

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JULY 18, 2021

REJOICE: We rejoice that **Gavin Arrington** was baptized and added to the Lord's body on Sunday evening. Let us strive to encourage him!

SICK/TEMPORARY: **April Kinney** had her gall bladder removed Monday. **Karter Shamblin** will have a procedure Tuesday to put tubes in his ears. **Mary Ray's** back as giving her a lot of pain Wednesday **Annette Cates**, mother of **Dan Cates**, is really struggling right now and may have some tests run this week. **Johnny Dortch**, husband of **Katie Brown's** boss, will have major surgery in the morning.

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; **Bobby Stewart**—needing hip replacement surgery; **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** (in the nursing home in Senatobia), **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 (1 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.
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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)

Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

HOW CAN THE CHURCH BE COUNTER-CULTURAL?, Part 4

Phil Sanders

(Continued from last week) First, the church can and must preach the gospel. God persuades, saves, and converts through the gospel, the good news of the Lord's death and resurrection. By God's design the gospel appeals and applies to every culture in every nation in every century. Jesus sent his apostles out with the gospel to all nations for all time (Mt. 28:19-20). Jesus tasted death for all people (Heb. 2:9). Jesus is indeed Lord of all flesh (Jn. 17:2). The God of heaven commands all men everywhere to repent (Acts 17:30-31). We must help all people understand their dependence upon God and their accountability to him. Our greatest gift to any and every culture remains the preaching of the gospel of Christ.

Second, the church can live what they believe and practice what they preach. Indisputably, the primary complaint of the world about Christianity comes from the inconsistent and compromised lives of Christians. When the people of God live below their Christian values and morals, they open the door for the world to blaspheme the name of the Lord (Rom. 2:23-24; I Tim. 6:1) and the word of God (Tit. 2:5). When godly people live out their faith, they honor God and bless the whole world. The Lord reminds us,

You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven (Mt. 5:13-16).

We are to influence the world in which we live by our lives, our attitudes, and our good deeds. Rather than listen to the world, we are to be salt and light filling the world with the goodness of God.

Third, the church must increase its faith. Parents must help their children defend their faith and find the reason for the hope that lies within them (I Pet. 3:15). They must

answer the onslaught of evolution in the media and give them confidence in creation. The church must rest its hope in the abundant evidences for the Lord's resurrection and the truth of the Bible. The church needs a "shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one" (Eph. 6:16). There are abundant resources in the area of Christian evidences today. Parents, teachers, and leaders should educate themselves thoroughly, remembering "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom. 10:17). "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God" (Mt. 4:4). *(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 did Stephen say built the Lord a house?

Last week's question: To David's mouth, God's words were sweeter than what?

Last week's answer: Honey (*Psalm 119:103*)

SERMONS: AM: *The Ten Most Wanted Men and Women* (2 Corinthians 5:15)

PM: *All the Counsel of God: False Teachers*

DAILY BIBLE READING (July 19-25):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Isaiah	37-39	40-42	43-45	46-48	49-51	52-54	55-57

READ SCRIPTURE (JULY): Dan Cates (1 Peter 5:5-7)

(AUGUST): Cody Hadley

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JULY): Carl Hounshell

(AUGUST): Thomas Massey

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JULY): Lawayne House and Conor Cates

(AUGUST): Luke Massey and Jason House

CLEAN BUILDING (JULY): Tabatha Clayton

(AUGUST): Thomas and Sheila Massey

PREPARE COMMUNION (JULY): Shelly Cates

(AUGUST): Tabatha Clayton

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods of any kind

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

Saturday (July 24)

We will have a **one-day "camp"** for our young people from 10 A.M. to around 4 or 5 P.M. It will consist of devotionals, classes, games, food, swimming, and other activities.

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.