

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Ella Darnell's sister, **Anna Grace McCorkle**, passed away last Sunday. The visitation and funeral will be this Tuesday at Memphis Funeral Home. The funeral for **Dylan Cooper's** grandfather, **Ray Maples**, was Thursday in Olive Branch. **Billy Scott**, of this community, passed away this past week [his wife, **Mildred Scott**] is really suffering from Covid.

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Keegan Arrington, Shelly Cates, Jason House, April Kinney, Carson Kinney, Reese Kinney, and Mary Ray were all sick this past week. April developed Covid pneumonia and is on several medications and having to use an inhaler. Cody Hadley had a pinched nerve in his back last Sunday, but was able to be here on Wednesday night.

**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; Ella Cobb, granddaughter of the Houses—seizures~will have a brain wave scan at LeBonheur on September 28; 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:** 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 (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)

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

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

# TOGETHERNESS IN GOD'S FAMILY

Charles Box

There are all kinds of campaigns. Let us start or let us continue a campaign for closeness, love, kinship and togetherness in our Lord's church. Paul wrote, "That their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, and attaining to all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ" (Colossians 2:2). We must learn the importance of standing together. We are part of the same spiritual body. We should have one heart. "And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it" (1 Corinthians 12:26). Here are three important things that we can do to promote togetherness in the body of Christ:

We can cause each member to feel that he or she is a vital part. The very fact that one is a Christian and a part of the body of Christ should make us feel close to that person. Paul described that closeness to the Roman Christians saying, "So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another" (Romans 12:5). Each part of the body of Christ is a very important part. Each member of the Lord's church has things that they can do that contribute to the growth of this body. Every member of the body of Christ is an important member and should be loved, appreciated and respected. This attitude will certainly promote togetherness in the body of Christ.

We can cause each member to feel togetherness. This is accomplished when we have compassion or love for one another. "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous" (1 Peter 3:8). When Christians are of one mind they will be united in matters of service to Christ. This one mind will certainly mold and direct our treatment of each other. Christians are to have compassion for one another. Compassion involves loving as brethren and being sympathetic to one another. Christians must be kind, generous, tenderhearted and courteous to one another. It is interesting that Peter said Christians must have compassion, "For one another." John wrote about this love and closeness that fellow Christians must have and used the expression, "With one another." "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 John 1:7). The expressions "one of another" and "one for another" are also beautiful expressions. Members should have the same care, "One for another." "That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another" (1 Corinthians 12:25). Also notice the expression "one to another." "Submitting to one another in the fear of God" (Ephesians 5:21). So, we read one of another, one with another, one for another, one to another and even just "one another." "Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do" (Colossians 3:13).

We can cause each member to be encouraged. The early Christians encouraged each other through amazing benevolent service. They sold their goods in order that they might help others. They cared. They shared and encouraged. Paul said, "We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints" (Colossians 1:3-4). The church grew quickly from 3,000 to 5,000 and then to a multitude of people because they had a real closeness and a genuine love one to another. They received great strength, blessings and encouragement from each other. "Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common" (Acts 2:44).

Will you appreciate Jesus enough that you will receive Him as your Lord and Savior? To become a Christian you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (John 8:24), repent of sins (Acts 17:30), confess Christ as Lord (Acts 8:37), and be baptized to be saved (1 Peter 3:21). Our sins deserve wrath and punishment; God by His grace, has provided salvation through the gospel to save the lowest of sinners!

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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: Paul said that "by the law is the knowledge of" what?

Last week's question: Of what was Paul not ashamed?

Last week's answer: The Gospel of Christ (*Romans 1:16*)

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**SERMONS:** AM: "Baptism Cannot Save," Part 2 (1 Peter 3:21)

PM: "*All the Counsel of God*": Godly Living

## DAILY BIBLE READING (September 6-12):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>2 Chronicles</b>	20-22	23-25	26-29	30-32	33-36		
<b>Ezekiel</b>						1-3	4-7

**READ SCRIPTURE (SEPTEMBER):** Conor Cates (*Romans 6:1,2*)

(**OCTOBER**): Mario Arrington

**PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER):** Will Thomason

(**OCTOBER**): Dan Cates

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER):** Mario Arrington and Gavin Arrington

(**OCTOBER**): Ray Stanford and Mark Peyton

**CLEAN BUILDING (SEPTEMBER):** Suzanne and Katie Brown

(**OCTOBER**): Tabatha Clayton

**PREPARE COMMUNION (SEPTEMBER):** Kim Arrington

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

**PANTRY NEEDS:** The *Tennessee Children's Home* truck will be here October 12; a list of their needs is in the foyer.

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

September 24-26

*Gospel Meeting* at Forest Hill with Scott Cain speaking.

September 25

*Ladies' Day* at Forest Hill with Melissa Cain speaking. It will last from 9-11:30; a flyer with RSVP info is in the foyer.

October 10-13

*Gospel Meeting* at Coldwater with Tim Hayes speaking.

October 12

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**WELCOME VISITORS!**