

# INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~

## MAY 9, 2021

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Bobby Stewart will have hip replacement surgery later this month.

**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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*[www.independencechurchofchrist.org](http://www.independencechurchofchrist.org)*

*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)*

*Carl Hounshell (812-653-2358)*

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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 8

Don Walker [from the 2016 Power Lectures at Southaven]

(Continued from last week) Another sad lesson would center on America again, in the context of the Islamic threat the world is facing. If one were to read a true, unaltered account of the history behind Islam, he would find it to be a religion of violence. Evangelism is by force, and a failure to convert means death. It is a very real threat for the world and the threat is very real for our nation also. The sad truth is that America is ill equipped to oppose such a hellish force. She has abandoned God and His truth. She has joined hands with the devil, endorsing every kind of vile behavior and conduct. There is no way she can count on God to assist her without her repenting and turning back to His guidance and light. Jeremiah’s message to Judah was just that. Only repentance and a national turning back to God could have thwarted the efforts of the Chaldeans. However, because she did not repent, Nebuchadnezzar became the “servant” of God (Jer. 25:9) and he rose up against the descendants of Abraham. It is very possible that those rising up against the “American Way,” both without and within, are there by the will of God. The will of the Lord may be that the United States of America go the way of all the other nations that stood opposed to the Sovereign God in Heaven. The words of Jeremiah echo ominously through the years, even to our ears today.

Behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith the Lord, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about, and will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and an hissing, and perpetual desolations. Moreover I will take from them the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the sound of the millstones, and the light of the candle (Jer. 25:9-10).

It is a gloomy picture indeed. I would that each political figure in our nation would seriously consider the truths that you and I know to be valid and certain.

Conclusion

In closing, we would speak to those of the greatest kingdom the world has known and ever will know. That, of course, is the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. King Jesus has gained the victory and He reigns. No man nor even demon in hell that can change that fact. Just as Daniel prophesied, “And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set

up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever” (Dan. 2:44), it is true today. That kingdom came into reality in Acts 2 in the first century. She continues to this very moment and will forever. May she ever be loyal to her King and may we all bow down to the Sovereign of the world as we continue to study our Bibles more and more.

“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 would comfort Jerusalem "as one whom his mother comforteth"? Last week’s question: Who prayed that Jesus' disciples [present and future] “all might be one”? Last week’s answer: Jesus (John 17:9,20,21)

SERMONS: Mother’s Day (Proverbs 31:28)  
“All the Counsel of God”: Divorce

DAILY BIBLE READING (May 10-16):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Psalms</b>	88-90	91-93	94-96	97-99	100-102	103-105	106-108

READ SCRIPTURE (MAY): Conor Cates (Ephesians 6:2,3)  
(JUNE): Carl Hounshell

PRESIDE OVER LORD’S SUPPER (MAY): Dan Cates  
(JUNE): Cody Hadley

ASSIST ON LORD’S SUPPER (MAY): Ray Stanford and Paul Brown  
(JUNE): Sonny Stewart and Mark Peyton

CLEAN BUILDING (MAY): Suzanne and Katie Brown  
(JUNE): The Hounshells

PREPARE COMMUNION (MAY): Tabatha Clayton  
(JUNE): Kim Arrington

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.

June 16  
We plan on resuming Wednesday night activities in some form.

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.