

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
AUGUST 1, 2021

SICK/TEMPORARY: Keegan Arrington had an ear infection early this past week. Mary Ray has really been struggling health-wise. Karter Shamblin is fighting RSV. Annette Cates, mother of Dan Cates, learned Friday that her 2013 mitral valve replacement surgery is failing which explains the recent heart difficulties she is experiencing; she will see a cardiologist Tuesday. Ruth House, mother of Lawayne House, was to have had heart surgery Wednesday. Johnny Dortch, husband of Katie Brown's boss, is still in the hospital after a recent surgery.

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

ARE YOU IN JESUS' WILL?

Clifton Angel

"And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth" (Hebrews 9:15-17).

The Hebrews writer was trying to get Jewish Christians to see the superiority of the Christ over Moses, the superiority of the church over the Jerusalem temple, the superiority of the New Testament over the Old. In the passage we've read, the Hebrews writer uses a real- world illustration of a Last Will and Testament.

There is the Testament: It identifies an inheritance; It identifies the heirs (recipients) of said inheritance; It includes the specific guidelines to be followed if said heirs desire to receive said inheritance. Then, there is the Testator: He is the Author of the Will & Testament, or authorizes another to write the words included in the testament. The Testator is the possessor of the inheritance spelled out in His Testament. To alter a will & testament is not only illegal; it is an absolute abomination and disgrace to the one who died, leaving it behind. Furthermore, if a person tries to receive of the inheritance who is not named in the will & testament may find himself extremely embarrassed. (In preparation of this study, I read over an example of a modern-day Last Will & Testament. The lady who was the testator included a provision for any who may try to claim to be her heir whose name is not specifically listed in her Will & Testament, or any who may try to contest her will & testament. If one is successful at doing so, she leaves them \$1.00). Let's think about these facts in light of the illustration the Hebrews writer made.

Jesus is the Testator. He has been given all authority over matters concerning the new covenant (Matthew 28:18). He possesses the greatest inheritance a Testator could ever give: eternal inheritance (Hebrews 9:15; 1 Peter 1:4). To alter His Will & Testament is not only wrong; it is an absolute abomination and disgrace to Him, Who died to bring about this Testament (Matthew 26:28; Revelations 22:18-19). To try to receive of Jesus' inheritance without fully complying with His Testament will result in extreme embarrassment (See Matthew 25; Matthew 7:21-23).

The New Testament is His Last Will & Testament. It identifies the eternal inheritance offered by Jesus (1 Peter 1:3-4). It identifies heirs of said inheritance (1 Peter 1:4-5). The gospel is this power of God (Romans 1:16). Our faith in the gospel is seen in our obedience to the gospel (Romans 6:3-6, 17). It includes the specific guidelines to be followed if heirs desire to receive said inheritance (1 John 2:3-4).

Jesus is the Testator. The New Testament is His Last Will & Testament. Are you an heir who has an eternal inheritance reserved in heaven for you?

"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: How many daughters did Jairus have?

Last week's question: With whom are Christians not to be in fellowship?

Last week's answer: The unrighteous (2 Corinthians 6:14)

SERMONS: AM: What God Did to Only Children (*John 3:16*)

PM: *All the Counsel of God: Forgiveness*

DAILY BIBLE READING (August 2-8):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Zephaniah	1-3	Obadiah		1			
Habakkuk		1-3					
2 Kings			22-25				
Jeremiah				1,2	3-5	6-8	9-12

READ SCRIPTURE (AUGUST): Cody Hadley (*Romans 8:31-33*)

(*SEPTEMBER*): Jason House

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (AUGUST): Thomas Massey

(*SEPTEMBER*): Will Thomason

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (AUGUST): Luke Massey and Jason House

(*SEPTEMBER*): Mario Arrington and Gavin Arrington

CLEAN BUILDING (AUGUST): Thomas and Sheila Massey

(*SEPTEMBER*): Suzanne and Katie Brown

PREPARE COMMUNION (AUGUST): Tabatha Clayton

(*SEPTEMBER*): Kim Arrington

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods of any kind

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

Please let us know if you are aware of any upcoming events

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.