

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
AUGUST 11, 2019

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Shelly Cates has been cleared to return to work. Kathy Jones (Shelly Cates' mother) has been diagnosed as cancer free; she will see the doctor every three months. Madison Young is at home and recovering from her virus and associated fever which saw her hospitalized. Ralph Darnell (son of Ella Darnell) will be having open-heart surgery this month.

**PROTRACTED:** Janice Bailey—Alzheimers; 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); Tracy Roberts; 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.), 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

# SONG FOR THE SOUL

Clifton R. Angel

We often associate singing with occasions of joy. Even James wrote, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms" (James 5:13). Yet, I was recently reminded of the need for singing during times of suffering, also. The week before last, a preacher friend of mine lost his 2 year old son to a drowning accident. His faith and his wife's faith have been a bright light during this dark time. He's even said he'd rather his son's death be thought of as a triumph (because 5 lives were saved with his son's organs) than as a tragedy. His family reminded me of the need to sing during times of suffering. I've read how that they filled the waiting rooms with song as they waited in the hospital. I've read multiple times where his wife would simply post the words of songs—no more, no less. We also find examples in the Bible where song was used in times of suffering.

One of the primary examples that comes to mind is David, the penman of the majority of the Book of Psalms in the Old Testament. The Psalms are not just poetry, but also songs. One we often turn to in time of grief and death is Psalm 23. I also think of Psalm 51, as David was grieved by his sin that he had sinned against God:

"Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me ... Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit" (Psalm 51:1–3, 10–12).

Another psalm that comes to mind is Psalm 42. The words of this psalm express a mindset of deep despair and depression. The psalmist here no longer wants to live, yet he proclaims he will continue to follow God:

"As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy God? When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday. Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. O my God, my soul is cast down within me ..." (Psalm 42:1–6).

Finally, there's the examples of Paul & Silas in the New Testament. Paul cast a demon out of a young girl who was being used for a money-making scheme; therefore, the ones now out of a job made false accusations against Paul and Silas: "And the multitude rose up together

against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them" (Acts 16:22–25). What an amazing example of faith under fire.

The jailor wanted to commit suicide after an earthquake that released the prisoners, but Paul and Silas assured him they had not left the prison. He responded, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway" (Acts 16:30–33).

And so, song is good for the soul—in times of joy and times of grief. And, it may lead someone to Christ.

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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: Where, topographically, did Jesus preach the Sermon on the Mount?

Last week's question: What was the name of one of the blind men who met Jesus near Jericho?

Last week's answer: Bartimaeus (Mark 10:46)

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**SERMONS:** The Greatest Sermon Ever (*Matthew 5:2*)

Garrett Young will preach this evening

## DAILY BIBLE READING (August 12-18):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Jeremiah</b>	24-26	27-29	30-32	33-36	37-39	40-42	43-46

**SCRIPTURE READING (AUGUST):** Thomas Massey (Matthew 7:28,29)

*(SEPTEMBER): Carl Hounshell*

**PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING AND EVENING (AUGUST):** Garrett Young

*(SEPTEMBER): Thomas Massey*

**ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (AUGUST):** Dan Cates and Mark Peyton

*(SEPTEMBER): Cody Hadley and Ray Stanford*

**CLEAN BUILDING (AUGUST):** The Hounshells

*(SEPTEMBER): The Masseys*

**PREPARE COMMUNION (AUGUST):** Tracy Roberts

*(SEPTEMBER): Brenda Jones*

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods.

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

None

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## 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.