

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
NOVEMBER 3, 2019

SYMPATHY: Tracy Roberts passed away Wednesday night. The visitation will be at the building of the Southaven church of Christ on Friday beginning at 1 P.M. with a memorial service following at 3 P.M.

SICK/TEMPORARY: Shelly Cates and Kaylei and Paislei Hadley 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; Addlae 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.
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 (David, Panama) [Overseeing funds]

Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

THE MOST RELIGIOUS STATE, Part 1

Jason Patrick Hilburn (*thebible.com*)

Survey conductors at Princeton Survey Research Associates International claim that Mississippi is the most religious state in America:

Mississippi is, far and away, the most religious state in the country—ranking first among the 50 states in a nationwide poll in four categories: the importance of religion to residents; the frequency of prayer; the attendance at worship services and the certainty of a belief in God ... Mississippi scored highest across the board, with 82 percent of Mississippians saying religion was very important in their lives; 60 percent saying they attend services at least once a week; 77 percent saying they pray daily; and 91 percent saying they believe in God with absolute certainty. Other Southern states also ranked high in the poll, with Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee and South Carolina all scoring 70 percent or higher on the importance of religion in people's lives. North Carolina was eighth with 69 percent; Georgia ninth with 68 percent, Kentucky 10th with 67 percent and Texas 11th with 67 percent . . . At the other end of the spectrum, fewer than four in 10 people living in New Hampshire and Vermont, which each scored 36 percent, and Alaska, with 37 percent, said religion is very important to them. The national average: 56 percent of citizens who say religion is very important to them [<http://www.mcclatchydc.com/homepage/story/81155.html>].

Although it is interesting that there are apparently so many religious people in Mississippi (and in the South in general), there is also a question which needs to be answered — Do all religious people go to Heaven? If not, then which religious people go to Heaven?

First of all, we know from the Scriptures that those who do not have faith in Christ will not go to Heaven (John 8:24; 14:6; Hebrews 11:6). Those who are not Christians may call us “narrow-minded“ because we teach that any accountable person who is not a Christian will not enter Heaven, but so be it. We follow and defend our Lord Jesus Christ and the Truth. The world contains millions of people who are religious, but the majority of them are not following Christ.

If we turn our attention to those who believe in Christ, we must then ask if they are truly obeying the Lord. Even in Jesus' day there were those who believed that He was the Son of God, but they were still lost because they would not obey Him: “Nevertheless among the

chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue: For they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God” (John 12:42-43; cf. 8:30-44, 52; 14:15; Matt. 7:21- 23; Luke 6:46; James 2:14-26). Many who consider themselves religious because they believe in Christ are actually lost because they will not obey God's command to repent and let go of their sins: “And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness ...” (Acts 17:30-31). Many who believe in Christ will be forever lost because they are ashamed to talk about Him or His Words in the company of others (Mark 8:38). Many who believe in Christ have not been immersed in water for the purpose of having their sins washed away (Acts 22:16), and thus their sins are still staining their souls. The Bible teaches that once a person is baptized for the remission of his sins, he is added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:38, 41, 47).*(To be continued next week)*

“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: According to David, "the Lord is known by" what?

Last week's question: Who “leaped in” the womb?

Last week's answer: John the Baptist (Luke 1:41)

SERMONS: I Know the Lord Has ...; Therefore, ... (*Psalm 9:10*)

Moral Issues Facing America 3: The Sanctity of Life 2 (*Isaiah 5:20*)

DAILY BIBLE READING (November 4-10):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Luke	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-13	14-17	18-21	22-24

SCRIPTURE READING (NOVEMBER): Dan Cates (Psalm 9:1-5)

(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):

If you know of an upcoming event, please pass it along.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today.