

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MARCH 28, 2021

SYMPATHY: Gladys Marie Elrod (Mary Ray's son-in-law's mother) passed away on Friday.

SICK/TEMPORARY: Kennadee Arrington has a stomach bug. Kaylie Hadley is to begin physical therapy and is to see a new doctor April 8th. 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; 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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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 4

Don Walker [from the 2016 Power Lectures at Southaven]

(Continued from last week) There are a number of passages in the Psalms that declare divine truth on this subject. "The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God. For the needy shall not always be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever. Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. Put them in fear, O Lord: **that the nations may know themselves to be but men.** Selah" (Psa. 9:17-20; emphasis DW). Again, we read, "For the kingdom is the Lord's: And he is the governor among the nations" (Psa. 22:28). Psalm 66:7 reads, "He ruleth by his power for ever; his eyes behold the nations: let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah." Though we could put forth many other passages, we will allow these to suffice. These will do well to help us to establish the foundation for the grand proclamation of this chapter: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psa. 33:12).

Psalm 33: God—Creator, Ruler, And Redeemer

Psalm 33 powerfully proclaims the divine truths concerning the different roles God fills when it comes to His creation. He is the Creator, the Redeemer of man who was created in His image, and He is the Ruler, which speaks directly to the direction of our study. Psalm 33:10-17 is germane here.

The Lord bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he maketh the devices of the people of none effect. The counsel of the Lord standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance. The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men. From the place of his habitation he looketh upon all the inhabitants of the earth. He fashioneth their hearts alike; he considereth all their works. There is no king saved by the multitude of an host: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. An horse is a vain thing for safety: neither shall he deliver any by his great strength.

As we casually consider this passage, we recognize that not only does God rule in the kingdoms, but He also does so with a marvelous consistency. That consistency is seen in the fact that, in the end, righteousness is rewarded and unrighteousness will come face-to-face with God's full wrath. Men do not always recognize this fact. The wicked who fail to acknowledge

God altogether are certainly in this group, but it is also the case that even God's people fail to recognize the consistency of His dealings with men. *(To be continued next week)*

"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: What did Jesus use as currency to purchase the church?

Last week's question: What reigned "by one man's offence"?

Last week's answer: Death (*Romans 5:17*)

SERMONS: A Strong Church, Part 1 (*Romans 16:16*)

"All the Counsel of God": Crown of Life

DAILY BIBLE READING (March 29-April 4):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1 Samuel	11-13	14-16	17-20	21-24	25-28	29-31	
					2 Samuel		1-4

SCRIPTURE READING (MARCH): Thomas Massey (Matthew 18:1-4)

(**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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Gavin Arrington	April 5	Kaylie Hadley	April 6
Mary West	April 14	Carl Hounshell	April 20

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

March 30 (Tuesday) **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.

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.