

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JANUARY 24, 2021

SYMPATHY: Please remember **Cody Hadley** who lost a cousin this past Tuesday.

SICK/TEMPORARY: **Mark Peyton** was sick this past week. Continue to pray for **Crystal Brown**, niece of **Paul** and **Suzanne Brown**, who has been suffering from flesh-eating bacteria. **Dylan** and **Maggie Cooper** tested positive for Covid, but are recovering well; **David** and **Kathy Jones** (**Shelly Cates**' parents) are also slowly recovering. **Pat Petrowski** (former member here) is recovering from a recent fall in which she broke her nose; **Jerry Worthington** (neighbor of the **Hounshells**) has been dealing with physical and emotional difficulties.

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

Independence Mission Fund (next: tbd)

Memphis School of Preaching

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Jim and Tammy Turner (Fairfield, North Carolina)

Trent Kennedy family (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)

Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

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Tennessee Children's Home, West

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

"AMEN AND A-WOMAN"

Daniel F. Cates

Editor's note: Last week, I included an article written by Brett Petrillo which addressed the general ignorance of men toward Christianity. I have included here an email which I sent in response to an article (<https://www.kansascity.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article248266055.html>) which I read saying that the representative was merely making a pun.

Dear Mr. Lowry,

Thank you for your consideration of these thoughts which I am expressing with regard to your article, "Missouri Rep. Cleaver Says His 'A-woman' Prayer Is Misconstrued to Stoke Division."

While Representative Cleaver claimed to have intended "Amen and A-woman" as a pun, I would suggest if it were that, it was a pun which, ironically, took lightly—even "made fun of"—the issue of chauvinism. In reality, it was not a pun, it was pandering—that is far from taking lightly a politically sensitive topic; that is taking lightly what to a "Methodist minister" ought to be a solemn address to God. In reality, I would suggest that he was not *really* speaking to God, he was speaking to his constituents.

I would add that the representative likewise took lightly his God in referring to Him as "the monotheistic god, Brahma, and god known by many names by many different faiths." God is not equivalent to Brahma—that is a blasphemous thought, especially from one who would call himself a "Christian."

In reality, Representative Cleaver was mocking God while making points with a political ideology; however, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked" (Galatians 6:7).

Again, thank you for considering these thoughts. I am sure that your time is valuable.

Daniel F. Cates

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P.S. While you are correct, "amen" is originally from the Hebrew; for English speakers, credit can also be given to Latin as dictionary.com and wiktionary.org both do—to quote the latter, "Etymology. From Middle Dutch **amen**, from **Latin** *āmēn*, from Ancient Greek *ἀμήν* (*amēn*), from Biblical Hebrew *אָמֵן* (*amén*, "certainly, truly")."

"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: In what city did the Lord open a door for Paul?

Last week's question: In what do "the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, ... have no confidence"?

Last week's answer: The flesh (*Philippians 3:3*)

SERMONS: "Little Strength" and an "Open Door" (*Revelation 3:8*)

"All the Counsel of God": Church Works

DAILY BIBLE READING (January 25-31):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Job	32-34	35-38	39-42				
Exodus	1-4	5-7	8-10	11-13			

SCRIPTURE READING (JANUARY): Carl Hounshell (1 Corinthians 3:6-9)

(*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. Please take a few minutes and fill out an attendance card for us so that we can have a record of your attendance. Once you have filled out a card, please hand it to one of the members, or lay it onto the pew.