

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
AUGUST 16, 2020

SYMPATHY: Marilyn Dean Crockett, niece of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey, passed away this last week.

PROTRACTED: Janice Bailey—Alzheimers; Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Gladys Marie Elrod (Mary Ray's son-in-law's mother)—congestive heart failure; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; Bubba Farrow (Emma Farrow's son)—Alzheimer's; Jimmy Ferguson (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; Jerry Floate (of this community)—liver transplant; Kaylie Hadley—UCTD; Paula Harrison—Meniere's Disease; Wanda Jackson—a-fib; Stan Jones—Meniere's Disease; Monica La Rock (granddaughter of Orelia Ferguson and mother of Noah)—recovering from a brain bleed and awaiting further surgery; Garrett Lentz (son of a co-worker of Cody Hadley)—seizures; Sheila Massey—Bell's palsy; Becky Munns (Tabatha Clayton's aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; Shelby Peyton—knee; Robert Rawson (preacher at Crockett)—diabetes; Ray Reynold's (Sheila Massey and Mary West's dad)—memory trouble; Brett Rutherford (Dan Cates' friend)—MS; Tammy Turner (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; Francis Wallace (friend of Mary Ray); and Madison Young—laryngomalacia.

CANCER: Clifton Angel (preacher at Coldwater)—thyroid; Sherry Brown (retired MSOP secretary); 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); Tom Gordon (Cody Hadley's grandfather); Nathan Jones (the Hounshell's 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); Tiffany Taylor (the Browns' friend); 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), and Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is at home in Pensacola, FL).

SERVING: Dylan and Maggie Cooper (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.), Cameron Hadley (Grayson Hadley's dad—Marines, Hawaii), Jacob Petrowski (grandson of former members here—Marines, soon to be let out). 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.
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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 (Costa Rica) [Overseeing funds]

Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

RACISM HAS NO PLACE IN THE CHURCH

George McNulty

The Lord Jesus Christ said, in the Gospel account of John 13:34, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” This is not a suggestion. It’s a command, directly from the King of Kings and Lord of Lords! To whom does this apply? In Matthew 7:12, we read, “Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.” Here is the clear command to treat others as we would treat ourselves!

If we were at the mercy of an enemy, would we not want mercy? So, we realize that according to the blessed Redeemer, there is no room for hate in the heart of one of His followers! In 1 John 3:15, we read, “Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.” Yet, there is a hate that’s held onto and passed along like a precious heirloom—racism. It is a cancer that reaches to the very depths of the soul and endangers those infected with the peril of hellfire.

Jesus commanded Christians to “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). That refers to all mankind. In John 3:16, Scripture says, “For God so loved the world.” This is as inclusive as it gets! God loves the world and all who are in it; He loves the human race in its entirety. Acts 17:26 says that God “hath made of one blood all nations of men.” We are one blood; we are the sons of Adam and daughters of Eve. We have “all sinned and come short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). Christians are told in Galatians 3:28, “There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.”

In the Book of Revelation, we have a glimpse of Heaven, where there is no segregation. God’s kingdom is no apartheid state! In verse 9 of chapter 7, we are shown “...a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands.” Did you catch that? All nations! Red, yellow, black, brown and white! All nations are one in the kingdom of our Lord! There is one King, one kingdom, one people and one blood. Racism cannot and should not be defended! What’s learned can be unlearned; hate can be put aside and the love (that practical concern for our human brothers and sisters) can take its place. It brings respect, care and a color blindness, where we see with our souls the fellow child of God. Sinners need a loving, merciful and inclusive Savior King who came “to save that which was lost” (Matthew 18:11).

If we are to be faithful to Christ, then, we must forsake inherited patterns of bigotry, the language of hate and the use of degrading words that are clearly unacceptable in the heart,

mind or mouth of one who calls himself a follower of the loving Lord Jesus Christ. These words unfit for mention are aimed at dehumanizing others for whom Christ gave His life!

If you have hatred, you must get out of it and get into Christ. In Galatians 3:27, we are told how we can be purified from our sins. “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” Put away hate and embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Unlearn hate and learn love from the Master who made us all with purpose, with love, with compassion and with joy. The Master Artist, Jesus Christ, created all things (John 1:1). He offers His mercy and grace to all. The rich man was told to leave his riches, and we, too, must leave the things that are keeping us from Heaven. Give up your old treasured sins and become the Christian that God requires you to be.

“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: In a miraculous context, what did Paul tell the Corinthians to desire?

Last week’s question: How many swords did the disciples have?

Last week’s answer: Two (*Luke 22:38*).

SERMONS: “Hot Pursuit” (*1 Thessalonians 5:15*)

We are not meeting Sunday evenings or Wednesday nights for the foreseeable future.

DAILY BIBLE READING (August 17-23):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Jeremiah	47-49	50-52					
Lamentations	1-5						
1 Chronicles	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-13			

SCRIPTURE READING (AUGUST): Cody Hadley (1 Thessalonians 5:14,15)

(SEPTEMBER): Carl Hounshell

PRESIDE LORD’S SUPPER MORNING (AUGUST): Garrett Young

(SEPTEMBER): Thomas Massey

ASSIST LORD’S SUPPER (AUGUST): Ray Stanford and Dan Cates

(SEPTEMBER): Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

CLEAN BUILDING (AUGUST): Ella Darnell and Carolyn Stanford

(SEPTEMBER): Suzanne and Katie Brown

PREPARE COMMUNION (AUGUST): Suzanne and Katie Brown

(SEPTEMBER): Tabatha Clayton

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods and other imperishables.

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

September 20-23

Gospel meeting with Tom Wacaster.

September 26

Ladies Day at Forest Hill with Berta Kennedy speaking on *Recipe: “Sisters in Service.”*

October 11-14

Gospel meeting at Coldwater.