

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
JULY 7 & 14, 2019

**SYMPATHY:** Ann Rainey (Tracy Roberts' aunt) passed away midweek; services are Tuesday in Holly Springs.

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Shelly Cates has surgery for her slipped disc on the 25th. She also had to have an injection in her knee midweek. Joyce Geeslin is back at home with hospice after suffering a stroke and being hospitalized midweek. Ralph Darnell (son of Ella Darnell) has been having heart problems; he will have open-heart surgery in August. Kathy Jones (Shelly Cates' mom) will have surgery on July 22nd.

**PROTRACTED:** Janice Bailey—stomach; Paul Baldwin—diabetes; Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); June Black (mother of a high school friend of Tracy Roberts)—recovering from hip surgery; Don Blackwell (preacher at Southaven)—paralyzed, now at Shepherd Center; Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Gladys Marie Elrod (Mary Ray's son-in-law's mother)—congestive heart failure; Bubba Farrow (Emma Farrow's son)—Alzheimer's; Jerry Floate (of this community)—liver transplant; Brook Hale (Tracy Roberts' niece)—Grave's Disease; Henry Harrison (Paula Harrison's husband)—diverticulitis; Paula Harrison—Meniere's Disease; Martha Hopkins (Tracy Roberts' mother)—dementia; Paul Hounshell (Carl Hounshell's son)—a-fib; Wanda Jackson—a-fib; Brenda Jones—Lupus; Stan Jones—Meniere's Disease; Jeff Kidd (friend of Tracy Roberts)—paralyzed; Garrett Lentz (son of a co-worker of Cody Hadley)—seizures; Alicia Moore (sister-in-law of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey); Becky Munns (Tabatha Clayton's aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; Robert Rawson (preacher at Crockett)—diabetes; Ray Reynold's (Sheila Massey and Mary West's dad)—memory trouble; Brett Rutherford (Dan Cates' friend)—MS; Dan Sandidge (Syble Embrey's son-in-law)—Grave's Disease; Blake Thompson (Tracy Roberts' niece's husband) recovering from an accident and numerous surgeries Tammy Turner (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; and Francis Wallace (friend of Mary Ray).

**CANCER:** Robbie Andrews (friend of Dan Cates)—prostate; Clifton Angel (preacher at Coldwater)—thyroid; Sherry Brown (retired MSOP secretary); Robin Brueck (niece of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey)—breast; Alicia Busby (from the community); Earl Carlton (son of a friend of Syble Embrey)—esophageal; Gary Darnell (Ella Darnell's son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; Brenda Davis (a grandmother of Edra and Ryan Farrow); Dwight Faulkenberry (Tracy Roberts' cousin); Debbie Farrow; Orville Fowler (father of the Browns' neighbor)—stomach; Joyce Geeslin—under hospice care; Tom Gordon (of Looxahoma); Nathan Jones (the Hounshell's neighbors' 16 year old family member)—brain; Sara Kiestler (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; Billy Kimbrough (former son-in-law of Joyce Geeslin)—esophageal; 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); Phillip Vanwinkle (friend of the Cates)—colon; and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

**SHUT-IN:** Marie Crockett (home), Emma Farrow (in a care facility in Sardis), Orelia Ferguson (home), Martha Hopkins (Tracy Roberts' mother—Life Point Villages room 108B).

**SERVING:** Dylan and Maggie Cooper (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.—Dylan is deployed in Qatar but will return August 15th), Cameron Hadley (Grayson Hadley's dad—Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC), Jacob Petrowski (grandson of former members here—Marines, Romania). 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 (Jonathan Jenkins)*

*Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)*

*Jim and Tammy Turner (Fairfield, North Carolina)*

*Trent Kennedy family (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)*

*Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India [Providing Bibles]*

*Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)*

*Tennessee Children's Home, West*

*Pablo Horna (David, Panama) [Overseeing funds]*

*Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts*

# OPENING THE WINDOWS OF HEAVEN FOR DEFEATING SATAN, Part 5

Daniel F. Cates

*(Continued from last week)* Satan, who (as has been shown) had to give account of his actions before God (Job 1:6,7; 2:1,2), apparently had been eyeing Job--God, as this writer's dad would say, "not for information but contemplation," asked, "Hast thou considered my servant Job, ..."? (Job 1:8; 2:3). Satan affirmed that he had, and that if God removed His blessings from Job (Job 1:10), then Job would remove his reverence from God (Job 1:9,11). God, because He is fair to all--even Satan, had to allow Satan to "have his day in court" and try to prove his case, so Satan murdered (remember John 8:44) Job's children and destroyed Job's livelihood (Job 1:12-19). Job mourned, but did not stop reverencing God (Job 1:20-22). Subsequently Satan was given a bit more allowance; he could tough Job himself, but could not kill him [not that murdering Job would have helped Satan] (Job 2:4-8). Satan held no punches; in fact, one is encouraged to see the extent of Satan's attack on Job in the 2014 Spiritual Sword lecture on the "Portrait of Job." Likely no man, save the Lord, has hurt the way that Job was forced to, but he still did not stop reverencing God (Job 2:9,10).

One might view Satan's terrible persecution of Job as a victory of sorts--it surely hurt God to His heart, but Satan did not achieve his purpose (Job 1:22; 2:10); in fact, Satan would not receive ANY mention any where in the final forty chapters of the book; moreover, God was magnified, for Job said, "I know that thou canst do every *thing*, and *that* no thought can be withholden from thee. Who *is* he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not" (Job 42:2,3).

## SATAN'S TEMPTATION OF JESUS

The fourth scene in the conflict also took place on earth, in the wilderness. Satan had established his evil intent and cruel character in the conflicts with Adam and Eve and Job, but he had not succeeded in taking the fight truly to God [indeed, he could not since he is not God]; accordingly, he thought that he would take a shot of God Himself in the person of the incarnate "second person of the Godhead," Jesus the Christ [note that even being incarnate, Jesus was still God and not Satan's equal in a Divine sense]. On this occasion, Jesus was spiritually, from a human standpoint, at His strongest having just been baptized, not for the remission of sin (Acts 2:38) but "to fulfil all righteousness" (Mat. 3:15); physically, he was at His weakest, being in the wilderness and famished (Mat. 4:1,2). One might easily overlook the readiness of the Lord, though, for Jesus was "led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil" (Mat. 4:1).

Satan offered three temptations: first, "If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread" (Mat. 4:3); second, "Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone" (Mat. 4:5,6); and, third, "Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me" (Mat. 4:8,9). *(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: Who asked David, "With whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness?"

Last week's question: Who said, "We ought to obey God rather than men"?

Last week's answer: "Peter and the other apostles" (Acts 5:29)

**SERMONS:** 7th A.M.: David and Goliath (*1 Samuel 17:45-47*)

7th P.M.: A Deeper Study of David and Goliath (*1 Samuel 17:45-47*)

14th A.M.: Good Ministers of Jesus Christ (*1 Timothy 4:6-10*)

14th P.M.: Garrett Young will preach in the evening.

## DAILY BIBLE READING (July 8-21):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
8th-14th	<b>Isaiah</b> 4-6	7-9	10-12	13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24
15th-21st	<b>Isaiah</b> 25-27	28-30	31-33	34-36	37-39	40-42	43-45

**SCRIPTURE READING (JULY):** Dan Cates (7th: 1 Samuel 17:45-47; 14th: 1 Timothy 4:6-10)

*(AUGUST): Thomas Massey*

**PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING AND EVENING (JULY):** Cody Hadley

*(AUGUST): Garrett Young*

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

*(AUGUST): Dan Cates and Mark Peyton*

**CLEAN BUILDING (JULY):** Suzanne and Katie Brown

*(AUGUST): The Hounshells*

**PREPARE COMMUNION (JULY):** Kaylie Hadley

*(AUGUST): Tracy Roberts*

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods.

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

This week (July 8-10)

Our **Vacation Bible School** on *Growing God's Garden*. 7:00-8:30 nightly. We are in need of drinks and snacks.

July 19,20

**Power Youth Rally** at Southaven with Eric Lyons speaking.

July 21-25

**Power Lectures** at Southaven on *The Politically Incorrect Church of Christ*.