

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
MARCH 1, 2020

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Shelly and Conor Cates, Brenda Jones, Kaylie Hadley, and Shelby Peyton all had 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) had his procedure on Friday; it appears his difficulties have come from inflammation. 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*

# PEOPLE SKILLS FROM GOD

Dale Pollard

Some people just seem to be born with great people skills. Perhaps their personality type just naturally draws others to them. While natural ability may give some a leg up, the great news is that anyone can learn to work well with others and you can develop better interpersonal skills. In fact, it's really a biblical command! The church is made up of all kinds of people and that being the case, we must all be in the people business. Thankfully, our Lord doesn't leave us high and dry to try and figure these things out on our own.

Dispersed throughout the Bible we find several sections of scripture that teach us how to communicate, empathize, and get along with others effectively. God's interpersonal skills cannot be matched. As the Creator, He understands exactly how humans think and behave. Here are twelve insights on interpersonal skills sent to us from above.

1. Speak evil of no one (1 Thessalonians 5:14).
2. A soft answer turns away wrath, but harsh words stir up anger (Proverbs 15:1).
3. The wise of heart is called perceptive, and pleasant speech increases persuasiveness (Proverbs 16:21).
4. Be gentle and show courtesy to all people (Titus 3:2).
5. Do good to everyone (Galatians 6:10).
6. Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2).
7. As you wish that others would do to you, do so to them (Luke 6:31).
8. Discern your own thoughts, identify your intentions (Hebrews 4:12).
9. Treat others like you would treat Jesus. How would you interact with Him? (Matthew 25:40).
10. Season your speech with grace. It's the saviors All-Spice for every relationship building goal (Colossians 4:5-6)
11. Praise God and be joyful, it attracts people (Psalm 100:1-5)
12. Be ready for every good work, speak evil of no one, avoid quarreling, be gentle, show courtesy to all people (Titus 3:1-15).

Notice how many passages in the Bible command us to speak differently than everyone else? All of these insights can be simply summed up in just one sentence. Talk, walk, and live more like Jesus. He was perfect in every way and that includes how he interacted with others. Modeling ourselves after the Savior will not only improve our relationship skills with others, but also with Him. Jesus also teaches us that no matter how gentle and loving we are, we'll still make some people upset. That's alright! As long as we're acting like the Lord in all things.

*"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: Out of what phenomenon did God answer Job?

Last week's question: One who is dead is freed from what?

Last week's answer: Sin (Romans 6:7)

**SERMONS:** When God Stands up to Man (*Job 38:1-3*)

Moral Issues Facing America 5: Drug Use 2 (*Isaiah 5:20*)

## DAILY BIBLE READING (March 2-8):

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

**Deuteronomy** 7-9 10-12 13-16 17-19 20-22 23-25 26-28

**SCRIPTURE READING (MARCH):** Garrett Young (Job 38:1-3)

(*APRIL*): Dan Cates

**PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING AND EVENING (MARCH):** Dan Cates

(*APRIL*): Carl Hounshell

**ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH):** Cody Hadley and Ray Stanford

(*APRIL*): Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

**CLEAN BUILDING (MARCH):** Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

(*APRIL*): The Hounshells

**PREPARE COMMUNION (MARCH):** Tabatha Clayton

(*APRIL*): Kim Arrington

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

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

March 7

**Clothing giveaway** from 9 A.M. til noon. If you can help to set things up, please see Carl Hounshell or Suzanne Brown—several have been working nightly

March 11

**Youth Night** at Nesbit beginning at 7:00 P.M.

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

June 7-10

**Gospel meeting** with Tom Wacaster

June 12-14

**Gospel meeting** at Looxahoma with Aaron Ownbey preaching