

# INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~ JANUARY 22, 2023

**SYMPATHY:** Both **Tom Brooks** (friend of **Bobby Stewart**) and **Kay Hensley** (aunt of **Paul Brown**) passed away within the last week and a half.

**SICK:** **Kim Arrington**, **Janice Bailey**, **Shelly Cates**, **Dylan Cooper**, **Wesley Haas**, and **Mary Ray** have all had health difficulties over the past week. **Jason House** will have intestine surgery on March 14th. **April Farrow** (niece-in-law of **Tabatha Clayton**) is recovering from successful back surgery after a harrowing car accident recently. **Haritha Gootam** (**Ronnie's** wife) is looking at a couple of month process after her back and neck began troubling her recently. **Hunter Hailey** (young student where **Carl Hounshell's** daughter teaches) has recently had a heart transplant. **Jasmine Hopkins** (coworker of **Conor Cates**) has an ankle surgery upcoming. **Stephanie Lord** (daughter of the **Houses**) has been having heart and blood pressure issues.

**PROTRACTED:** **Kim Arrington**—elbow; **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; **Janet Daniel** (sister of **Melinda Haas**)—lupus; **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; **Lorraine Hounshell**; **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; **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** and **Rita Stacks** (nephew-in-law and niece of **Allene Baldwin** and **Syble Embrey**)—strokes and Alzheimers, respectively; and **Jerry Worthington** (neighbor of the **Hounshells**)—physical and emotional difficulties.

**CANCER:** **Jerry Baldwin** (niece of **Allene Baldwin**)—lung; **Sherry Brown** (retired MSOP secretary); **Alicia Busby** (from the community); **Tish Clarke** (wife of the MSOP director)—melanoma; **Gary Darnell** (**Ella Darnell's** son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; **Nathan Jones** (the **Hounshells's** neighbor's son)—brain; **Sara Kiestler** (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; **Wade Loggins** (member of congregation in Elkmont, AL); **Trina McKinney** (**Mary Ray's** grandson-in-law)—prostate; **Dorothy Mosher** (wife of an MSOP instructor); **Carol Ogelsby** (family of **Sonny Stewart** and the **Browns**)—stomach; **Tommy Pierce** (the **Browns's** friend); **John Riley** (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; and **Tabby Waters** (**Tabatha Clayton's** sister-in-law)—leukemia.

**SHUT-IN:** **Janice Bailey** (at the **Arringtons's**), **Orelia Ferguson** (home), **Annette Cates** (**Dan Cates's** mother who is in a care center in Pensacola, FL), **Lorraine Hounshell** (home), and **Ruth House** (**Lawayne House's** mother who is at home).

**SERVING:** **Cameron Hadley** (**Grayson Hadley's** dad—Marines, stateside before long). 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*

*Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)*

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

*Jamie Long (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 XXVII: Daniel

Though it is one of the "Major Prophets," the book of Daniel is short enough that it could have been included in the books of prophets labeled "Minor" (having fewer chapters than either Hosea or Zechariah); however, this short book packs a massive amount of material in a very small space! It contains history and prophecy, narrative and apocalypse. It speaks to its present (Babylon and Medo-Persia), to its near future (Greece), and to its distant future (Rome and the church).

The book is named for the one who is repeatedly identified as its author, Daniel (7:15,28; 8:15,27; 9:2; 10:2,7; 12:5). Daniel was an affluent (apparently royal) young man of Judah (Dan. 1:6) who was carried captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar in 606 B.C. (Dan. 1:1,3,4). Daniel was godly and principled in spite of his youth and of his location well away from Jerusalem (Dan. 1:8). Daniel would be one of the most important prophets of the Old Testament; moreover, he would prophesy perhaps longer than any other. His prophetic work began during the reign of the Babylonian [really Neo-Babylonian or Chaldean] Nebuchadnezzar (about 603 B.C. [Dan. 2:1]) and continued into the reign of the Persian Cyrus (about 536 B.C. [Dan. 1:21]). The date of the book, therefore, would be soon after 536 B.C., and the writing of the book would have taken place from Babylon.

The audience of the book was as varied as its subjects. Daniel was writing to the captive Jews in general, Babylonian rulers in parts, and future Jews and the church in prospect. Daniel's varied audience helps to explain a curiosity of the book, that is, his having written Daniel 2:4-7:28 in Aramaic (fitting the Mesopotamian location of Babylon and Persia) rather than Hebrew. His ultimate purpose in writing was to show the place of contemporary and future nations in God's plan to establish His kingdom, the church.

The key words of Daniel's prophecy are "kingdom," representing either physical and spiritual kingdoms (used fifty-nine times in its combined singular and plural forms); "dominion," showing power or rule (found eighteen times); "power," showing strength (used thirteen times); and "horn," which apocalyptically pictured kings as instruments of force (used nineteen times in its singular and plural). The key phrase described God; thirteen times in Daniel He is called "the most High." The key verse echoes that thought: "The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth *it is*, that your God *is* a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldst reveal this secret" (Dan. 2:47). (*To be continued next week*)

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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: By whose authority did Saul go to Damascus?

Last week's question: How many sons did Aaron have?

Last week's answer: "Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar" (Exodus 6:23)

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**SERMONS:** Savion Rayson will preach this morning

*"All the Counsel of God"*: Questions to Ask—Salvation Army

### DAILY BIBLE READING (January 23-29):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Job</b>	25-27	28-31	32-34	35-38	39-42		
<b>Exodus</b>						1-4	5-8

**READ SCRIPTURE (JANUARY):** Cody Hadley (Please see Savion)

*(FEBRUARY):* Conor Cates

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

*(FEBRUARY):* Lawayne House

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JANUARY):** Conor Cates and Dylan Cooper

*(FEBRUARY):* Wesley Haas and Savion Rayson

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

*(FEBRUARY):* Thomas and Sheila Massey

**PREPARE COMMUNION (JANUARY):** Maggie Cooper and Reese Kinney

*(FEBRUARY):* Tabatha Clayton

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods.

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

Wednesday through Sunday (January 25-29)

The **Nesbit** congregation will have their lectures; the theme is *Let God Be True and Every Man a Liar*. A schedule is in the foyer.

Next Sunday (January 29)

**5th Sunday Potluck** after evening services.

March 26-30

The **Memphis School of Preaching** lectures on *Wisdom Is the Principle Thing*. We have been asked to provide 25 cakes for Monday the 27th.

June 4-7

We will host our **Gospel meeting** with Billy Bland preaching.

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### 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.