

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JULY 25, 2021

SICK/TEMPORARY: Kennadee Arrington, Cody Hadley, Luke and Danielle Massey were sick this past week. Annette Cates, mother of Dan Cates, is really struggling right now and may have some tests run this week. Ray Reynolds, father of Sheila Massey, had to be administered CPR by Thomas Massey earlier this week.

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 (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

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 5

Phil Sanders

(Continued from last week) Fourth, the church must see the value of its hope in Christ and share its hope with the lost. Apart from the Lord there is no real hope or eternal life. There is a significant difference between being "in" Christ and "outside" of Christ (Eph. 2:12, 19). Hope is as necessary to the soul as food is to the body. Just as Jesus gave hope to tax collectors and sinners, so we must help the lost see God has granted "repentance to life" to them (Acts 11:18).

Fifth, the church can and should be filled with love for God and for one another. In a lonely and distant culture, genuine love and fellowship are rare and precious. We must not doubt the power of God's love to touch those who do not know God. Our love for one another is the mark of a disciple to all (Jn. 13:34-35). To love like the Lord loves is the greatest love of all (15:13). The church can connect with an ungodly world by loving the way God instructs.

But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust (Mt. 5:44--45).

The power of love to win souls to the Lord Jesus should never be underestimated. The Lord is with those who love and serve him.

Paul taught the church at Rome how to live in a hostile world in Romans 12:9-21. The church can "overcome evil with good." When their love is "without hypocrisy," and when they "cling to what is good," everyone finds blessing. "When a man's ways please the LORD, He makes even his enemies to be at peace with him" (Pro. 16:7).

Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality (Rom. 12:10-13).

We must bless those who curse us and leave vengeance to the Lord (12:14, 19). "Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as

much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men." (12:17-18). We cannot control the actions of others, but we can live as God's children in their presence. Therefore " If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head" (12:20). We can overcome evil with good, and by doing so we can counter the increasingly hostile culture surrounding us.

"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: With whom are Christians not to be in fellowship?

Last week's question: Who did Stephen say built the Lord a house?

Last week's answer: Solomon (*Acts 7:47*)

SERMONS: AM: *Will Thomason will preach this morning*

PM: *All the Counsel of God: Fellowship*

DAILY BIBLE READING (July 26-August 1):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Isaiah	58-60	61-63	64-66			2 Kings	20,21
Micah			1-4	5-7			
Nahum							1-3

READ SCRIPTURE (JULY): Dan Cates (*See Will Thomason*)

(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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Keegan Arrington August 3 Thomas Massey August 27

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

July 25-29 (today through Thursday)

Gospel meeting at the Crockett Church of Christ with Jimmy Ferguson preaching. Times include 7:30 Monday through Thursday nights.

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.