

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
JULY 21, 2019

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Shelly Cates has surgery for her slipped disc on Thursday. Tracy Roberts has been dealing with migraines for the better part of the last two weeks. Jessica Young will be induced on Friday in Columbus, MS. 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 tomorrow.

**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; Alcia 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 6

Daniel F. Cates

*(Continued from last week)* In answering the three temptations of Satan, Jesus responded with Scripture three times. For the first, He quoted Deuteronomy 8:3, "And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knewest not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every *word* that proceedeth out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live"; the Word of God trumped physical bread; furthermore, Jesus Himself was the bread which was most important: Not bread from stones, but "bread from heaven" (John 6:31-35). For the second temptation, He quoted Deuteronomy 6:16, "Ye shall not tempt the LORD your God, as ye tempted *him* in Massah"; Satan had quoted Psalm 91:11,12, and applied it singularly to Jesus, thus taking it out of its context which hardly had in mind the flippant meaning Satan attached. For the third, Jesus quoted Deuteronomy 6:13, "Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name," and 10:20, "Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name"; not very much earlier Jesus had been with the Father so this cannot be imagined to have been a great temptation.

One simply cannot view this conflict as a victory of any sort, for, unsatisfied, "the devil leaveth him" (Mat. 4:11).

## SATAN'S LAST HOPE

The fifth scene in the conflict is one that must be imagined, but seems to have taken place in the Garden of Gethsemane. Reading Matthew 16:21-23 shows what may have been a temptation as Jesus' sacrifice was at hand, for earlier when "began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day," Peter said, rebuking, "Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee." Jesus said to him, "Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men." In the Garden we are reminded of this occasion, for their Jesus prayed, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: ..." (Mat. 26:39). One can imagine Satan's hoping beyond hope that Jesus would be tempted here to forsake the cross.

One cannot view this as a victory for Satan, but as Satan's last hope; for if Jesus would die and arise God's victory would be assured. In this moment of apparent temptation, Jesus said, "... nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*" (Mat. 26:39).

## SATAN'S CRUSHING DEFEAT

The sixth scene in the conflict took place upon a cross at a place called Golgotha (Mat. 27:33; Mark 15:22; John 19:17) and Calvary (Luke 23:33). As had been prophesied in Genesis 3:15, Jesus died on that mount that He might rise the third day. The Hebrews writer recorded,

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. ... Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;" (Heb. 2:9,14).

Isaiah had prophesied, "He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken *it*" (Isa. 25:8). Of God's purpose and grace, Paul told Timothy, "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:" (2 Tim. 1:10). *(To be concluded next week)*

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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: One who provides not for his own is worse than what?

Last week's question: Who asked David, "With whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness?"

Last week's answer: Eliab (1 Samuel 17:28)

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**SERMONS:** What Inheritance Will You Leave Behind? (*Proverbs 13:22*)

*Garrett Young will preach in the evening.*

## DAILY BIBLE READING (July 22-28):

Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat. Sun.

**Isaiah** 46-48 49-51 52-54 55-57 58-60 61-63 64-66

**SCRIPTURE READING (JULY):** Dan Cates (Matthew 6:19-21)

*(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.

**VBS:** Thanks to all who helped make the VBS a success. We had 48, 46, and 39 in attendance.

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

This week

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

**VBS and Gospel meeting** at Crockett at 6:45 and 7:30 respectively through Thursday. The meeting starts tonight; the VBS tomorrow night.

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