

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
FEBRUARY 14, 2021

SICK/TEMPORARY: Shelly Cates fell Tuesday and injured her hip; she will have an MRI tomorrow. Cody Hadley is recovering from an infection in his lungs. Continue to pray for Crystal Brown, niece of Paul and Suzanne Brown, who has hope of going home at some point.

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); and Jerry Worthington (neighbor of the Hounshells)—physical and emotional difficulties.

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). 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

Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)

Jim and Tammy Turner (Fairfield, North Carolina)

Trent Kennedy family (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)

Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India [Providing Bibles]

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

THE CHURCH SHOULD BE ON THE OFFENSIVE, Part 2

Victor M. Eskew

(Continued from last week) Dear readers, members of the church should be on the offense if we are serious about serving our Lord. To take the offensive, each one of us will have to: 1) Love the Lord with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30), 2) Be deeply concerned about the souls of those who are lost (Romans 10:1), 3) Be convinced of the tremendous power found in the Word of God (Hebrews 4:12), 4) Be educated in the truths the Bible presents (2 Timothy 2:15), 5) Be willing to get out of our comfort zones to teach others (Romans 1:13), 6) Be willing to face the obstacles, the opposition, and the oppression that will come our way as we proclaim God's Word to the lost (Matthew 10:22), 7) Live out the truths that we are trying so hard to convince others to accept (1 Peter 3:16-17), and 8) keep in close contact with God through the avenue of prayer (Ephesians 6:18-20).

A church that goes on the offense will see many blessings come her way. First, she will see great enthusiasm among her members as they spread the gospel of Christ. Second, she will see growth. The Lord has promise that if we will sow the seed, He will give the increase. Third, she will find less strife among her members. They will not be focused on self and trivial matters. The Lord's work will be their major concern, and they will be working together to accomplish it. Fourth, she will gain the respect of those in the world. The lost may not agree with all that is taught by the church, but they will appreciate the sincerity and the conviction found within the members. Fifth, the church will leave a legacy to the next generation. Youth will know that the church was faithful in the past, and they will feel a need to carry on the work with the same diligence as their forefathers. Sixth, the church will be well-pleasing to Jesus Christ. He came to seek and save the lost and wants His body to do the same. Seventh, the church can rejoice in hope. This hope involves the hereafter. They will have a home in the eternal abode as well as all those they have brought to the Lord. Dear Christians, let's go on the offensive. Let's put points on the scoreboard. Let's let the world know that we take our service to the Master seriously. Let's let our Master know that His cause is near and dear to our hearts.

"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: Whom did Sarah judge faithful?

Last week's question: Where does the spirit go when the dust returns "to the earth"?

Last week's answer: "The spirit shall return unto God who gave it" (*Ecclesiastes 12:7*)

SERMONS: "He Is Faithful That Promised" (*Hebrews 10:23*)

"All the Counsel of God": Contend-Defend-Fight

DAILY BIBLE READING (February 15-21):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Leviticus	20-23	24-27					
Numbers			1-3	4-6	7-10	11-14	15-17

SCRIPTURE READING (FEBRUARY): Dan Cates (*Hebrews 6:9-20*)

(MARCH): Thomas Massey

PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING (FEBRUARY): Cody Hadley

(MARCH): Carl Hounshell

ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (FEBRUARY): Ray Stanford and Mark Peyton

(MARCH): Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

CLEAN BUILDING (FEBRUARY): The Hounshells

(MARCH): Tabatha Clayton

PREPARE COMMUNION (FEBRUARY): Kim Arrington

(MARCH): Shelly Cates

PANTRY NEEDS: Please see the sheet with Children's Home needs.

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

February 18

The MSOP **MOST** classes begin. Times are 11, 2, and 6. One can watch the classes and even take part at msopmost.org. The classes had been scheduled to begin on the 11th, but weather prevented them—it may also this week.

April 1

The **Tennessee Children's Home** truck will be here. A list of their needs is in the foyer.

May 23-27

MSOP Lectures (moved from March). We are asked to provide 25 cakes for Monday, May 24.

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.