

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
DECEMBER 22 & 29, 2019

SYMPATHY: Carolyn Kendrick (mother-in-law of Jimmy Ferguson, who used to preach here) was killed in a car accident recently; the funeral was Tuesday. Let us remember that family, especially Elizabeth Ferguson.

SICK/TEMPORARY: Dan and Shelly Cates and April Kinney were sick this past week.

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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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 2

Corey Sawyers

(Continued from last week)

- John also tells us that Judas became upset because he was the treasurer and wanted the money for himself. All of the disciples (to a certain degree at least) were concerned about what they could get out of Jesus. That is why they lobbied for positions and argued about who was the greatest. The point, though, is of all they could have chosen, at the time, they trusted Judas with the money.
- In Matthew 26, Jesus tells the disciples one will betray Him. Not one disciple said, "It's Judas, right?" Instead, they each said, "Is it I, Lord?" (vv.21-22). In other words, Peter, Andrew, John, and all the rest thought they might be the betrayer before it ever entered their mind it might be Judas. That thought never entered their minds, apparently. When Judas did leave, they thought he was going out to do a good deed for the poor!

Third, remember this did not turn out how Judas wanted it. Perhaps, as some have suggested, Judas only wanted Jesus to step up and be the Messiah they all knew He should be. By leading the soldiers to arrest Jesus, it seems Judas might have thought this was the straw that would lead the Christ to throw out the Romans and sit on David's throne. While we cannot know his motivation for sure, we can be confident he was upset when it became apparent that Jesus would be put to death. After all, that would be the only reason they would be bringing him to the governor. It was at that moment ("then") that Judas wanted to reverse the course (Mt. 27:1-5).

So, what can we learn from Judas?

- We can be with the right people, hearing the right things, and not be following Jesus.
- We can be doing the right things, in the right places, and not be following Jesus.
- Everyone can think we are following Jesus, and we not be following Jesus.
- We must CHOOSE JESUS before we can FOLLOW JESUS!

Our first impression of Judas may have been of some notorious criminal mastermind. The text paints a different picture! He is one who was following Jesus while doing the right things but allowed his desires to turn his heart. Isn't it true that the same thing could happen to us? No matter what the songs or stories might say, God's Word gives us a great second impression of Judas as one whose life is a warning for us all!

"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: Whose hand's reward shall be given to the wicked?

Last week's question: What comes after that "appointed unto men once"?

Last week's answer: The judgment (Hebrews 9:27)

SERMONS:

Wages Versus Gifts (*Romans 6:23*)

Moral Issues Facing America 4: Marriage and the Home 3 (*Isaiah 5:20*)

Brian Briscoe will be preaching both services Sunday, December 29th

DAILY BIBLE READING (December 23-January 5):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Dec. 23-29	1 John 3-5						
	2 John 1						
	3 John 1						
	Jude 1						
	Revelation	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-15	

Dec. 30-Jan. 5 **Revelation** 16-18 19-22

Genesis 1-2 3-5 6-9 10-11 12-15

SCRIPTURE READING (DECEMBER): Thomas Massey (James 1:12-17)

(JANUARY): Cody Hadley—Please ask Brian Briscoe about December 29th's reading

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.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Syble Embrey

January 4

Levi Howell

January 9

Shelby Peyton

January 20

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

January 22-26

Lectureship at Nesbit on *Time and Eternity*