

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
JANUARY 30, 2022

**SYMPATHY:** Shelby Peyton's son-in-law, Hope's husband Marty Langston, passed away last Friday. The funeral was Monday.

**SICK:** Numerous ones who have been sick are feeling better, and we are certainly glad to hear that. We have heard of no new Covid cases this week, so that is a blessing!

**PROTRACTED:** Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Lauren Brown (niece of Paul Brown)—heart; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; Ella Cobb, granddaughter of the Houses—seizures; Bubba Farrow (Emma Farrow's son)—Alzheimer's; Jimmy Ferguson (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; 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; 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 Elmont, 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; and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

**SHUT-IN:** Janice Bailey (home); 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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## The Informer



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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.

**Ministers:** Every Christian

**Elders:** Dan Cates (662-560-8045)

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**Evangelists:** Dan Cates (662-560-8045; [dsmccates@yahoo.com](mailto:dsmccates@yahoo.com))

**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)

Jim and Tammy Turner (Fairfield, North Carolina)

Trent Kennedy family (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)

Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

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

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

# INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Daniel F. Cates

## Part VI: Joshua

The book of Joshua is named for the leader who is its primary focus. The name Joshua, or Oshea or Jehoshua (Num. 11:26), are forms of the name Jesus, meaning "savior" or "deliverer"; in fact this is what he was called in Acts 7:45 and Hebrews 4:8. After the death of Moses, the children of Israel fell under the oversight of Moses' subordinate, Joshua (Deu. 34:9), who had entered the Biblical scene as a military leader (Exo. 17:9), was Moses' minister (Exo. 24:13), that is, servant (Exo. 33:11). Joshua was one of two spies, with Caleb, who had brought back a good report regarding the prospect of taking Canaan--the other ten, fearful, caused the heart of the people to melt and so to perish in the wilderness (Num. 14:6-10; Jos. 14:8; Num. 14:23). The book of Joshua records Joshua's leading the younger generation into the Promised Land (cf Deu. 31:3).

Joshua may be the primary subject, but did he write the book? It is likely that he did, but as his death is recorded in Joshua 24:29, he may not have written the whole thing--though, as with Moses' possibly writing Deuteronomy's record of his death, inspiration could allow him to have foreseen it. Regarding his authorship, Joshua 24:26 appears conclusive; it reads, "And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God, and took a great stone, and set it up there under an oak, that was by the sanctuary of the LORD." On the surface that may seem to demonstrate authorship of the whole, but verse 25 specifically refers to the covenant that Joshua made with God's people on that day. The verse, then, does not unquestionably demonstrate his authorship of all of the book, but it surely demonstrates that he had some role in writing at least some of it. If he did not write all of the book, who may have written about his death--or even more? Jewish tradition pointed toward Eleazar or Phinehas, son and grandson of Aaron, respectively (Exo. 6:25). Eleazar, though, also died in the course of the book (Jos. 24:33). Whoever wrote any or all of the book is ultimately immaterial, for the Holy Spirit put the words in the writer(s) (II Tim. 3:16).

The book of Joshua continued the history begun by Moses, picking up at his death. The close of the book, ending with the aforementioned deaths of Joshua and Eleazar, directly preceded the book of Judges which begins, "Now after the death of Joshua it came to pass, ..." (Jud. 1:1). The exact date of the close of the book is unknown, but two things indicate that it covered a substantial period of time: first, Joshua was 110 years old at his death (Jos. 24:29); and, second, "Joshua made war a long time" (Jos. 11:18) and had rested from war a long time (Jos. 23:1). The penning of the book would have been at the close of Joshua's days or

shortly thereafter, that is, toward the middle of the fourteenth century B.C. Joshua probably would have been written from Shechem where Joshua gathered the tribes and made a covenant with them (Jos. 24:1,25) and where Joseph's bones were buried (Jos. 24:32; cf Gen. 50:25; Exo. 13:19; Heb. 11:22). Those Israelites who entered the Promised Land and their descendants were the audience of the book who were receiving in it a continuing history of their people. (*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: Who was "in the Spirit on the Lord's day"?

Last week's question: At Jesus' birth, who said, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"?

Last week's answer: "The heavenly host"; that is, angels (*Luke 2:13,14*)

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**SERMONS:** AM: *What God Owns* (1 Corinthians 6:20)

PM: *"All the Counsel of God"*: Love

### DAILY BIBLE READING (January 31-February 6):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Exodus</b>	11-13	14-17	18-20	21-24	25-27	28-31	32-34

**READ SCRIPTURE (JANUARY):** Dan Cates (1 Corinthians 6:9-20)

*(FEBRUARY):* Cody Hadley

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

*(FEBRUARY):* Dan Cates

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JANUARY):** Mario Arrington and Lawayne House

*(FEBRUARY):* Mark Peyton and Ray Stanford

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

*(FEBRUARY):* Thomas and Sheila Massey

**PREPARE COMMUNION (JANUARY):** April Kinney and Melinda Haas

*(FEBRUARY):* Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods

### FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Kennadee Arrington	February 17	Joey Hadley	February 18
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**UPCOMING EVENTS (For particular details, check the bulletin board for flyers):**

Today

**Potluck** after evening services. If you have any **Bible questions**, please feel free to turn them in, they can be incorporated into the class.

February 6

Roger Chambers will be with us to report on his recent **Malawi mission trip**.

June 5-8

Clifton Angel will preach our **Gospel Meeting**.