

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MARCH 6, 2022

SYMPATHY: Inez Geeslin (related by marriage to Kim Arrington and Tabatha Clayton) passed away this past week.

Carolyn Ingram lost a 16 year old great-grandson to an automobile accident yesterday morning. Sandy Stewart's grandmother, Libby Russell, passed away mid-week at age 101; she was a faithful member of the church.

SICK: Janice Bailey (seizure), Paul Brown and Grayson Hadley (sinuses), Shelly Cates (sore throat, etc.), Destiny Clayton (stomach), Paislei and Joey Hadley (banged up from a car wreck), Lawayne House (bronchitis), Sheila Massey, and Mary Ray (hip and back pain) were struggling at different points this past week. Maggie Childes (a young girl in Paoli, IN) is dealing with colon problems following successful open-heart surgery.

PROTRACTED: Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Lauren Brown (niece of Paul Brown)—heart; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; Ella Cobb, granddaughter of the Houses—seizures; Bubba Farrow (Emma Farrow's son)—Alzheimer's; Jimmy Ferguson (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; Kaylie Hadley—UCTD; Paula Harrison—Meniere's Disease; Lorraine Hounshell; 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; 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; Bobby Stewart—needing hip replacement surgery; 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: 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; and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: Janice Bailey (home); Orelia Ferguson (home), and Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is in a care center 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]

Kakinada, India [Providing Bibles and Overseeing Funds]

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)

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Daniel F. Cates

Part VIII: Ruth

(Continued from last week) The key word, "kinsman," is found thirteen times in the book describing both Boaz and Naomi's nearer kinsman (eg, Ruth 3:12). This word, the Hebrew *gaal* (גאל), is defined by Strong as being from a verb meaning "to *redeem* (according to the Oriental law of kinship), that is, to *be the next of kin* (and as such to *buy back* a relative's property, *marry* his widow, etc.)." Here, then, especially in Boaz, one has a type of Jesus Christ (Gal. 3:13; Rev. 5:9). The key verse--and key chapter for that matter--concerns the redemption itself, the buying of Ruth; Boaz said, "Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye *are* witnesses this day" (Ruth 4:10). The key passage, Ruth 1:16,17, falls earlier in the book as a beautiful insight into the love and devotion of Ruth for her mother-in-law Naomi: "And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, *or* to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people *shall be* my people, and thy God my God: Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the LORD do so to me, and more also, *if ought* but death part thee and me."

Three lessons--aside from the obvious ones derived from the keys--stand out: first, the rewards of God outweigh the costs of obedience (Ruth 2:11-12); second, the Lord blesses the virtuous (Ruth 3:11-12); third, God's Will often involves faithful women (Ruth 4:17).

While not lessons, per se, a few other things stand out in a study of Ruth. First, much can be derived from the names in Scripture; those found in Ruth are especially enlightening. These include Bethlehem ("house of bread"), Elimelech ("God is king"), Naomi ("beautiful"), Mahlon ("song"), Chilion ("perfection"), Ruth ("friend"), Mara ("bitter"), Boaz ("strength"), and Orpah ("stiff-necked"). Second, many customs are given fuller treatment in Ruth than in other places; these include gleaning (Ruth 2:2,3; Lev. 23:22), business being conducted in the city gate (Ruth 4:1,10,11; Job 31:21; Amos 5:10), and the Levirate marriage law including the removing of a shoe (Ruth 4:5-7; Deu. 25:5-10). Third, it is interesting to consider what would have happened if Ruth had been devoted to and followed Orpah rather than Naomi: Ruth would have lived in Moabite obscurity, Naomi would have struggled to survive as a widow alone, Boaz and Ruth would never have met, so Obed, Jesse, and David would never have been born--neither would have been Jesus! One person's choice made all the difference for mankind.

"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: Who bought a field in Anathoth?

Last week's question: What day will come "as a thief in the night"?

Last week's answer: "The day one the Lord" (*1 Thessalonians 5:2*) [which is also known as the Second Coming and Judgment Day]

SERMONS: AM: God Can (*Jeremiah 32:27*)

PM: "All the Counsel of God": Obedience

DAILY BIBLE READING (March 7-13):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Deuteronomy	23-25	26-28	29-31	32-34			
Joshua					1-3	4-6	7-9

READ SCRIPTURE (MARCH): Conor Cates (*Jeremiah 32:17-19*)

(*APRIL*): Mario Arrington

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH): Cody Hadley

(*APRIL*): Lawayne House

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH): Gavin Arrington and Wesley Haas

(*APRIL*): Paul Brown and Luke Massey

CLEAN BUILDING (MARCH): Tabatha Clayton

(*APRIL*): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

PREPARE COMMUNION (MARCH): Kim Arrington

(*APRIL*): Tabatha Clayton

PANTRY NEEDS: Please see the flyer of children's home needs in the foyer.

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

March 27-31

The **Memphis School of Preaching** will host her annual lectures on *Timeless Truths*. We are asked to provide 25 cakes for Monday, March 28th.

April 19

The truck from the **Tennessee Children's Home** will be here.

June 5-8

Clifton Angel will preach our **Gospel Meeting**.

June 12

Coldwater begins their **Vacation Bible School**.

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.