

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
APRIL 11&18, 2021

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Grayson Hadley is to see an audiologist. Kaylie Hadley has begun physical therapy. Fern Beltz, aunt of Sheila Massey, is to have surgery on her spine on April 12th. Bobby Stewart will have hip replacement surgery in late May. Erica Swindoll, daughter of the Masseys, will have oral surgery April 13th.

**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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## 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.

**Ministers:** Every Christian

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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 6

Don Walker [from the 2016 Power Lectures at Southaven]

*(Continued from last week)* It is said that He is just. Our King is a righteous King who will look down with favor upon those that are righteous. It is in this way that a nation claims the Lord to be their God. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord!

In Psalm 15, David wrote of the character essential to stand in the presence of the Lord. Consider verse 2 where David explains who will be able to stand in the presence of God. "He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart" (Psa. 15:2).

### Sin Is A Reproach To Any People

On the other hand, those who continue in sin will be a reproach before the Sovereign Creator who has promised to curse those that fail to follow after His precepts. Jeremiah described well the position men occupy when they sin. "We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God" (Jer. 3:25). Isaiah revealed to us that Jehovah chooses to close His ears because of the transgressions of men. "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear" (Isa. 59:2). Those who ignore the precepts of God to continue in their transgressions do it to their own detriment and put themselves in a position where it is impossible to claim the Lord as their God. Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; but woe to the nation that closes its eyes and hears to the will of Jehovah.

### Lessons To Be Learned Today

The people of the world and their rulers can take a number of lessons from this study. First, we must understand that even though it may appear things are moving along in this world based on the whims of men and their posturing, it is truly God that is in control of the affairs of men. If God chooses a certain man to be in power, He will put him in that position. If He chooses for a nation to rise up and overshadow or even overthrow another nation, it is His prerogative, and He has the power to bring it about. Biblical history is filled with examples of nations rising and falling, and predictive prophecy proved it was the handiwork of God.

Though we, in many ways, as Job was, are unaware of the activities going on behind the curtain of our view, when it comes to the affairs of men and the nations of this earth, we dare not conclude that God is not active. He still rules in the kingdoms of men. *(To be continued in the next bulletin)*

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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: How late did Paul preach when he was in Troas?

Last week's question: What is that "without which no man shall see the Lord"?

Last week's answer: Holiness (*Hebrews 12:14*)

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**SERMONS:** A Strong Church, Part 3 (*Romans 16:16*)

"All the Counsel of God": Deceit

*Cody McCoy will be preaching and teaching for Dan Cates on the 18th*

### DAILY BIBLE READING (April 12-25):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
12-18	<b>Psalms</b> 4-6	7-9	10-12	13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24
29-25	<b>Psalms</b> 25-27	28-30	31-33	34-36	37-39	40-42	43-45

**SCRIPTURE READING (APRIL):** Cody Hadley (Ephesians 2:19-21)

*(MAY):* Conor Cates

**PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING (APRIL):** Thomas Massey

*(MAY):* Dan Cates

**ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (APRIL):** Conor Cates and Mark Peyton

*(MAY):* Ray Stanford and Paul Brown

**CLEAN BUILDING (APRIL):** The Masseys

*(MAY):* Suzanne and Katie Brown

**PREPARE COMMUNION (APRIL):** Suzanne and Katie Brown

*(MAY):* Tabatha Clayton

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods of any kind

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

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.

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### 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.