

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
NOVEMBER 22, 2020

**SYMPATHY:** **Obed Rodriguez** (an instructor in the Spanish Department at Brown Trail) passed away due to Covid.

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** **Kennadee Arrington** and **Conor Cates** were sick this past week with sinus type symptoms. **Karter Shamblyn** was sick with fever and a rash this past weekend. Six in **Kaylie Hadley's** family have been fighting Covid to some degree over the past couple of weeks.

**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; **Monica La Rock** (granddaughter of **Orelia Ferguson** and mother of **Noah**); **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; **Shelby Peyton**—knee; **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**).

**CANCER:** **Clifton Angel** (preacher at **Coldwater**)—thyroid; **Sherry Brown** (retired MSOP secretary); **Alicia Busby** (from the community); **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 **Hounshells'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); **John Riley** (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; **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, 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.

**Ministers:** Every Christian

**Elders:** Dan Cates (662-560-8045)

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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

# "WE MUST FOLLOW THE SCIENCE," Part 2

Daniel F. Cates

(Continued from last week) Surely, one may think, the scientists can see the weakness of their position. They can and they do. The scientific method is lauded in the classroom, but in practice it is just an obstacle. "Occasionally, scientists make sweeping statements about a simple and distinct scientific method, ... However, just as often scientists have come to the same conclusion as recent philosophy of science that there is not any unique, easily described scientific method."<sup>6</sup> Such a philosophical crutch rails at both the scientific method and science itself. Nobel Laureate physicist Steven Weinberg wrote, "The fact that the standards of scientific success shift with time does not only make the philosophy of science difficult; it also raises problems for the public understanding of science. We do not have a fixed scientific method to rally around and defend."<sup>7</sup> Ironically, this charge is made by the evolutionist: "Unable to mount an effective scientific argument, champions of Intelligent Design and older forms of creationism resort to rhetoric."<sup>8</sup> It is not the creationist who moves the proverbial goalpost; one who desires truth wants evidence; such does not truly exist scientifically for many of the things taught as science today. At best, the things taught as "fact"—the term "law" cannot rightly be applied—are things which all scientists have not recognized alike. In the scientific community, even among atheists, these matters are yet debated.

Just as, in the moment, aspects of the present pandemic and the wearing or not wearing of masks are proclaimed as scientifically established truths one way or another in spite of many scientists disagreeing both ways, so what is vaunted as science has not proven its case that Big Bang, abiogenesis, and evolution are truth. Let us only "follow the science" as far as true science will allow; moreover, let us teach our children only to do the same!

<sup>1</sup>One is encouraged to see Kyle Butt's excellent article, "The Catch-22 of Peer-Reviewed Journals," and Dr. Jeff Miller's excellent one "Creationists Aren't Scientists. They Don't Get Published" [*Reason and Revelation*, Vol. 40, #6, June 1, 2020] on the apologeticspress.org website.

<sup>2</sup>This practice is not new; Ben Stein's *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed* dealt with the problem in 2008.

<sup>3</sup>Solomon, Eldra Pearl, Linda R. Berg, and Diana W. Martin, eds., *Biology*, (Fort Worth, TX: Harcourt Brace College Publishers, 1999), p. 16.

<sup>4</sup>The unpopular but essential parallel, "spontaneous generation," was scientifically disproven by Louis Pasteur in the nineteenth century.

<sup>5</sup>Witness the 1925 "Scopes Monkey Trial"—interestingly, the evolutionist Carl Zimmer conceded, "Darrow [who was the defense attorney effectively tasked with attacking the

credibility of the Bible-DFC] is usually remembered as the winner in the Scopes Monkey Trial, but the truth is that the teaching of evolution actually suffered from his grandstanding" (*Evolution*, p. 320--cited below).

<sup>6</sup>Andersen, Hanne and Brian Hepburn, "Scientific Method", *The Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (Summer 2016 Edition), Edward N. Zalta, ed., available on-line at <https://plato.stanford.edu/archives/sum2016/entries/scientific-method/>.

<sup>7</sup>Quoted in Anderson and Hepburn's article.

<sup>8</sup>Zimmer, Carl, *Evolution*, (New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 2001), p. 332.

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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 did the captive, freed from captivity, bring back again with him?

Last week's question: For whose sake are Christians to submit "to every ordinance of man"?

Last week's answer: The Lord's (*1 Peter 2:13*)

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**SERMONS:** Coming Home (*Luke 15:20*)

"All the Counsel of God": Blessings

## DAILY BIBLE READING (November 23-29):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>1 Corinthians</b>	5-8	9-12	13-16				
			<b>Acts</b>	19:11-20			
<b>2 Corinthians</b>			1-3	4-6	7-9	10-13	

**SCRIPTURE READING (NOVEMBER):** Thomas Massey (Luke 15:20-24)

(**DECEMBER**): Cody Hadley

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

(**DECEMBER**): Thomas Massey

**ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (NOVEMBER):** Ray Stanford and Mark Peyton

(**DECEMBER**): Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

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

(**DECEMBER**): Ella Darnell and Carolyn Stanford

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

(**DECEMBER**): Suzanne and Katie Brown

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Imperishables.

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

June 6-9, 2021

**Gospel meeting** with Brian Stewart.

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## 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. Once you have filled out a card, please hand it to one of the members, or lay it onto the pew.