

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
AUGUST 23, 2020

SICK: Jeffery Clayton was sick this past week; he was tested for Coronavirus but was negative.

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); 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: 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

HOW JESUS TREATED LOST PEOPLE

Dennis Gullledge

Luke 7 makes for a good study of how Jesus treated lost people. In vs. 34 the Lord sites some of the charges spoken against him. The basis for such criticism was his association with people who were “sinners,” being outside the inner sanctum of pharisaic fellowship. Jesus was neither a glutton nor a social drinker. Jesus did, however, associate with sinful humanity (Matthew 9:11; Luke 19:7).

Why did Simon invite Jesus into his house? Perhaps, in true pharisaic style, he wished to scrutinize the character and claims of Jesus (Luke 7:16, 39). Why did the Lord accept the invitation to dine at Simon’s house? The Lord never stood aloof from any class of persons (Luke 5:29-30; 10:38-42; 14:1). He desired every opportunity to seek and save the lost – even this woman of a notoriously bad reputation (Luke 19:10).

Jesus Treated the Lost with Compassion

Compassion does not excuse sin. Jesus noted, “*her sins, which are many*” (Luke 7:47). Those who condemned Jesus knew that he loved the sinner (Luke 7:34). The word “friend” is from *philos*, one of the Greek words for love, meaning “loved, dear, friendly.” It denotes that which one loves (James 2:23; 4:4). Jesus had compassion for the penitent sinner. The woman came because she sensed her own sinfulness (Luke 7:37-38). Simon, however, was well aware of her sins, but not his own!

Jesus Treated the Lost with Hope for a Better Tomorrow

Jesus dismissed the woman with peace (Luke 7:50). Peace of heart and mind had been missing from her life. She was given a fresh start. Note the way Jesus treated the woman taken in adultery (Jn. 8). Jesus did not say, “I can’t be in the company of such sinners!” He raised her expectations for herself when he said, “Go and sin no more” (Luke 7:11). She did not have to live an adulterous lifestyle. To the homosexual Jesus would say, “Go and sin no more.” To the pedophile he would say, “Go and sin no more.” To the divorced he would say, “Go and sin no more.” To the abuser...

Jesus Treated the Lost with Interest for Their Souls

In three parables God’s attitude toward the lost is revealed (Luke 15:1-2). God is the shepherd looking for the lost sheep (Luke 7:4-7). God is the woman looking for a lost coin (Luke 7:8-10). God is the father wishing to reclaim both sons (Luke 7:11-32).

What lessons might we learn? Maybe we should ask ourselves some questions. Namely, “Am I aware of the enormity of my own sin?” “Am I aware of the wonder of being forgiven of my sins?” “Having been forgiven much, do I love much?” The final word from Jesus about lost people was, “Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel” (Mark 16:15). To whom? Certain ones, privileged classes of the right skin color and ethnicity? No. All men. The faith that restored the sinful woman will also save us – an obedient faith!

“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: Who “pitched his tent toward Sodom”?

Last week’s question: In a miraculous context, what did Paul tell the Corinthians to desire?

Last week’s answer: Spiritual gifts (*1 Corinthians 14:1*).

SERMONS: The Daredevil Spirit (*Romans 6:23*)

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

DAILY BIBLE READING (August 24-30):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1 Chronicles	7-9	10-13	14-16	17-19	20-23	24-26	27-29

The chapters in last week’s bulletin were two days off—this should be correct; sorry for any inconvenience.

SCRIPTURE READING (AUGUST): Cody Hadley (Acts 26:27,28)

(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: The **Tennessee Children’s Home** truck will be here September 29th. A list of their needs is in the foyer.

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.”*

September 29

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