

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
OCTOBER 13, 2019

**PRAYERS:** A neighbor of the congregation, **Danny Jones**, has asked that we remember his family in our prayers.

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** **Janice Bailey** had problems due to two seizures this past week. **Tracy Roberts** is at home now. **Riley Young** has been sick with a tough virus for a couple of weeks now—they are thinking the problem may be tied to a food allergy; **Jessica** was also sick, but is better. **Erica Swindoll**, daughter of the **Masseys**, has a growth on her tonsils and is being treated with steroids; if those don't work, she will need surgery. **Elizabeth Yount**, sister-in-law of **Paula Harrison**, is recovering from a serious car wreck and multiple surgeries.

**PROTRACTED:** **Janice Bailey**—Alzheimers; **Paul Baldwin**—diabetes;  **Scooter Birmingham** (friend of **Destiny Clayton**); **June Black** (mother of a high school friend of **Tracy Roberts**)—recovering from hip surgery; **Don Blackwell** (preacher at Southaven)—paralyzed, now at Shepherd Center; **Brian Brown** (**Paul Brown's** nephew)—epilepsy; **Shelly Cates**—fibromyalgia; **Gladys Marie Elrod** (**Mary Ray's** son-in-law's mother)—congestive heart failure; **Addiae Farrow** (**Tabatha Clayton's** great niece)—heart; **Bubba Farrow** (**Emma Farrow's** son)—Alzheimer's; **Jerry Floate** (of this community)—liver transplant; **Brook Hale** (**Tracy Roberts' niece**)—Grave's Disease; **Henry Harrison** (**Paula Harrison's** husband)—diverticulitis; **Paula Harrison**—Meniere's Disease; **Martha Hopkins** (**Tracy Roberts' mother**)—dementia; **Paul Hounshell** (**Carl Hounshell's** son)—a-fib; **Wanda Jackson**—a-fib; **Brenda Jones**—Lupus; **Stan Jones**—Meniere's Disease; **Jeff Kidd** (friend of **Tracy Roberts**)—paralyzed; **Garrett Lentz** (son of a co-worker of **Cody Hadley**)—seizures; **Becky Munns** (**Tabatha Clayton's** aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; **Robert Rawson** (preacher at Crockett)—diabetes; **Ray Reynold's** (**Sheila Massey** and **Mary West's** dad)—memory trouble; **Brett Rutherford** (**Dan Cates' friend**)—MS; **Dan Sandidge** (**Syble Embrey's** son-in-law)—Grave's Disease; **Brittany Suttles** (wife of a recent MSOP grad) is pregnant with twins, and has had some difficulty before; **Blake Thompson** (**Tracy Roberts' niece's** husband) recovering from an accident and numerous surgeries; **Tammy Turner** (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; and **Francis Wallace** (friend of **Mary Ray**).

**CANCER:** **Robbie Andrews** (friend of **Dan Cates**)—prostate; **Clifton Angel** (preacher at Coldwater)—thyroid; **Sherry Brown** (retired MSOP secretary); **Robin Brueck** (niece of **Allene Baldwin** and **Syble Embrey**)—breast; **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**); **Dwight Faulkenberry** (**Tracy Roberts' cousin**); **Debbie Farrow**; **Orville Fowler** (father of the **Browns' neighbor**)—stomach; **Joyce Geeslin**—under hospice care; **Tom Gordon** (of Looxahoma); **Nathan Jones** (the **Hounshell's** neighbors' 16 year old family member)—brain; **Sara Kiestler** (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; **Billy Kimbrough** (former son-in-law of **Joyce Geeslin**)—esophageal; **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**); **Tracy Roberts**—undergoing treatments; 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), **Martha Hopkins** (**Tracy Roberts' mother**—Life Point Villages room 108B).

