

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JUNE 7, 2020

SICK/TEMPORARY: **Monica La Rock**, granddaughter of **Orelia Ferguson** and mother of **Noah**, is out of ICU in Vanderbilt so should be undergoing therapy. **T.J. Clarke**, an instructor at MSOP, was hospitalized toward the end of the week with fears of a heart attack; he was diagnosed with positional vertigo and is at home now.

PROTRACTED: **Janice Bailey**—Alzheimers; **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; **Kaylie Hadley**—UCTD; **Brook Hale** (**Tracy Roberts's** niece)—Grave's Disease; **Paula Harrison**—Meniere's Disease; **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's** friend)—MS; **Tammy Turner** (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; **Francis Wallace** (friend of **Mary Ray**); and **Madison Young**—laryngomalacia.

CANCER: **Clifton Angel** (preacher at **Coldwater**)—thyroid; **Sherry Brown** (retired MSOP secretary); **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**); **Tom Gordon** (**Cody Hadley's** grandfather); **Nathan Jones** (the **Hounshell's** neighbors' 16 year old family member)—brain; **Sara Kiestler** (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; **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's** friend); **Tiffany Taylor** (the **Browns's** 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), and **Annette Cates** (**Dan Cates's** mother who is at home in **Pensacola, FL**).

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.
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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

GOD IS COLORBLIND

Clifton Angel

Quite often, when someone learns that I am colorblind, they begin to quiz my ability to see colors. “What color is this?” “And how about this one—what color is this?” Colorblindness is not the same for every person that experiences it. For ... example, I know a man that is so red-green colorblind that if he were to approach a traffic light that had been turned on its side, he would not know which side was red and which side was green. While I do have some red-green colorblindness, it is not that extreme. Here is my point—I still see color. I can observe its beauty and praise God for His handiwork. But when it comes to making a distinction between two colors, there are some with which I have trouble, so I choose not to make those distinctions if I can get away with it (e.g., determining someone’s eye color).

When it comes to our relationships with our fellow man, we need to develop colorblindness. A friend once said, “Human beings are strange. We look at all the different colored flowers and say, ‘how beautiful,’ but our attitude changes when we look at all the different colored people God made.” We need to be able to observe the beauty of the different colors without making distinctions. I see this trait in God. “For there is no respect of persons with God” (Romans 2:11). No gender, no color, no nationality, no cultural background, nor social status can prevent a person from obeying the Gospel and becoming a child of God. Paul, by inspiration of God, put it like this: “For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on ... Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:26–28).

Part of me wants to marvel that the world around us is still caught up in racism (distinctions of skin colors), but I understand that division is of the devil, and as long as the world follows him, it will be present. What is astonishing is when those that are in Christ make such distinctions—such ought not to be so! God is colorblind. He delights in the beauty of colors, not the division of them. “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16). Furthermore, when God was directing Samuel in anointing the one who would replace Saul as king of Israel, "the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward

appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart" (1 Samuel 16:7). May we all develop a godly mindset that looks more on the heart than the "outward appearance."

“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: What shall be rendered "to them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality"?

Last week’s question: The Thessalonians' patient and faithful endurance of persecutions and trials was a "manifest token" of what?

Last week’s answer: “The righteous judgment of God” (2 Thessalonians 1:4,5)

SERMONS:

"For There Is No Respect of Persons with God" (*Romans 2:1-11*)

We will not meet on Sunday evenings or Wednesday nights for the foreseeable future.

DAILY BIBLE READING (June 8-14):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Proverbs	25-28	29-31		Song of Solomon			1-4
Ecclesiastes			1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	

SCRIPTURE READING (JUNE): Dan Cates (Romans 2:1-3)

(JULY): Thomas Massey

PRESIDE LORD’S SUPPER MORNING (JUNE): Carl Hounshell

(JULY): Cody Hadley

ASSIST LORD’S SUPPER (JUNE): Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

(JULY): Mark Peyton and Conor Cates

CLEAN BUILDING (JUNE): The Hounshells

(JULY): The Masseys

PREPARE COMMUNION (JUNE): Kim Arrington

(JULY): Kaylie Hadley

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned good and other imperishables.

MAY & JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Dan Cates	May 2	Katie Brown	May 12
Emma Farrow	May 21	Paula Harrison	May 27
Allene Baldwin	June 21		

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

June 12-14 [I do not know if this has been canceled]

Gospel meeting at Looxahoma with Aaron Ownbey preaching

July 11

Tentative date for our **Vacation Bible School**

July 13-17

Vacation Bible School at Nesbit

October 11-14

Gospel meeting at Coldwater

September

Gospel meeting with Tom Wacaster

