

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
DECEMBER 15, 2019

**SYMPATHY:** Shelby Peyton recently lost her brother, John Blackley.

**CONGRATS:** Mark Peyton has a new grandson, Finely Lyons, born December 5th, weighing 8 lb., 2oz.

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Syble Embrey was sick this past weekend. Mary Ray's back was bothering her this past week.

Gawain Jefferies (an MSOP first-year student) has been having some chest pain. Easton McCullough, a classmate of Grayson Hadley, has been diagnosed with alpha gel syndrome.

**PROTRACTED:** Janice Bailey—Alzheimers; 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; 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:** 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); 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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## The Informer



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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

# SECOND IMPRESSION: JUDAS, Part 1

Corey Sawyers

As we mentioned in the first article of this series, some people do not make a good "first impression," and sometimes the problem is in the eyes of the beholder. Many movies, children's books, songs, and the like have helped us form incorrect opinions about some of those whom we read about in the Bible. We began with Thomas, and today I would like for us to take a second look at another disciple. Let's see if we do not walk away with a better "Second Impression."

Judas is "the bad guy." When we think of him, we most often think of the scene of his kissing Jesus in the garden. With that kiss, he indicated the One he was turning over to the soldiers. He betrayed Jesus! As such, he goes down in history with some of the most notorious traitors of all time. Cassius, Brutus, Benedict Arnold, and Tokyo Rose have nothing on the man who betrayed the Lord. We are not so surprised at this heinous act because we think we have the character of Judas all figured out. How often do we think of him as the influential disciple chosen by Jesus and respected by the eleven? Despite our first impression of Judas, think of how incomplete a picture we have painted of him.

First, remember Judas was a disciple of Jesus! That means:

- He heard what Jesus taught (Mt. 5:1-2ff).
- He saw Jesus perform miracles (Mt. 8:23-27).
- He saw Jesus even raise the dead (Mt. 9:19-25).
- He was given exclusive insight into what Jesus taught (Mt. 13:10-12).
- He even helped Jesus perform miracles (Mt. 14:17-21).
- He was able to cast out unclean spirits (Mt. 10:1-4).
- He was able to heal every kind of disease and affliction (Mt. 10:1-4).

Think about all of that! Judas was doing good, hearing truth, and involved in great efforts to teach about Jesus! Because of this, he was also highly respected.

Second, remember the disciples respected Judas! How can we come to that conclusion?

- They followed his lead. They became indignant at the "waste" of using the expensive perfume to anoint Jesus (Mt. 26:6-9). John's account says it was Judas who did these things. It seems evident that Judas began the outcry, and the others naturally followed Judas in this. (*To be continued next week*)

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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: What comes after that "appointed unto men once"?

Last week's question: When did God first appear to Abraham?

Last week's answer: "When he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran" (Acts 7:2)

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**SERMONS:** Called (*Romans 8:28*)

Moral Issues Facing America 4: Marriage and the Home 2 (*Isaiah 5:20*)

## DAILY BIBLE READING (December 16-22):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>1 Peter</b>	3-5			<b>Titus</b>	1-3		
<b>2 Peter</b>	1-3			<b>2 Timothy</b>		1-4	
<b>1 Timothy</b>			1-3	4-6		<b>1 John</b>	1,2

**SCRIPTURE READING (DECEMBER):** Thomas Massey (Revelation 20:12,13)

(*JANUARY*): Cody Hadley

**PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING AND EVENING (DECEMBER):** Cody Hadley

(*JANUARY*): Garrett Young

**ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (DECEMBER):** Ray Stanford and Mark Peyton

(*JANUARY*): Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

**CLEAN BUILDING (DECEMBER):** The Hounshells

(*JANUARY*): The Masseys

**PREPARE COMMUNION (DECEMBER):** Kaylie Hadley

(*JANUARY*): Suzanne and Katie Brown

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Breakfast foods with long shelf lives and canned fruit for the pantry.

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

January 22-26

**Lectureship** at Nesbit on *Time and Eternity*

June 7-10

**Gospel meeting** with Tom Wacaster

June 12-14

**Gospel meeting** at Looxahoma with Aaron Ownbey preaching

June 6-9, 2021

**Gospel meeting** with Brian Stewart

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## 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.