

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
DECEMBER 1, 2019

SYMPATHY: Destiny Clayton lost a couple of friends last weekend; let us continue to remember her in our prayers.

SICK/TEMPORARY: Keegan and Kennadee Arrington were both 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; 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: 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 (David, Panama) [Overseeing funds]

Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

JESUS IS THE SAVIOR

Jameson Steward

Jesus Christ is called “our Savior” (2 Timothy 1:8-10). Paul said that “Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners” (1 Timothy 1:15). It is vitally important that we understand Jesus Christ is the Savior.

Let’s define the word “savior.” Renn’s Expository Dictionary states that a savior is “one who saves, delivers, or rescues.” What is implied in a savior being sent, is that there is someone, or a group needing saving, or rescuing.

Who is it that sent the Savior? God raised up the Savior through David’s descendants (Acts 13:22-26). Angels told the shepherds of the birth of the Savior (Luke 2:11). Simeon saw the salvation of the Lord when he saw Jesus (Luke 2:29-32). The Bible very clearly reveals that God the Father sent Jesus.

Why was the Savior sent to this world? Jesus was sent for the forgiveness sins (Acts 5:31), to give hope (1 Timothy 1:1), to bring life and immortality to life through the Gospel (2 Timothy 1:10), to redeem us and purify us (Titus 2:13-14), and to justify us through His grace (Titus 3:6-7).

Who needs the Savior? The Bible tells us that all, Jew and Gentile, have sinned (Romans 3:23). God sent Jesus because He loved the world and so that the world might be saved through Jesus (John 3:16-17). God does not want anyone to be lost but desires that all come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). The murderers, blasphemers, and persecutors need a Savior – like Saul (Acts 9), and the morally good people need a Savior – like Cornelius (Acts 10). If Paul could be saved after all he had done, then you can be too! If Cornelius needed to be saved, even though he was a good person, then you also need to be saved!

How should we respond to the Savior? We need to understand that only Jesus can save us (Acts 4:12; John 14:6). We also must realize that before we obey the Gospel, we are the slave of sin (Romans 6:16). When we put our old man of sin to death, we are freed from sin (Romans 6:6-7). It by being united to the death of Christ in immersion and being raised to walk in newness of life, that we put our old man of sin to death (Romans 6:3-4). This is precisely what the 3,000 did on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2), what the Ethiopian Eunuch did (Acts 8), and what Cornelius did (Acts 10). Once we have been freed from sin, we are to serve righteousness and set our affections on things above (Colossians 3:1-3).

“The salvation of souls is a means to the glorifying of God because only saved souls can duly glorify Him” – C.S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*. The Bible tells us that God is glorified in the church (Ephesians 3:21), which is the body of people that the Lord will save (Ephesians 5:23). The Lord adds us to His church when we obey the Gospel (Acts 2:47). We all need Jesus Christ as our Savior - will you submit to Him, and obey the Gospel? In doing this, you are accepting the salvation He is offering.

“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: For whom was Paul "the prisoner of Jesus Christ"?

Last week’s question: Who "died in a good old age, ... and was gathered to his people"?

Last week’s answer: Abraham (Genesis 25:8)

SERMONS: “The Mystery of the Faith” (*1 Timothy 3:9*)

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

DAILY BIBLE READING (December 2-8):

| | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
|----------------------|------|-------------|------------|-------|---------------|-------|------|
| 1 Corinthians | 9-12 | 13-16 | | | | | |
| | | Acts | 19:11-20:1 | | | | 20:2 |
| 2 Corinthians | | | 1-3 | 4-6 | 7-9 | 10-13 | |
| | | | | | Romans | | 1-4 |

SCRIPTURE READING (DECEMBER): Thomas Massey (Ephesians 3:8-12)

(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: Imperishables for the pantry.

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

Saturday (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.