

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
OCTOBER 4, 2020

SICK/TEMPORARY: The Arringtons are quarantining due to Kennadee's being exposed at school to someone who has Covid. Shelly Cates has been struggling with sinus problems and bursitis. Reese Kinney was not feeling well last weekend. Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother) is in rehab and now hopes to go home October 9th.

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; 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).

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 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: 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.
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 (Costa Rica) [Overseeing funds]

Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

ALCOHOL AND THE BIBLE, Part 2

Nathan Franson

(Continued from last week) PHYSICAL EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL

Serotonin is a chemical in the brain which makes someone cautious and careful. It enables them to think before they act. It is what keeps them in a good mood. It helps them stay alert and recognize dangerous situations. Alcohol is a depressant and blocks serotonin. This is why those who drink, even a little, significantly hinder their ability to react to different environments and situations.

The Greek term *toxikon* means to poison. *In* means “put into.” Intoxicate simply means to put poison into something. In the case of a drinker it would be his body. In other words, one is intoxicated the moment the alcohol enters his body. According to the American Medical Association, “there is no minimum (blood alcohol concentrate) which can be set at which there will be absolutely no effect.”

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT ALCOHOL

There are over 55 references to consuming alcohol or fermented wine in the Bible. Not one of them cast a positive light or authorize the use of alcohol.

Ephesians 5:18

Perhaps the most compelling evidence comes from Paul. The apostle writes, “And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation...” (Eph. 5:18, NKJV). The word *drunk* comes from the translated Greek term *methusko* (μεθύσκω). It literally means “to inebriate, make drunk; to be intoxicated.” Every major lexicon lists the words “be drunk” or “drunken” as a participle. A participle is a verb that acts as an adjective. It is a state of being based on the act of doing something. The verb form of “be” is linking drunk to an understood “You/ye.” In other words, to be drunk is the state of being of one who has drunk something. To be drunk with water means I have consumed, or drunk, water. Paul makes it clear wine is that something in this case. The apostle goes on to state that drinking wine is “dissipation,” or debauchery. *Vine’s Expository Dictionary* states *methusko* is an inceptive verb. Inceptive means, relating to or marking the beginning of something. Grammatically in this case, to be drunk begins as soon as the wine is consumed.

Proverbs 20:1

Solomon has quite a bit to say. He writes, “Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” (Prov. 20:1). Again, context determines whether or not it is fermented. Fresh grapes pressed straight from the vine will not have these results. Alcohol negatively affects thinking. It makes someone have a loose tongue. Take into account the many fights and domestic disturbances that has occurred. *(To be continued next week)*

“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: Whom did Jesus tell, “I stand at the door, and knock”?

Last week’s question: Who asked Jesus, “Art thou the King of the Jews?”

Last week’s answer: Pilate (*Matthew 27:11; Mark 15:2; Luke 23:3; John 18:33*)

SERMONS: The Visitor (*Luke 19:5*)

“All the Counsel of God” (*Acts 20:27*)

DAILY BIBLE READING (October 5-11):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Zechariah	3-6	7-10	11-14	Nehemiah		1-3	4-6
			Ezra	5-7	8-10		

SCRIPTURE READING (OCTOBER): Dan Cates (Luke 19:2-6)

(NOVEMBER): Thomas Massey

PRESIDE LORD’S SUPPER MORNING (OCTOBER): Carl Hounshell

(NOVEMBER): Cody Hadley

ASSIST LORD’S SUPPER (OCTOBER): Conor Cates and Cody Hadley

(NOVEMBER): Ray Stanford and Mark Peyton

CLEAN BUILDING (OCTOBER): The Houshells

(NOVEMBER): The Masseys

PREPARE COMMUNION (OCTOBER): Kim Arrington

(NOVEMBER): Kaylie Hadley

PANTRY NEEDS: Imperishables.

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

Today through Wednesday

Both the congregations at Looxahoma and Nesbit will be hosting **Gospel meetings** with John Shannon and Terrance Brownlow-Dindy, respectively, speaking.

October 11-14

Gospel meeting at Coldwater.

June 6-9, 2021

Gospel meeting with Brian Stewart.

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.