christ and his church! “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind” (Matthew 22:37).

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*“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)*

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## BIBLE QUESTION:

This week's question: What type of fire is God?

Last week's question: Who shunned not to declare “all the counsel of God”?

Last week's answer: Paul (Acts 20:27)

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**SERMONS:** The Church That Will Never Be Destroyed (*Matthew 16:18*)

*Garrett Young will preach this evening*

## DAILY BIBLE READING (January 20-26):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Job</b>	14-17	18-20	21-24	25-27	28-31	32-34	35-38

**SCRIPTURE READING (JANUARY):** Cody Hadley (Daniel 2:44)

*(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 (Wednesday through Sunday)

**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