

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
JANUARY 26, 2020

**SYMPATHY:** Joyce Geeslin passed away on Monday. The funeral was Wednesday. She was a great part of this congregation and will be greatly missed! Kinda Blount, of the community, lost her father recently—within the last two years, she has lost her husband and both parents.

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Paul Brown, Shelly Cates, and Grayson Hadley were sick this past week. April Kinney is still recovering from surgery; she is pain free but has no energy. Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mom) was hospitalized early in the week, especially because of medications changing and interfering with each other.

**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; Tom Gordon (Cody Hadley's grandfather); 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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**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

# FOUR THINGS MISSING IN HEAVEN, Part 1

Andrew Connally

In Revelation chapters 21 and 22 we read a lengthy and lovely description of heaven. The language is designed to stir our hearts, arouse our interest and to cause us to desire to go there no matter what the cost. But in studying these two chapters it is evident that at least four things are missing in heaven and it is evident they are missing by God's design. God does not want them there! God will not allow them to be there! In fact, by their very nature, it is impossible for them to be in heaven.

## NO SIN THERE

First, there is no sin there. Sin has been left for hell. "Nothing unclean or that is an abomination or a lie" is allowed in heaven. Sin has been a curse to the entire human race since Adam and Eve were in the garden. It resulted in the first disobedience to God (Gen. 3), and caused the first murder (Gen. 4), and has been found in the life of every accountable being ever since, except in the life of Jesus Christ, the Sinless One. Sin has cursed our world with all the immoralities man has ever devised. Sin is responsible for all the wars, crimes, abortions, child abuse, pornography, wife-swapping, tax evasion, and religious error found in our world. Sin is a cruel task master (John 8:44; Rom. 6:16-18), and keeps the whole world in bondage (1 John 5:19). Thank God sin will be missing in heaven!

## NO SICKNESS THERE

Second, there will be no sickness there. Because of the sin of Adam and Eve they were driven from the garden and their bodies began to degenerate and all manner of sickness became endemic to man. The "halt, the maimed, the lame and the blind" are found in all societies of the world. Periodically, one epidemic after another sweeps our land and untold millions die. Some deaths are horribly painful and ugly. Man constantly battles the germs, viruses, and illnesses of this world, but ultimately, most of us die from one sickness or another. Thank God no sickness will enter heaven! (*To be continued next week*)

*"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: Who "shall be as Mount Zion"?

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

Last week's answer: A consuming one (Deuteronomy 4:24; Hebrews 12:29)

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**SERMONS:** The Christian That Will Never Be Destroyed (*Romans 8:33-39*)

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

### DAILY BIBLE READING (January 27-February 2):

Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat. Sun.

**Job** 39-42

**Exodus** 1-4 5-7 8-10 11-13 14-17 18-20

**SCRIPTURE READING (JANUARY):** Cody Hadley (John 10:27-29)

*(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:** Please see the list of children's home's needs in the foyer.

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Kennadee Arrington February 17 Joey Hadley February 18

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

January 22-26 (Ends today)

**Lectureship** at Nesbit on *Time and Eternity*

March 29-April 2

**Lectureship** at MSOP on *Magnify His Name*

April 7

**Tennessee Children's Home** truck will be here

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

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### 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.