

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JANUARY 21 & 28, 2024

SYMPATHY: Please remember the **Tuttles** in the loss of **Karen's** mother, **Josephine Harms**, who passed away Friday night. They are traveling to Indiana.

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

SICK: Please remember those who have had various illnesses recently. **Mary Ray** is still experiencing serious dizziness. **Billy Bland** (elder at Coldwater) received a very encouraging report. **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's** 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's** 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's** 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's** 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's** 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

(Continued from last week) Paul's purpose in writing was due the opposition the Thessalonians were facing, and Paul's inability to be there in person (as was his sending Timothy earlier [1 The. 3:1-5]); he sent this epistle to continue to give them strength to withstand the pressure, to show how happy he was for them (1 The. 3:7) and how he desired to see them (1 The. 3:11), to encourage them to carry on (1 The. 3:12; 4:1), and to give them comfort in the face of death (1 The. 4:13-18)--this multi-fold purpose is summed up in 1 Thessalonians 5:11, "Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do."

The key words of the epistle are "hope" (found four times), "comfort" (found six times between the present and past tenses), "coming" (found four times), and "walk" (found three times). These words show the expected encouragement which one has in the promise of Christ's return when one walks in Him. The key phrases are "without ceasing" (used three times--all with regard to prayer) and "ye became followers" (found twice, showing the Thessalonians' obedience even in the context of persecution). The key verse shows the example they had been in their repentance: "For they themselves shew of us what manner of entering in we had unto you, and how ye turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 The. 1:9). The key passages are 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18 (giving comfort to those who had lost Christian loved ones) and 1 Thessalonians 5:15-22 (pithy instructions on Christian behavior).

Among the lessons from 1 Thessalonians are these: first, others know what the faithful accomplish for the Lord (1 The. 1:8); second, the Word of God is Truth (1 The. 2:13); third, one can fall from grace (1 The. 4:1-8); fourth, Christians must live like Christians (1 The. 4:11-12); fifth, Jesus will never touch this earth again (1 The. 4:17); sixth, Christians should know and esteem those in authority over them (1 The. 5:12-13); seventh, Christians should be aware of spiritual danger and avoid it (1 The. 5:14); eighth, Christians should help any who need help (1 The. 5:14); ninth, God keeps His

promises (1 The. 5:24); tenth, Christians should desire the prayers of others (1 The. 5:25).

"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 spoke hypothetically of washing himself "with snow water"?

Last week's question: Like whose days will "the coming of the Son of man be"?

Last week's answer: Noe's, i.e., Noah's (Matthew 24:37)

SERMONS: 22nd: Abbreviated service with Cody Hadley speaking if able.

The 28th, Chris Cook will be filling in for Dan who will be in a meeting in Alabama.

DAILY BIBLE READING (January 22-February 4):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
22nd-28th	Job	21-24	25-27	28-31	32-34	35-38	39-42
					Exodus		1-4
29th-4th	Exodus	5-7	8-10	11-13	14-17	18-20	21-24
							25-27

READ SCRIPTURE (JANUARY): Chris Cook (Psalm 147:15-17)

(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:

January 21 *Cody Hadley* **January 28** *Chris Cook*

February 4 *Cameron Hadley* **February 11** *Carson Kinney*

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Kennadee Arrington February 17 Joey Hadley February 18

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

Wednesday through Sunday (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.