

**INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
OCTOBER 11, 2020**

SICK/TEMPORARY: Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother) has been moved to a nursing home where she can receive around the clock care; she is hopeful that this move is temporary.

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 3

Nathan Franson

(Continued from last week) He confirms, "Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has contentions? Who has complaints? Who has wounds without cause? Who has redness of eyes? Those who linger long at the wine, those who go in search of mixed wine. Do not look on the wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the cup, when it swirls around smoothly; at the last it bites like a serpent, and stings like a viper. Your eyes will see strange things, and your heart will utter perverse things. Yes, you will be like one who lies down in the midst of the sea, or like one who lies at the top of the mast, saying: 'They have struck me, but I was not hurt; They have beaten me, but I did not feel it. When shall I awake, that I may seek another drink?'" (Prov. 23:29-35).

Alcohol appears attractive and satisfying. Think of the many entertaining commercials trying to make it seem harmless and acceptable. However, the reality is that it causes sadness, strife, complaining, and pain. "Redness of eyes" is an outward display of the inner body suffering. Notice Solomon does not say, "Drink responsibly." The only way to efficiently avoid this is to stay away from it.

1 Peter 4:13

Peter writes, "Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries" (1 Pet. 4:13). The term "drinking parties" comes from the Greek word *potos* (πότος), referring to simply drinking together or carousing. Social drinking is nothing more than drinking with others and is condemned by Peter. "Drunkenness" here means "indulging in wine to excess with its consequent results" (*Complete Word Study Dictionary of the New Testament*).

Galatians 5:19-21

Paul writes, "Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, **drunkenness** [emph., NF], revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:19-21). "Drunkenness" in the

apostle's letter to Galatia is the same as his letter to Ephesus. It refers to the act of drinking and is listed among other sins of the flesh. This begs the question; how can one maintain complete self-control if impairment begins with the first drink? (*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: In whose house did Jesus say, "She hath done what she could"?

Last week's question: Whom did Jesus tell, "I stand at the door, and knock"?

Last week's answer: The Laodiceans (*Revelation 3:14,20*)

SERMONS: "She Hath Done What She Could" (*Mark 14:8*)

"All the Counsel of God": Abide

DAILY BIBLE READING (October 12-18):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Nehemiah	7-9	10-13					
Malachi		1-4					
Matthew	1-4		5-7	8-11	12-15		

SCRIPTURE READING (OCTOBER): Dan Cates (*Mark 14:3-9*)

(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 Hounshells

(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):

October 16,17

Missions Seminar at the Memphis School of Preaching. The whole program will only be on-line at msop.org.

October 18-22

Spiritual Sword Lectures at Getwell.

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