

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
JULY 19, 2020

**SYMPATHY:** We want to continue to remember **Wanda Jackson** and her family in the loss of her daughter **Darla Higgins** who passed away early last Sunday morning. The funeral was Thursday in Texas.

**SICK:** **Garrett Young** has had a couple of symptoms of Coronavirus, so he is not taking chances on being around others for the time being.

**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; **Jimmy Ferguson** (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; **Jerry Floate** (of this community)—liver transplant; **Kaylie Hadley**—UCTD; **Paula Harrison**—Meniere's Disease; **Wanda Jackson**—a-fib; **Stan Jones**—Meniere's Disease; **Monica La Rock** (granddaughter of **Orelia Ferguson** and mother of **Noah**)—recovering from a brain bleed and awaiting further surgery; **Garrett Lentz** (son of a co-worker of **Cody Hadley**)—seizures; **Sheila Massey**—Bell's palsy; **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; **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'** friend); **Tiffany Taylor** (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), and **Annette Cates** (**Dan Cates'** 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, **Hawaii**), **Jacob Petrowski** (grandson of former members here—Marines, soon to be let out). 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 (Costa Rica) [Overseeing funds]

Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

# WHAT IT MEANS TO TRUST GOD, Part 1

Hiram Kemp

We are living in unique times for sure. With the COVID-19 pandemic making its way across the United States, we are facing things most of us never have faced in our lifetime. The only thing that will get us through times of difficulty like this is our trust in God. The Bible highlights the need to trust God over and over again. In every dispensation of biblical history God's people are encouraged to trust in Him no matter what. Notice a few familiar passages that highlight our need to trust in our God:

- The individual who trusts God is blessed (Jeremiah 17:7-8)
- Trust God instead of leaning on your own understanding (Proverbs 3:5-6)
- When we are afraid, we need to trust God (Psalm 56:3)
- We are to trust in the Lord and do good (Psalm 37:3)
- God knows those who take refuge in him (Nahum 1:7)
- It's better to trust in the Lord than to trust man (Psalm 118:8)
- God keeps those who trust in him in perfect peace (Isaiah 26:3)

While we may already know passages like these, we are now being tested as to whether we really believe them or not. It is easy to say, "I trust God" when all is well, but in times of uncertainty or hardship, we will show what we truly believe (Proverbs 24:10). Even when the world is panicking, Christians must be joyful and sensible because we trust the one who is invisible (Hebrews 11:27). We cannot be as fearful and faithless as our contemporaries while at the same time claiming that we believe in the God who runs the universe. Christians must be reminded that the world is watching us at this time. The world is always watching us but especially in times of hardship people want to see how our faith shapes us.

## What Trusting God DOES NOT Mean

Before we discuss specific ways to trust God, we need to briefly discuss what trusting God doesn't mean. Unfortunately, many people mistakenly believe that if they are people of faith, they are somehow exempt from the commonsense precautions that the rest of the world is taking. Some even mistakenly think that if Christians take *any* precautions, they are showing their lack of faith and they do not trust God to bring them through. Christians should be reminded that there is a difference between being courageous and being foolish. God desires that we be the former and not the latter.

**Trusting God does not mean we do not practice social distancing.** God's people can contract this deadly virus just like anyone else and we should not think that God will miraculously keep us from getting sick just because we are His people. Though Peter was a disciple of the Lord, this did not keep his mother-in-law from getting sick (Matthew 8:14). Likewise, though Paul was an apostle, he was not able to keep his friends from getting sick (and he couldn't always use his miraculous ability to heal them, cf. Philippians 2:25-27; 2 Timothy 4:20). *(To be continued next week)*

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*"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)*

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## BIBLE QUESTION:

This week's question: What does fainting "in the day of adversity" show of one's strength?

Last week's question: Which parent is told not to provoke their "children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord"?

Last week's answer: The father (Ephesians 6:4).

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**SERMONS:** Garrett Young was to preach this morning; but David Jones will preach instead.

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

## DAILY BIBLE READING (July 27-August 2):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Isaiah</b>	61-63	64-66		<b>2 Kings</b>		20-21	
		<b>Micah</b>	1-4	5-7	<b>Zephaniah</b>		1-3
				<b>Nahum</b>	1-3		

**SCRIPTURE READING (JULY):** Thomas Massey (Philippians 3:12-14)

*(AUGUST): Cody Hadley*

**PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING (JULY):** Cody Hadley

*(AUGUST): Garrett Young*

**ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (JULY):** Mark Peyton and Conor Cates

*(AUGUST): Ray Stanford and Dan Cates*

**CLEAN BUILDING (JULY):** The Masseys

*(AUGUST): Ella Darnell and Carolyn Stanford*

**PREPARE COMMUNION (JULY):** Kaylie Hadley

*(AUGUST): Suzanne and Katie Brown*

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned good and other imperishables.

## AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Keegan Arrington August 3 Thomas Massey August 27

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

September 20-23

**Gospel meeting** with Tom Wacaster.

September 26

**Ladies Day** at Forest Hill with Berta Kennedy speaking on *Recipe: "Sisters in Service."*

October 11-14

**Gospel meeting** at Coldwater.