

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JUNE 13, 2021

SICK/TEMPORARY: **Karter Shamblin** has been sick this past week with allergies; he was running a fever earlier in the week. **Bobby Stewart** will not be able to have hip replacement surgery on the 14th due to pre-op sugar levels; please pray that he may be able to have the surgery soon.

PROTRACTED: **Scooter Birmingham** (friend of **Destiny Clayton**); **Brian Brown** (**Paul Brown's** nephew)—epilepsy; **Shelly Cates**—fibromyalgia; **Addliae Farrow** (**Tabatha Clayton's** great niece)—heart; **Bubba Farrow** (**Emma Farrow's** son)—Alzheimer's; **Jimmy Ferguson** (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; **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; **Easton McCullough** (**Grayson Hadley's** best friend)—Bell's Palsy; **Becky Munns** (**Tabatha Clayton's** aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; **Shelby Peyton**—knee; **Robert Rawson** (preacher at **Crockett**)—diabetes; **Ray Reynolds** (**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 **Jerry Worthington** (neighbor of the **Hounshells**)—physical and emotional difficulties.

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**); **Nathan Jones** (the **Hounshells'** 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); **John Riley** (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; **Tiffany Taylor** (the **Browns'** friend); and **Tabby Waters** (**Tabatha Clayton's** sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: **Janice Bailey** (home); **Marie Crockett** (home), **Emma Farrow** (in a care facility in **Sardis**), **Orelia Ferguson** (home), and **Annette Cates** (**Dan Cates'** mother who is in a care center in **Pensacola, FL**).

SERVING: **Dylan** and **Maggie Cooper** (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.), **Cameron Hadley** (**Grayson Hadley's** dad—Marines, Hawaii). 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

Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)

Jim and Tammy Turner (Fairfield, North Carolina)

Trent Kennedy family (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)

Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India [Providing Bibles]

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

FAMILY ROLES

Daniel Cates

Very simply, God is the Author of the home. He ordained it from the beginning (Genesis 2:24,25); moreover, though the world today strive in many ways to destroy the family, God's Word is still very simple and clear when it comes to family constitution and the associated family roles (Genesis 2:18-25; 18:19; Matthew 19:4-6; 1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 5:22-33; 6:1-4; Colossians 3:18-21)! Two sets of roles will be considered in this brief study: husbands and wives; then, parents and children.

The head of the family is the husband. Paul plainly wrote, "For the husband is the head of the wife, ..." (Ephesians 5:23). When there is a head, there is also that subordinate to the head. The wife is subordinate to the husband; again, Paul was very plain, writing, "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, ..." (Ephesians 5:22 and Colossians 3:18 begin with these identical words). Two things are worthy of note: first, these things were not merely penned by Paul, they were the Spirit inspired Word of God expressed through the writing of Paul; second, these are not the complete passages--they have been presented with neither the motivation nor any associated action.

Read further: That the husband is head is due his being an analogue of Christ. Paul wrote that the husband is head "... even as Christ is the head of the church:" There is nothing particularly special about chromosomal difference between males and females (XY as opposed to XX), but in a properly functioning body there can be only one head; accordingly, because man was created first (1 Timothy 2:13) and Eve was first deceived "in the transgression" (1 Timothy 2:14), God deemed it proper that in the body of the family the male would be like Christ in His marriage to the church, so "as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands" (Ephesians 5:24). The church complements Christ and He complements the church, so, when properly organized, the home has complementary partners in the husband and wife. The motivation to be the proper fit for the role is to be Christ-like and church-like; that is, Godly! Regarding action, husbands love their wives (Ephesians 5:25; Colossians 3:19) and wives reverence, or honor, their husbands (Ephesians 5:33). This is God's plan regardless of what culture might argue.

The next roles in the home are of parents and children. Families should have two parents: a father and a mother. The father is to bring up children "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4). The wife is to exert her authority as "second in command" in the family. 1 Timothy 5:14 refers to her role thus: *oikodespoten* (Greek οἰκοδεσποτειν); that is, "guide the house," which could be translated "rule [master] the house." She is not inferior to her husband, she is merely his second in command! Often, indeed too often, it is the mother who is the true leader, especially spiritually, in the home; such a mother

can be a great blessing to a child as Lois was to Eunice and as both were to Timothy (2 Timothy 1:5). The children are to obey (Ephesians 6:1; Colossians 3:20) and honor (Ephesians 6:2--this even implies eventual financial support, if necessary (cf 1 Timothy 5:4) their parents; moreover, children would do well to determine early to godly husbands, wives, fathers, and mothers themselves!

These are the family roles as God would have them; let all Christian's respect His Will!

"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: Which prophet told the princes of Judah to amend their ways?

Last week's question: Who "thought it not robbery to be equal with God"?

Last week's answer: Jesus (*Philippians 2:5,6*)

SERMONS: AM: "You Can Do It" (*Philippians 4:13*)

PM: *All the Counsel of God: Eternity*

DAILY BIBLE READING (June 14-20):

| | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
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| Song of Solomon | 1-4 | 5-8 | | | | | |
| 1 Kings | 5-7 | 8-10 | 11-13 | 14-16 | 17-19 | | |

READ SCRIPTURE (JUNE): Carl Hounshell (Romans 12:16-19)

(JULY): Dan Cates

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JUNE): Cody Hadley

(JULY): Carl Hounshell

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JUNE): Sonny Stewart and Mark Peyton

(JULY): Lawayne House and Conor Cates

CLEAN BUILDING (JUNE): The Hounshells (*perhaps someone could help bare this load*)

(JULY): Tabatha Clayton

PREPARE COMMUNION (JUNE): Kim Arrington

(JULY): Shelly Cates

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods of any kind

GOSPEL MEETING: The Gospel Meeting was a great success! Thanks to all who helped to make it happen—especially those who prepared food on Sunday and invited family, friends, and neighbors through the week.

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

Today through Thursday (June 13-17)

Vacation Bible School at Coldwater at 6:30 nightly. The theme is *The Flood*.

Wednesday (June 16)

We plan on regularly resuming **Wednesday night classes**.

Next Sunday (June 20)

Roger Chambers will give a presentation on his upcoming **Malawi mission trip** and in Bible class and will preach during the Sunday morning service. Teachers can decide if they would like their students to see his presentation.