

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

SYMPATHY: Phillip Vanwinkle (friend of the Cates) passed away due to his colon cancer. The funeral was this past Thursday. He was only 44.

SICK/TEMPORARY: Tabatha Clayton was struggling with a migraine last week. Wanda Jackson had a reaction to a pneumonia shot recently. April Kinney has been having problems with her sciatic nerve. Ralph Darnell's (son of Ella Darnell) open-heart surgery has been postponed. Levi Hall (son of Kaleb and Kristin Hall who worked with us while they were at MSOP) had to have his appendix removed Wednesday.

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; 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; 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; 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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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

OFF TRACK

Corey Sawyers

In May 2015, six people died as the result of a passenger train derailment. The modern Amtrak train was carrying 238 passengers and five crew members when it left the track in Philadelphia. At least 140 of those riders were hospitalized. Federal investigators and Amtrak officials concluded the train was simply going too fast around a curve, causing the locomotive to get off the right track.

How many times do we get "off track" by getting in too big of a hurry? We rush to judgment, we jump to conclusions, and we are quick to make a verdict without getting all the facts.

- Job's friends got off track when they jumped to the wrong conclusion and caused Job to ask, "How long will you torment me And crush me with words. These ten times you have insulted me; You are not ashamed to wrong me" (Job 19:1-3).
- The Israelites got off track. They almost caused a civil war because of making the wrong assumption, falsely thinking an altar built was out of rebellion against God (Joshua 22:9-34).
- Samuel got off track and tried to anoint all of Jesse's sons except the right one. He based his judgment, rashly, on the wrong facts (1 Samuel 16:7).
- The Ammonites got off track when they thought David was sending someone to spy and conquer when in truth, he wanted to show kindness (1 Chronicles 19:2-3).

We must not get in such a big hurry that we get off track. "Do not be eager in your heart to be angry, For anger resides in the bosom of fools" (Eccl. 7:9). That is why we are not to "go out hastily to argue your case," the wise man says. Instead, God tells us to "Argue your case with your neighbor, And do not reveal the secret of another" (Prov. 25:8-10). We must not judge by appearance. We must not decide based on hearsay (Isaiah 11:3). If we would follow the "Golden Rule" and treat others the same way we want them to treat us (Luke 6:31), how likely would we be to get off track? If we remembered "the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself'" (Galatians 5:14), how likely would we be to stay on the right track?

A train that goes too fast will wind up only causing destruction and grief. The same is true when we get in too big of a hurry to point the finger, cast the accusation, and play judge and jury. More times than not, we will get off track - and death and destruction will be the only outcome.

"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 told Jesus, "Master, rebuke thy disciples"?

Last week's question: What "is reserved for ever" for the false teacher who follows "the way of Balaam"?

Last week's answer: "The mist of darkness" (2 Peter 2:15-17)

SERMONS: "Let Him Have His Way with Thee" (*Ephesians 2:10*)

Garrett Young will preach this evening

DAILY BIBLE READING (September 9-15):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
2 Chronicles	30-32	33-36					
Ezekiel			1-3	4-7	8-11	12-14	15-18

SCRIPTURE READING (SEPTEMBER): Carl Hounshell (Hebrews 13:20,21)

(OCTOBER): Garrett Young

PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING AND EVENING (SEPTEMBER): Thomas Massey

(OCTOBER): Dan Cates

ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER): Cody Hadley and Ray Stanford

(OCTOBER): Mark Peyton and Paul Brown

CLEAN BUILDING (SEPTEMBER): The Masseys

(OCTOBER): Ella Darnell and Carolyn Stanford

PREPARE COMMUNION (SEPTEMBER): Brenda Jones

(OCTOBER): Tabatha Clayton

PANTRY NEEDS: The children's home truck will be here October 22nd.

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

Thursday (September 12)

The Memphis School of Preaching MOST program resumes. Classes are open for all and may be taken from home. A schedule is in the foyer.

September 27-29

Clay Bond will be preaching a **Gospel meeting** at Forest Hill at 7:00 Friday and Saturday nights and 1:30 Sunday afternoon. There will be a ladies day with his wife, Carlie Bond, at 8:30 A.M. Saturday.

September 28

Clothing Giveaway from 9:00 A.M. until Noon. Volunteers are needed not just during those times, but also in setting up and cleaning up. We are in need of coat hangers.

September 29

5th Sunday Q & A, Potluck, and celebration of the Youngs' new baby, Madison Reece.

October 13

Game night after evening services.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today.