

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
NOVEMBER 17, 2019

SICK/TEMPORARY: April, Reese, and Carson Kinney were all sick this past week.

PROTRACTED: Janice Bailey—Alzheimer's; Paul Baldwin—diabetes; 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; Jerry Floate (of this community)—liver transplant; Brook Hale (Tracy Roberts' niece)—Grave's Disease; Paula Harrison—Meniere's Disease; Paul Hounshell (Carl Hounshell's son)—a-fib; Wanda Jackson—a-fib; Brenda Jones—Lupus; Stan Jones—Meniere's Disease; 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; Tammy Turner (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; Francis Wallace (friend of Mary Ray); and Elizabeth Yount (sister-in-law of Paula Harrison)—recovering from a very serious auto accident.

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); 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).

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

THE TRASHING OF HUMAN LIFE, Part 1

Wayne Jackson

Earlier this year Bob Ohlrich walked into his wife's hospital room, put a pistol to her head, and fired a bullet into her brain. Was this life-ending deed morally wrong? Many would argue it was not. Mr. Ohlrich believed his wife was suffering from terminal cancer (or so he says). Though Phyllis Ohlrich had been operated on for colon cancer in 1998, a post-mortem autopsy revealed no trace of cancer at the time of her death.

This incident demonstrates, however, how very cheap life has become in these waning days of the twentieth century. The infamous Dr. Jack Kevorkian, commonly known as "Jack the Dripper," has assisted in more than forty suicides (some three-fourths of which were women). He is scheduled to go on trial one more time this spring for the well-publicized suicide he aided, which was filmed by the exploitive television program, *60 Minutes*.

Though Kevorkian has given the right-to-die movement an almost decomposing stench, the more-respectable advocates of physician-assisted suicide are by no means ready to give up the ghost in defense of the procedure. Lynn Vincent, a journalist for *World* magazine, has recently shown that huge nonprofit corporations are pouring millions of dollars into efforts which will promote various forms of euthanasia (1999, 23).

How does one determine whether suicide, personally implemented—or otherwise assisted—is a moral act or not? The answer actually is quite simple. If human life is merely a freak of nature—a biological accident—then man may dispose of it freely at will. If we are but a conglomeration of living cells, in the same way a roach is, then human life occupies no unique place in the environs of earth. In such a case, who has the right to say when it will or will not be sustained? No one.

But this is a philosophical position which most rational folks find intolerable. The problem with such a materialistic theory is this. The more scientists learn about the complexity of the living cell, the more they are driven to the conclusion that "life" **could not have originated by chance**. Even some atheists have struggled with this.

In his book, *Communications with Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence*, the late Dr. Carl Sagan, a prominent atheist in the scientific community, acknowledged that the possibility of life's spontaneous appearance on earth is on the order of one in ten to the two billionth power (that's a one followed by two billion zeros) (1973, 46). These are astronomical odds. In other words, **life did not just happen!**

If, therefore, it is not reasonable to believe that life could have generated itself, how did it originate? The only logical conclusion is this: some superior life-force, exterior to earth's environment, is responsible for life on this planet.

This is the very affirmation of the Holy Scriptures. Life is derived from the "living God." Paul declared: "[God] himself gives to all life, and breath, and all things." Again, "[I]n him we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:25,28; cf. 1 Timothy 6:13). Centuries before Christ was born, Moses wrote: "Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 2:7).

"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: Which prophecy did Jesus fulfil in Luke 4:18-21?

Last week's question: Who say of wisdom, "We have heard the fame thereof with our ears"?

Last week's answer: "Destruction and death" (Job 28:22)

SERMONS:

"Freedom Never Cries" (*Luke 4:18*)

Moral Issues Facing America 3: The Sanctity of Life 3 (*Isaiah 5:20*)

DAILY BIBLE READING (November 18-24):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Acts	3-5	6-9	10-12	13,14	Galatians		1-3
				James	1-2	3-5	

SCRIPTURE READING (NOVEMBER):

Dan Cates (2 Timothy 2:24-26)

(*DECEMBER*): Thomas Massey

PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING AND EVENING (NOVEMBER):

Carl Hounshell

(*DECEMBER*): Cody Hadley

ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (NOVEMBER):

Garrett Young and Sonny Stewart

(*DECEMBER*): Ray Stanford and Mark Peyton

CLEAN BUILDING (NOVEMBER):

Suzanne and Katie Brown

(*DECEMBER*): The Hounshells

PREPARE COMMUNION (NOVEMBER):

Kim Arrington

(*DECEMBER*): Kaylei Hadley

PANTRY NEEDS:

Imperishables for the pantry.

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

December 7

Holiday party for the children

June 7-10, 2020

Gospel meeting with Tom Wacaster

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.