

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
MARCH 21, 2021

**SYMPATHY:** Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey lost their niece, Robin Brueck, this past week.

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Paul Baldwin is feeling better than last week, but will go see the doctor nonetheless on Wednesday.

Shelly Cates fell on Thursday and is very banged up. Kaylie Hadley has begun physical therapy. Jason House has been dealing with knee pain and was anticipating going to the doctor about it this past week. Fern Beltz, aunt of Sheila Massey, is to have surgery on her spine.

**PROTRACTED:** 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; 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:** Janice Bailey (home); Marie Crockett (home), Emma Farrow (in a care facility in Sardis), 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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## The Informer



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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

# "BLESSED IS THE NATION WHOSE GOD IS THE LORD,"

## Part 3

Don Walker [from the 2016 Power Lectures at Southaven]

*(Continued from last week)* The Word of God, however, teaches differently. When we turn our attention to the Bible and consider the events from Heaven's standpoint, we learn to see the matters behind the veil. We find a grand illustration of this very point in 2 Kings 6. The king of Syria warred against Israel. However, whenever he enacted his plans, they were foiled each time as the prophet warned the king of Israel concerning those plans. We would add here the prophet's ability to give warning was not achieved from within himself. Rather it was God in Heaven Who gave him the information. Finally, having been told "Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber" (2 Kin. 6:12), he sent orders to find Elisha and the king would send and take him. When the king of Syria heard that the prophet was in Dothan, he sent "horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about" (2 Kin. 6:14). When Elisha's servant was raised early, he beheld the host with horses and chariots surrounding the city. Being fearful he asked the prophet, "How shall we do?" (2 Kin. 6:15). That which follows in the context is thrilling indeed. Elisha responded, "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha" (2 Kin. 6:16-17). Elisha's prayer pulled the curtain back and allowed the servant to see things from Heaven's perspective and not just men's. When we "walk by faith, not by sight" (2 Cor. 5:7), we are able to view things from heaven's perspective and promises made by God are solidified in our minds and thus can affect our actions.

### God Rules In The Kingdoms Of Men

It is because of the above truths that we are confident that our God is in control of matters here in this world. The nations are accountable to the God in heaven and the wise leaders rule with that realization.

Unfortunately, men have far too often failed to recognize this Divine truth. In a most powerful Messianic Psalm, we find the result of men thinking they can rise up and overthrow the great God in Heaven. In Psalm 2:1-3 we read of the foolishness of the rulers of this world. "Do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

Sadly, this attitude describes more of those that are in positions of power today than not. Men today, along with their rulers, live as if there is no God in heaven and as if there will never be a day of accounting. Such attitudes direct not only their personal lives, but also their decisions when it comes to ruling over the men of the world. Men fail to understand the true reality. The Psalmist tells us exactly how God responds to such foolishness as that which is stated above. We read, "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure" (Psa. 2:4-5). *(To be continued next week)*

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*"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: What reigned "by one man's offence"?

Last week's question: What congregation was encouraged to be "in nothing terrified by your adversaries"?

Last week's answer: Philippi (*Philippians 1:28*)

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**SERMONS:** Offense (*James 3:2*)

"All the Counsel of God": Creation

#### DAILY BIBLE READING (March 22-28):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Judges</b>	13-15	16-18	19-21				
<b>Ruth</b>			1-4				
<b>1 Samuel</b>					1-3	4-7	8-10

**SCRIPTURE READING (MARCH):** Thomas Massey (Matthew 18:7-9)

*(APRIL):* Cody Hadley

**PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING (MARCH):** Carl Hounshell

*(APRIL):* Thomas Massey

**ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH):** Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

*(APRIL):* Conor Cates and Mark Peyton

**CLEAN BUILDING (MARCH):** Tabatha Clayton

*(APRIL):* The Masseys

**PREPARE COMMUNION (MARCH):** Shelly Cates

*(APRIL):* Suzanne and Katie Brown

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

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

March 30 (Tuesday week) **Please note the change in date— March not April**

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.