

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
APRIL 25 & MAY 2, 2021

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** **Kaylie Hadley** was diagnosed with Covid week before last. **Nolan** (brother of **Kim Arrington**) and **Chelsea Bailey** are expecting a boy, Kyle, but he has been discovered to have a hole in his heart. **Crystal Brown** (niece of **Paul** and **Suzanne**) was hospitalized again and required further surgery. **Bobby Stewart** will have hip replacement surgery in late May.

**PROTRACTED:** **Scouter 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

**Elders:** Dan Cates (662-560-8045)

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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 7

Don Walker [from the 2016 Power Lectures at Southaven]

(Continued from last week) For our next lessons to be learned, we will take a moment to turn our attention to the United States of America. At times in the history of our nation, she has been referenced as a "Christian" nation. Though this may bring comfort to some, we would say that biblically, America has never been a Christian nation. In fact, no nation of this world ever has been nor ever will be. **The** only Christian nation is the church of Christ (1 Pet. 2:9). With that understood, we would be quick to say that at one time in the history of our nation, she was more closely tied to the precepts of the Word of God than she is today. That was a time when "one nation, under God" more aptly described the citizens of this great nation. Those things that are being promoted and "shoved in our faces today" as normal were looked down upon. Adultery caused by unscriptural divorces, all types of sexual perversion, drunkenness, narcissistic bravado, murder of the babies, the decay of the family and on and on were considered to be taboo by most of her citizens. At that time, America was **the** power to be reckoned with in the world. She was the champion for "liberty and justice for all." It seemed apparent that God was blessing America. Truly it could have been said in such a case—"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." It was a great lesson that all should have seen. However, at the time of the writing of this chapter, that can no longer be said. Not only are the perversions as defined by God's Word tolerated, but they are touted as normal and right and so legislated as to bring the faithful child of God into a position of conflict with the government and the laws of the land. The attitude and demeanor of the rulers of the land are no less bold than those described in Psalm 2 who proclaimed concerning the Great God in Heaven, "Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us" (Psa. 2:3). In light of Psalm 14:1, we would say fools walk the corridors of our nation's capital. Sadly, it appears it is going to get much worse before it gets any better. It breaks the heart of a child of God to see our leaders trying to legislate God out of existence. With such a definite direction locked in, the United States of America is destined to fall. No nation has ever remained who rose up in such strong and hateful rebellion against God—**none, not one!** However, the child of God should not fret, for we have never been promised that the United States of America would be in existence

when the Lord returned. And just as our first century brethren flourished under the despotic rule of Rome, so can we. (*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: Who prayed that Jesus' disciples [present and future] "all might be one"?

Last week's question: How late did Paul preach when he was in Troas?

Last week's answer: Midnight (*Acts 20:7*)

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**SERMONS:** A Strong Church, Part 4 (*Romans 16:16*)

"All the Counsel of God": Discipline

*Cody McCoy will again be preaching and teaching for Dan Cates on May 2nd*

### DAILY BIBLE READING (April 26-May 9):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
26-2	<b>Psalms</b> 46-48	49-51	52-54	55-57	58-60	61-63	64-66
3-9	<b>Psalms</b> 67-69	70-72	73-75	76-78	79-81	82-84	85-87

**READ SCRIPTURE (APRIL):** Cody Hadley (Ephesians 4:11-16)

(MAY): *Conor Cates*

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

(MAY): *Dan Cates*

**ASSIST ON 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

### MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Dan Cates	May 2	Katie Brown	May 12
Paula Harrison	May 27		

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

May 2-5

**Gospel meeting** at Nesbit with Mike Bonner preaching.

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.