

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
OCTOBER 10, 2021

PROTRACTED: Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Lauren Brown (niece of Paul Brown)—heart; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; Ella Cobb, granddaughter of the Houses—seizures; 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]

Kakinada, India [Providing Bibles and Overseeing Funds]

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)

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

CRYING IT OUT

Clifton Angel

God's gift of children brings tremendous joy to our lives. One of the least joyful moments for parents—if they so choose—is the process of letting their children "cry it out." One of the first occasions of an infant's life that this takes place is transition to a crib, alone in their own room. Isn't this extremely difficult? To sit there and do nothing while watching your child in wrenching discomfort and listening to them wail at the top of their lungs via a video monitor. Of course, you know it is, if you've ever let one of your children "cry it out." Sometimes, I gave in with our first child, and my wife would inform me that I was hindering the process. His "crying it out" was essential to his growth and strength.

Curtis A. Cates, a dear encourager and Bible instructor who has passed on to his reward, once said, "I believe the greatest sufferer in the book of Job was Jehovah God." Except for Jesus', the suffering of Job is the grandest record we have of the extent to which a human being has suffered. Job lost all 10 of his children in one day (Job 1:18–19). On that same day, he lost his financial wealth and a number of servants (Job 1:13–17). Soon thereafter, his health was smitten to the point that his wife thought he would be better off dead (Job 2:7–9). If that was not enough, three friends began to tell him how he must have done something very ungodly to be receiving such a punishment. Job knew he did nothing to deserve this hurt, and he believed God was the one persecuting him, but he still did not want to turn his back on God. God allowed Job to endure such tremendous suffering by the hand of the devil in order to prove He has faithful servants and to provide an inspired record from which we can learn. How hard must it have been for God while Job suffered? To sit there and do nothing while watching him in wrenching discomfort and listening to him wail at the top of his lungs.

The next time you are "crying it out" because of the inevitable hardships of life, the undeserved suffering of illness, or the ungodly persecution from the world, and you are tempted to think that God has forgotten you, remember the words of James: "Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end intended by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful" (James 5:11). And, remember that it is essential to your growth and strength (James 1:2–9).

"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: With what victor were those who were "called, and chosen, and faithful"?

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

Last week's answer: A city (*Hebrews 11:16*)

SERMONS: AM: "The Lord Hath Called Every One" (1 Corinthians 7:17)

PM: "All the Counsel of God": Heirs

DAILY BIBLE READING (October 11-17):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Nehemiah	4-6	7-9	10-13				
Malachi				1-4			
Matthew					1-4	5-7	8-11

READ SCRIPTURE (OCTOBER): Mario Arrington (*1 Corinthians 1:1-3*)

(**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 Tuesday (October 12); a list of their needs is in the foyer.

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

October 10-13 (Today through Wednesday)

Gospel Meeting at Coldwater with Tim Hayes speaking. The theme is *Doing What Is Right*. Times include 1:00 Sunday after noon and 7:00 Monday through Wednesday nights.

October 12 (Tuesday)

Tennessee Children's Home truck will be here.

October 15,16

World Mission Forum at the Memphis School of Preaching. Times include 7:00 Friday night and 9:00 A.M. through 3:00 P.M. Saturday.

October 17-21

Spiritual Sword Lectures at the Getwell Church of Christ.

WELCOME VISITORS!