

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
OCTOBER 3, 2021

**PRAYERS:** Lawayne House asked for the prayers of the church as he recently had a confrontation with a co-worker in which he said some things that he regrets. We appreciate brother House and the example he is to us and others.

**CONGRATS:** Conor Cates finished his high school work this past Tuesday.

**SYMPATHY:** Warren Honeycutt (nephew of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey) passed away on Thursday. Martha Mosley (aunt of Mario Arrington) also passed away midweek. Cathy Dandridge (a friend of Sonny Stewart) passed away this past week as well.

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Paul Baldwin will have a thallium stress test on Tuesday. Shelly Cates had an MRI yesterday. The Houses' granddaughter Ella was discovered to have had her seizures caused by chemical sensitivity. Paislei Hadley (an allergic reaction) and Levi Howell (strep throat) were both sick midweek. Betty Lois Honeycutt (niece of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey) is fighting Covid. He is hospitalized.

**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); 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.  
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

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

## SHOWING UP

Evan Manning

Why did God, in his infinite wisdom, command us to gather when we worship? Surely it would be easier to stay home and praise God who resides on another plane of being. It would even be safer with all the disease and death that plagues this world instead of congregating and coughing all over one another. One could even argue that Christians would bicker less if they spent less time together.

The fact is that in becoming a Christian you become a part of a family. Paul writes, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to *adoption as sons* by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will” (Ephesians 1:3-5). God’s people are special to Christians because they are special to God. Should a family be present in each other’s lives or absent?

We have also been given a reason as to why we come together. Remember these words, “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us *consider one another* in order to *stir up love and good works*, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but *exhorting one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching” (Hebrews 10:23-25). The reason we meet then is three-fold.

First, Christians show up to consider one another. What kind of family members would Christians be if they didn’t even know their own family? In order to consider the needs and cares of others we have to show up.

Second, Christians show up to stir up love and good works. Some Christians have the idea that they are policemen in the Lord’s church. They show up to tear down and malign their family. With an evil eye they look about the assembly waiting for someone to make a wrong step so they can write about it. But the purpose in being a family of God should be the opposite. Christians meet to provoke good things from one another. Simply put: Christians lead by example.

Third, Christians show up to exhort one another. The word “exhort” means “to call near.” It is a Christian’s duty to be inviting to other family members in the assembly. One shows up to worship God, finds those who are tired and weathered, and invites them into their circle to be built back up and encouraged. This is the purpose of God’s family.

So, Christians show up for other Christians. Paul finishes his letter to the Ephesians with this honest summary that shows his sincerity toward his family, “Peace to the brethren, and

love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all those who love our Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity. Amen” (Ephesians 6:23-24).

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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: What had God prepared for the members of "Faith's Hall of Fame"?

Last week’s question: Why are those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness" blessed?

Last week’s answer: “They shall be filled” (*Matthew 5:6*)

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**SERMONS:** AM: Ronnie Gootam will be with us this morning to report on Kakinada, India

PM: “*All the Counsel of God*”: Heaven

### DAILY BIBLE READING (October 4-10):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Haggai</b>	1,2			<b>Ezra</b>	5-7	8-10	
<b>Zechariah</b>	1,2	3-6	7-10	11-14	<b>Nehemiah</b>		1-3

**READ SCRIPTURE (OCTOBER):** Mario Arrington (*Proverbs 11:30*)

(*NOVEMBER*): Gavin Arrington

**PRESIDE OVER LORD’S SUPPER (OCTOBER):** Dan Cates

(*NOVEMBER*): Cody Hadley

**ASSIST ON LORD’S SUPPER (OCTOBER):** Ray Stanford and Mark Peyton

(*NOVEMBER*): Sonny Stewart and Paul Brown

**CLEAN BUILDING (OCTOBER):** Tabatha Clayton

(*NOVEMBER*): The Hounshells

**PREPARE COMMUNION (OCTOBER):** Suzanne and Katie Brown

(*NOVEMBER*): Tabatha Clayton

**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):

October 3 (Today)

Ronnie Gootam will be with us in the A.M. to talk about the work in *Kakinada, India*.

All are invited to stick around after evening services to celebrate **Conor Cates’** graduation.

October 3-6 (Today through Wednesday)

*Gospel Meeting* at Nesbit with Payton Hoskins speaking. Times include 7:30 Sunday night and 7:00 through Wednesday night.

October 10-13

*Gospel Meeting* at Coldwater with Tim Hayes speaking.

October 12

*Tennessee Children’s Home* truck will be here.