

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

SICK/TEMPORARY: Allene and Paul Baldwin had sinus infections last weekend. Conor Cates had to have a tetanus shot and glue—no stitches—after cutting his foot pretty badly Wednesday night. Ralph Darnell (son of Ella Darnell) will be having open-heart surgery Tuesday.

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; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; 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; 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

THE TONGUE: ONE OF MAN'S MOST DANGEROUS WEAPONS, Part 2

Wayne Jackson

(Continued from last week) The Obscure Tongue

Have you ever had a religious conversation with a person, and when the exchange was concluded, you had no earthly idea where he stood on any significant issue? Such folks slip and slide, flip and flop.

“What is your position, brother?”

“Well, I think there is much to be said on **both sides** of that argument.”

Some people simply cannot be pinned down on any point of truth.

The Critical Tongue

A wise man values constructive criticism; it's just that sometimes it is difficult to distinguish between constructive criticism and plain old **meanness**. But, as Solomon observed, “A rebuke enters deeper into one who has understanding, than [do] a hundred stripes into a fool” (Prov. 17:10).

A wise person can learn valuable lessons from his critics if he but will. On the other hand, there are those who have turned criticism into a recreational sport. Whenever they gather, like vicious piranha, they devour all flesh in sight.

The Double-Tongued

In setting forth qualifications for deacons, Paul admonished that they must not be “double-tongued” (1 Tim. 3:8). The double-tongued person is one who has refined the art of duplicity. He will say anything to get you off his back, then say quite another to someone else. His word is not his bond. His tongue flaps like an irritating awning in a winter storm (see Prov. 8:8).

The Explosive Tongue

James observed that the tongue is an instrument that no man can control completely (cf. Jas. 3:8). But some make almost no attempt at the effort. At the least irritant they explode with expletives. One might be surprised to listen to the language of the man on Monday who has spoken so piously over the Lord's table on Sunday! To those who operate in such fashion, the Lord's says: “What right have you to recite my statutes or take my covenant upon your lips?” (Psa. 50:16).

Conclusion

“Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth” (Eph. 4:29), rather, put away shameful speaking from your mouth (Col. 3:8). Listen to the warning of the Judge of the universe: “I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned” (Mt. 12:36-37).

“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: What “is reserved for ever” for the false teacher who follows “the way of Balaam”?

Last week's question: Who gave half of his goods to the poor?

Last week's answer: Zacchaeus (Luke 19:8)

SERMONS: The Great Escape (2 Peter 1:4)

Pleasing God (1 John 3:22)

DAILY BIBLE READING (September 2-8):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
2 Chronicles	7-9	10-13	14-16	17-19	20-22	23-25	26-29

SCRIPTURE READING (SEPTEMBER): Carl Hounshell (2 Peter 2:20-22)

(NOVEMBER): Garrett Young

PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING AND EVENING (SEPTEMBER): Thomas Massey

(NOVEMBER): Dan Cates

ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER): Cody Hadley and Ray Stanford

(NOVEMBER): Mark Peyton and Paul Brown

CLEAN BUILDING (SEPTEMBER): The Masseys

(NOVEMBER): Ella Darnell and Carolyn Stanford

PREPARE COMMUNION (SEPTEMBER): Brenda Jones

(NOVEMBER): Tabatha Clayton

PANTRY NEEDS: The children's home truck will be here October 22nd.

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

September 27-29

Clay Bond will be preaching a **Gospel meeting** at Forest Hill at 7:00 Friday and Saturday nights and 1:30 Sunday afternoon. There will be a ladies day with his wife, Carlie Bond, at 8:30 A.M. Saturday.

September 28

Clothing Giveaway from 9:00 A.M. until Noon. Volunteers are needed not just during those times, but also in setting up and cleaning up.

September 29

5th Sunday Q & A, Potluck, and celebration of the Youngs' new baby, Madison Reece.

WELCOME VISITORS!