

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JULY 4, 2021

SYMPATHY: Two year old **Piper Jenkins** drowned Tuesday night. **Kim Arrington** and **Tabatha Farrow** are cousins of that family.

SICK/TEMPORARY: **Lawayne House** learned that his not feeling well was due to a reaction to a shot which he received; please pray that his medication gets adjusted correctly. **Karter Shamblin** continues to deal with sickness.

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; **Bobby Stewart**—needing hip replacement surgery; **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** (in the nursing home in **Senatobia**), **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 (1 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)

Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

HOW CAN THE CHURCH BE COUNTER-CULTURAL?, Part 2

Phil Sanders

(Continued from last week) We should not be surprised that the world hates us (I Jn. 3:13). An evil world will hate anyone who exposes its wicked ways (Jn. 3:20). The Lord Jesus explains, "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you" (Jn. 15:18-19).

Understanding Our Culture

Second, we must understand the culture in which we live. David wisely turned to "the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do" (I Chr. 12:32). Our culture today has turned morality and godliness upside down. It has made heroes out of the ungodly and demonized the righteous. It has worked tirelessly to take God and his teaching out of every aspect of our lives. It has exalted man and dismissed God as irrelevant. It holds to pluralism, i.e., everyone's religious and moral views are equally valid and commendable, even when they contradict one another. It also holds all truth as relative and subject to the times and situation. Most people in our culture deny there are any absolute truths or any clear morals. They will go to great lengths to justify their ungodly desires.

Those who embrace our worldly culture will not only dismiss God, they will also do everything possible to shame and punish those who hold to God's teaching. Culture sets the tone for how things are supposed to be believed and done. Our permissive culture has little tolerance for those who disagree with their permissiveness but regards any dissident as mean-spirited, judgmental, biased, and ignorant. For many today biblical Christianity is no longer welcome. Some are even suggesting that we change our religion to accommodate their lawless ways.

We are living in a "post-fact" society; the facts do not matter. People do not want to know what really happened if the facts disagree with their perceptions and agendas. Others say our culture is no longer driven by logic but driven by emotions, much like the Nazis in Hitler's day. When desires rule over duties, when lusts overrule morals, when emotions overrule the facts, people are indeed chasing a fantasy and headed for ruin. When we leave the Truth, the way things really are as God revealed them, we find chaos and confusion. Without God we are on a road to destruction. *(To be continued next week)*

"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: Who would "walk at liberty" because he sought the Lord's precepts?

Last week's question: On what Creation day was the first life created?

Last week's answer: Three (*Genesis 1:11-13*)

SERMONS: AM: "While They Promise Them Liberty" (2 Peter 2:19)

PM: Heath Stapleton of the Brown Trail School of Preaching will be with us

DAILY BIBLE READING (July 5-11):

| | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
|----------------|-------|---------------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|
| Hosea | 11-14 | Isaiah | 1-3 | 4-6 | 7-9 | 10-12 | 13-15 |
| 2 Kings | 18,19 | | | | | | |

READ SCRIPTURE (JULY): Dan Cates (James 1:22-25)

(AUGUST): Cody Hadley

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JULY): Carl Hounshell

(AUGUST): Thomas Massey

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JULY): Lawayne House and Conor Cates

(AUGUST): Luke Massey and Jason House

CLEAN BUILDING (JULY): Tabatha Clayton

(AUGUST): Thomas and Sheila Massey

PREPARE COMMUNION (JULY): Shelly Cates

(AUGUST): Tabatha Clayton

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods of any kind

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

This evening

Heath Stapleton of the Brown Trail School of Preaching will be with us during evening services to **report** on that work.

Saturday (July 10)

The Looxahoma Church of Christ will have a **Vacation Bible School** from 9 A.M. until 1 P.M.

July 14-16

The Nesbit Church of Christ will have a **Vacation Bible School** at 7 P.M. nightly. The theme concerns Biblical chariots.

July 17

The Olive Branch Church of Christ will have a **Vacation Bible School** from 9 A.M. until 3 P.M.

July 24

The Southaven Church of Christ will have a **Vacation Bible School** from 8:45 A.M. until Noon.

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.