

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
SEPTEMBER 12 & 19, 2021

SYMPATHY: Travis Gullick, of the congregation at Crockett, passed away due to Covid.

SICK/TEMPORARY: Kim Arrington, Carl Hounshell, Jason House, Peggy House, and April Kinney were all sick this past week.

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; Ella Cobb, granddaughter of the Houses—seizures~will have a brain wave scan at LeBonheur on September 28; 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: 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.
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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

IN SEARCH OF AN ANSWER

John W. Moore

Editor's note: This past week saw John nearly die of a heart attack while he was preaching; he is doing well now, but is well suited to have written this article.

It seems as though our present age has had its share of hardship and suffering. Over this last year, more lives were tragically taken from this world and we are left behind wondering why and how it could happen. In some ways it seems easier to lose a loved one who has lived a long and meaningful life, but the death of the young and the tragic illness of others who are ravaged by disease and sickness is almost unbearable. In desperation we seek answers. In grief we try to explain. Yet under certain circumstances we come up empty. We still find ourselves suffering from the pain and misery that accompanies our tragedy. We realize that we do not have all the answers. We cry out to God hoping for the vindication of our cause. We prostrate ourselves before his throne and beg for an explanation.

At all times, but especially during times of despair, we must not fail to remember that God has already given us an answer to our questions. His powerful and all sufficient word has for thousands of years been the light in the trials of darkness. While those answers may not always be specific to our own personal plight, or even tangible to our own human understanding, they are still unequivocally there. Those answers may not always be to our liking or satisfaction (e.g. 1 Peter 1:7), but they are still present. Sometimes the answers are specific, and sometimes they are general, but we can rest assured that there is an answer.

The New Testament reveals that one of those answers came in the person of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Through Jesus, we can arrive at an inner peace and come to know what is to be truly valued. We come to realize that in Him we can have the ultimate victory over disease, pain, suffering, and even death. Through Jesus we come to know that God cares, God knows, and God understands. Jesus Himself was a man acquainted with grief and sorrow. He understands. He cares. He loves. He even died so that we might live beyond this temporal existence. He came to show us the true meaning of life, and to bring hope to us in death. He is our peace and the rock of our salvation. According to Philippians 4:8, it is through Jesus that we can obtain a peace that passes all understanding, and a peace to guard our hearts and minds. In Jesus we will find rest for our troubled souls and serenity for our suffering hearts. Truly, Jesus is the answer.

"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 may Christians approach "the throne of grace"?

Last week's question: Paul said that "by the law is the knowledge of" what?

Last week's answer: Sin (*Romans 3:20*)

SERMONS: AM: "Baptism Cannot Save," Part 2 (1 Peter 3:21)

PM: "All the Counsel of God": Grace

19th: Will Thomason will be preaching in Dan's absence in the morning and will teach "All the Counsel of God": Growth (Spiritual) in the evening

DAILY BIBLE READING (September 13-26):

		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
13th-19th	Ezekiel	8-11	12-14	15-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30
20th-26th	Ezekiel	31-33	34-36	37-39	40-42	43-45	46-48	

Daniel 1-3

READ SCRIPTURE (SEPTEMBER): Conor Cates (*Romans 6:1,2*); if someone could, please cover the reading on the 19th, thanks!

(OCTOBER): Mario Arrington

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER): Will Thomason

(OCTOBER): Dan Cates

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER): Mario Arrington and Gavin Arrington

(OCTOBER): Ray Stanford and Mark Peyton

CLEAN BUILDING (SEPTEMBER): Suzanne and Katie Brown

(OCTOBER): Tabatha Clayton

PREPARE COMMUNION (SEPTEMBER): Kim Arrington

(OCTOBER): Suzanne and Katie Brown

PANTRY NEEDS: The *Tennessee Children's Home* truck will be here October 12; a list of their needs is in the foyer.

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

September 24-26

Gospel Meeting at Forest Hill with Scott Cain speaking.

September 25

Ladies' Day at Forest Hill with Melissa Cain speaking. It will last from 9-11:30; a flyer with RSVP info is in the foyer.

October 10-13

Gospel Meeting at Coldwater with Tim Hayes speaking.

October 12

Tennessee Children's Home truck will be here.

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. Once you have filled out a card, please hand it to one of the members, or lay it onto the pew.