**SERVING:** **Dylan** and **Maggie Cooper** (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.), **Cameron Hadley** (**Grayson Hadley's** dad—Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC), **Jacob Petrowski** (grandson of former members here—Marines, Romania). 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 (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 (David, Panama) [Overseeing funds]*

*Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts*

# CONFRONTING THE WORLD WITH GOOD NEWS, Part 5

Winfred Clark

*(Continued from last week)* The necessity of one being born again is beyond dispute. There is absolutely no exception if one is to enter the kingdom of God. But how is such accomplished? Let Peter help us with the answer. "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever" (1 Pet. 1:22-23). Now, did Peter know how one could be born again. Notice what he said. He says, "being born again" which would carry the force of "having been born again." So the new birth had taken place. But how did such take place? He goes on to show that such was "by the word of God which liveth and abideth forever." But this is the good news with which the world needs to be confronted. How do I know this to be the case? I know by what I read. "But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel' is preached unto you" (1 Pet. 1:25). Thus the same word by which they are said to be born is also called the gospel and we could easily say, good news.

We would all agree that there is the need for the world to be saved. God sent His Son to take away the sin of the world (John 1:29). John would say, "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world" (1 John 4:14). He would not send His Son to save the world if the world was not lost. But we know that the world is lost for John said, "...and the whole world lieth in wickedness" (1 John 5:19). But how is the world that is lost, that is engulfed in wickedness to be saved? Do we have a Bible answer for this problem that plagues the world? Surely we do. Let James answer the question for us as he writes to his brethren: "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls" (James 1:21). Can anyone of us doubt the truthfulness of his statement? Did he know how they could be saved? We know he did. But the answer that James would give would be the same kind of answer Paul would give to this same sort of a question. Paul would affirm, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek" (Rom. 1:16). Can there be any doubt about the gospel's relationship to the salvation of all men? Absolutely none.

When we thus look at the matter of "confronting the world with the good news" we see there are a number of things that must be kept in mind. We are able to see who is to confront the world, we are able to see what kind of world is to be confronted, we are able to see when the world is to be confronted and we are told what we are to use as we confront the world. We have no doubt about the why we are to confront the world with this good news. A number of reasons are given.

One final thing needs to be kept in mind. Though some in the world may not respond properly to the good news by which they are confronted: That will not be the last time they will be confronted with the word. You see Jesus had something to say about this matter. "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48). Yes, the world may turn down the word of God but a time comes when that word will be heard again. Then the news will not be as good for many for there will be no offer of salvation made at that time.

*"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: Who were told to "speak unto us smooth things"?

Last week's question: Who apocalyptically saw when "four great beasts came up from the sea"?

Last week's answer: Daniel (Daniel 7:2,3)

## SERMONS: "Smooth Things" (Isaiah 30:10)

Garrett Young will preach this evening

## DAILY BIBLE READING (October 14-20):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Malachi</b>	1-4						
<b>Matthew</b>	1-4	5-7	8-11	12-15	16-18	20-22	

**SCRIPTURE READING (OCTOBER):** Garrett Young (Isaiah 30:9-11)

*(NOVEMBER): Dan Cates*

**PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING AND EVENING (OCTOBER):** Dan Cates

*(NOVEMBER): Carl Hounshell*

**ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (OCTOBER):** Mark Peyton and Paul Brown

*(NOVEMBER): Garrett Young and Sonny Stewart*

**CLEAN BUILDING (OCTOBER):** Ella Darnell and Carolyn Stanford

*(NOVEMBER): Suzanne and Katie Brown*

**PREPARE COMMUNION (OCTOBER):** Tabatha Clayton

*(NOVEMBER): Kim Arrington*

**PANTRY NEEDS:** The children's home truck will be here October 22nd. We also need imperishables for the pantry.

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

Today

**Game night** after evening services.

**Gospel Meeting** begins at Coldwater with Mark Reynolds. Times include 1:00 Sunday afternoon and 7:00 Monday through Wednesday nights.

Friday and Saturday (October 18,19)

MSOP's **World Evangelism Seminar** at Forest Hill.

November 1

**Ladies Night Out** at Southaven.

**Youth Retreat** begins at Sardis. It will conclude on the 3rd.

**WELCOME VISITORS!**