

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
FEBRUARY 23, 2020

SYMPATHY: Bertha Dickey (aunt of Brenda Jones and Thomas Massey) passed away last Sunday. Bruce Whitehead (nephew-in-law of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey) passed away on Friday a week ago; the funeral was last Sunday.

SICK/TEMPORARY: Shelly Cates, Shelby Peyton, and Mary Ray with health problems this past week. Madison Young has been able to move up to thicker formula; it is hoped she is beyond the worst of her swallowing concerns Wesley Haas (father of April Kinney) will be having a procedure tomorrow. Erica Swindoll (daughter of the Masseys) had her tonsils removed this past Friday. Tish Clarke (wife of MSOP director, B.J. Clarke) is awaiting results of tests on some spots of melanoma. John Raines (friend of the Hadleys) is awaiting news regarding cancer in his lymph nodes.

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; 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 Madison Young—laryngomalacia.

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; 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); 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).

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.

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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

“WEDNESDAY NIGHTS ARE JUST NOT DO-ABLE,” Part 2

Cindy Colley

(Continued from last week) But it doesn't take a smart mom to figure out that the child who saw her do very HARD things weekly just because the Lord's work was paramount in her world, is better prepared to do HARD things when the season changes. Building spiritual muscles for the heavy-weight temptations the devil hurls will not be done in overnight therapy when that season has come. Spiritual muscles are in training in the fellowship hall before class and on the pew when the pajamas are going on. It's happening in the class when the teacher is singing about who "came to class" and when the kids are playing in the auditorium, while dads are talking with each other and moms are in the prayer group meeting—praying for the futures of souls that will one day be placed permanently in one of two destinations.

Someone has said that the problem with the living sacrifice of Romans 12 is that a LIVING sacrifice keeps crawling off of the altar. May I just say that the display of practical weekly priorities is a big sacrifice-binding cord that you really do want to have in place. Now, I know we could go to Hebrews 10:25 and I believe that our Wednesday meeting would be an appropriate application of that passage, particularly when elderships have set up these assemblies for the feeding of our souls. The passage commands something practical about our assemblies together and our faithfulness to them, for sure. But I would postulate that our love for the times of study and fellowship (and for the Lord, who is the centerpiece of those times) should motivate us to WANT to be at the midweek assembly.

We could also compare the importance of all of the competing activities with the assembly of the saints in the middle of the week. Lots of times we let the loudness of the urgent, but temporal things get our attention while we ignore the whispers of the eternally important things. In a hundred years it will not matter one iota whether or not your child succeeded academically. It will not matter if he excelled at football or soccer. It will not matter whether she took ballet or gymnastics or had swim lessons. But it will matter a great deal whether or not he/she learned that spiritual matters are the most important matters of life. It will matter if he/she grew up with a determination to do HARD things for the One who did the hardest thing for us.

Even while writing this, I've talked with two moms whose children have moved to another season of life at universities—in these cases, even Christian universities. The devil is trying hard, in each case, to erode convictions of godliness. Both of these godly mothers are very thankful, even while they don't know the outcome of these challenges, that they did not compromise these priorities as their children were growing up. This knowledge is their protection now from deep regret.

Every season is the season for sacrifice. And the living is not a sacrifice (Romans

12:1,2) if we aren't doing HARD things. Let's not confuse "not do-able" with "difficult."

"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: One who is dead is freed from what?

Last week's question: What will be rendered to those who patiently "seek for glory and honour and immortality"?

Last week's answer: Eternal life (Romans 2:6,7)

SERMONS: The Seriousness of Sin (*Romans 6:23*)

Moral Issues Facing America 5: Drug Use 1 (*Isaiah 5:20*)

DAILY BIBLE READING (February 24-March 1):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Numbers	25-27	28-30	31-33	34-36			
Deuteronomy	1-2	3-4	5-6				

SCRIPTURE READING (FEBRUARY): Carl Hounshell (Romans 6:12,13)

(*MARCH*): Garrett Young

PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING AND EVENING (FEBRUARY): Thomas Massey

(*MARCH*): Dan Cates

ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (FEBRUARY): Mark Peyton and Dan Cates

(*MARCH*): Cody Hadley and Ray Stanford

CLEAN BUILDING (FEBRUARY): Ella Darnell and Carolyn Stanford

(*MARCH*): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

PREPARE COMMUNION (FEBRUARY): Brenda Jones

(*MARCH*): Tabatha Clayton

PANTRY NEEDS: Please see the list of children's home's needs in the foyer. April 7 is pick-up.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Ray Stanford	March 3	Orelia Ferguson	March 12
Jeffrey Clayton	March 14	Suzanne Brown	March 15
Marie Crockett	March 16	Grayson Hadley	March 31

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

March 7

Clothing giveaway from 9 A.M. til noon

March 28

Youth Day at Forest Hill beginning at 9:30 A.M.

March 29-April 2

Lectureship at MSOP on *Magnify His Name*. We have been asked to provide 25 cakes for that Monday (March 30)

April 7

Tennessee Children's Home truck will be here

May 3-6

Gospel meeting at Nesbit

May 31-June 4

Vacation Bible School at Coldwater