

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
OCTOBER 17 & 24, 2021

**SYMPATHY:** Mario Arrington's cousin, Dyrell Hughery, recently passed away because of Covid.

**SICK:** Mario Arrington has been sick for over this past week. Shelly Cates has been really hurting in her hip and back. Karter Shamblin has been fighting an ear infection. Skeet Geeslin (cousin of Kim Arrington and Tabatha Clayton) has been fighting Covid.

**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

# IS THERE ANYTHING WORTH DYING FOR?

Parker Webster

Propaganda photographer and fashion icon, James Jebbia released a rare set of home decor with the skateboarding brand “Supreme” in December 2017. Jebbia is known by the fashion industry to be a controversial giant. Many of his photos are looked down upon by the art and fashion scene due to political and ethical content. So, when this collection of home decor was released, many designers raised eyebrows. One obscure item of his collection was a welcome mat. Usually placed at a front door, this mat had a picture of a gun with a description reading, “There is nothing here worth dying for.”

This year, our nation exceeded spending one trillion dollars on electronic devices alone. America has a problem with spending. We are constantly caught up in owning the latest and greatest. We put so much emphasis on earthly possessions that we may forget what our focus should be. Perhaps materialism affects man today more than ever. We have to have the latest apple product and drive the newest car to be “cool.”

Although I rarely ever endorse or agree with anything in the fashion industry, as a Christian, I think Jebbia’s “rug saying” holds SOME truth. If we were to look in the book of Mark we read, “what does it profit if a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul” (Mark 8:36).

Ultimately, there is nothing physical worth dying for. People break their backs and go into debt just to possess the items of this world. The rich young ruler couldn’t follow Jesus because of his great possessions. (Luke 18:18-23) The world was worth dying for to this young man. We need to make sure we are focusing on banking in heaven (Matt. 6:19-20), rather than dying for Wells Fargo.

Johnny Ramsey used to say, "It's all just going to be burned up anyway." With that in mind, ask yourself, “Is there really anything worth dying for?”

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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: Where was Ahasuerus' palace?

Last week’s question: With what victor were those who were "called, and chosen, and faithful"?

Last week’s answer: “The lamb ... Lord of lords, and King of kings” (*Revelation 17:14*)

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**SERMONS:** AM: Contrasts in Character (*Esther 2:1-11*)

PM: “*All the Counsel of God*”: Hell

24th: Will Thomason will be preaching in the morning and Dan Cates will be teaching “*All the Counsel of God*”: Holy Spirit in the evening

## DAILY BIBLE READING (October 18-November 31):

		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
18th-24th	<b>Matthew</b>	12-15	16-19	20-22	23-25	26-28		
						<b>Mark</b>	1-3	4-6
25th-31st	<b>Mark</b>	7-10	11-13	14-16				
				<b>Luke</b>	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-13

**READ SCRIPTURE (OCTOBER):** Mario Arrington (*Esther 8:1,2; please see Will about the 24th*)

(*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 17-21

*Spiritual Sword Lectures* at the Getwell Church of Christ.

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## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today.