

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JANUARY 7, 2024

CONGRATS: Henry Cook was born January 8th. He weighed 9 lb, 6 oz. Congrats to Chris, Emily, and Ellie!

SYMPATHY: Please remember the Tutttles in the loss of Stu's sister, Renee Lanshaw, who passed away Tuesday morning.

PRAYERS: The Houses ask continued prayers as they continue through efforts to gain custody of Ella.

SICK: Sheila Massey has experienced a lot of health problems recently. Mary Ray is still experiencing serious dizziness.

Karen Tuttle's mother, Josephine, has Covid, but has been non-symptomatic. Billy Bland (elder at Coldwater) has been referred to a neurosurgeon. Mark Ray, Mary Ray's son, is facing back surgery.

PROTRACTED: Brandi Beavers—fibromyalgia; Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Lauren Brown (niece of Paul Brown)—heart; Suzanne Brown—arthritis; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Shelby Cooper—facing mitral valve prolapse surgery between eight months and two years from now; Janet Daniel (sister of Melinda Haas)—lupus; Martha Clayton (Tabatha Clayton's mother-in-law)—congestive heart failure; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; Ella Cobb, granddaughter of the Houses—seizures; Elizabeth Ferguson (wife of former preacher here)—dementia; Jimmy Ferguson (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; Jane Haas (Wesley Haas' mother)—hip; Melinda Haas—Lyme's Disease; Cody Hadley—Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever; 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; Dena Miller (occasional visitor)—recovering from surgeries; 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; Francis Wallace (friend of Mary Ray); Anthony Stacks (nephew-in-law of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey)—strokes and Alzheimers, respectively; and Jerry Worthington (neighbor of the Hounshells)—physical and emotional difficulties.

CANCER: Neil Bennett (friend of Dan Cates)—thyroid; Alicia Busby (from the community); Dan Cates—melanoma; Tish Clarke (wife of the MSOP director)—melanoma; Gary Darnell (Ella Darnell's son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; Pablo Horna (missionary)—carcinoma; Nathan Jones (the Hounshells' neighbor's son)—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; Priscilla Patterson (mother of a friend of Dan Cates)—breast; Tommy Pierce (the Browns' friend); Ruby Reynolds (Sheila Massey's mother); John Riley (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; Laykan Rutherford (cousin of Shelly Cates); and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is in a care center in Pensacola, FL), Sadie Darnell (Allene Baldwin's sister-in-law who is in rehab in Senatobia); Orelia Ferguson (home), Ruth House (Lawayne House's mother who is at home), Edward Watkins (brother of Shelby Peyton's sister-in-law who is under hospice care).

SERVING: Cameron Hadley (Marines), now stationed locally. 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]

Kakinada, India [Providing Bibles and Overseeing Funds]
Memphis School of Preaching (Chris Cook)
Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)
Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)
Jason Moore (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)
Warm Heart Missions (Roger Chambers)

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]
Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)
Tennessee Children's Home, West
School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)
Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)
Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Daniel F. Cates

Part LII: 1 Thessalonians

On his Second Missionary Journey, Paul along with Silas entered Thessalonica, a Macedonian city west-southwest of Philippi with a large enough population of Jews to have a synagogue. There Paul "reasoned" for "three sabbath days," "opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ" (Acts 17:2,3). His success was immediate (Acts 17:4) as was the opposition to him (Acts 17:5-10). While Paul was not in Thessalonica very long on that occasion, the congregation in Thessalonica would prove to be a good and strong one. She loved all the brethren in her area (1 The. 4:9,10), and even in persecution she was a light to others (1 The. 1:7; cf 1:6; 2:14). Paul was thankful for her (2 The. 2:13) and his desire was that they remain sound (2 The. 2:15) and that God would comfort and stablish them "in every good word and work" (2 The. 2:17)!

Paul wrote (1 The. 2:18), apparently with Silas and Timothy as amanuenses, to this congregation of the Lord's church (1 The. 1:1). It is evident that Paul wrote the epistle from the region of Achaia (1 The. 1:7,8) which included Athens and Corinth; though the uninspired postscript says Paul wrote from Athens, it is possible that Paul wrote this epistle from Corinth where Silas and Timothy ultimately met him (Acts 18:5) after having been left behind in Berea (Acts 17:14,15). That said, Paul had gone to Athens, and had been met in Athens by Timothy at some point, for he had sent Timothy back to Thessalonica from Athens (1 The. 3:1,2); Timothy had since returned to Paul (1 The. 3:6), possibly with Silas and possibly to Corinth. Paul was in Corinth for a year and a half (Acts 18:11), ultimately appearing before Gallio who was there in A.D. 51 and 52 (Acts 18:12-17). Paul remained in Corinth a while after that appearance (Acts 18:18). This epistle, if indeed written from Corinth, would have been written sometime around A.D. 51 or 52; as he did not arrive with or leave with Gallio, it could have been around A.D. 50 or 53. It is likely earlier (A.D. 50) rather than later, however, given Paul's being anxious to hear of the Thessalonians affairs.

"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: Like whose days will "the coming of the Son of man be"?

Last week's question: Whom did Jesus tell, "Ye must be born again"?

Last week's answer: Nicodemus (John 3:4-7)

SERMONS: A.M. Sermon: New Testament Lessons Learned from the Flood (*1 Peter 3:20,21*).

P.M. Devotional: *Dylan Cooper* will deliver this evening's message.

P.M. Class: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 34: Keeping the Right Perspective.

DAILY BIBLE READING (January 15-21):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Genesis	47-50						
Job	1-4	5-7	8-10	11-13	14-17	18-20	

READ SCRIPTURE (JANUARY): Chris Cook (2 Peter 3:4-7)

(FEBRUARY): Dylan Cooper

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JANUARY): Thomas Massey

(FEBRUARY): Lawayne House

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JANUARY): Conor Cates and Carson Kinney

(FEBRUARY): Mario Arrington and Chris Cook

CLEAN BUILDING (JANUARY): Maggie Cooper and Shelby Cooper

(FEBRUARY): Tabatha Clayton

PREPARE COMMUNION (JANUARY): Tabatha Clayton

(FEBRUARY): Kim Arrington

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

<i>January 14</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>	<i>January 21</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>
<i>January 28</i>	<i>Chris Cook</i>	<i>February 4</i>	<i>Cameron Hadley</i>

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

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

Saturday (January 20)

From 9 A.M. till Noon, the Looxahoma Church of Christ will have a **men's day** on *The Importance of Leadership*.

January 24-28

The Nesbit congregation will host their annual **lectureship** on *How the Church Can Help the Home*.

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.