

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST

FEBRUARY 2, 2025

SICK: **Chance Buchanan, Shelly Cates, Dylan Cooper, Carl Hounshell, Peggy House, and Mary Ray** have experienced health problems this past week. **Allene** (facing thyroid surgery) and **Paul** (cancer) **Baldwin** are both dealing with serious health problems right now. **Grayson Hadley** will have oral surgery on March 11th. **April Kinney** (rotator cuff) is still recovering from her recent surgery and facing a period of rehab. **Sonny Stewart** is at home building up his strength. **Karen Tuttle** was hospitalized Friday night with pancreatitis. **Savannah Leeton** (cousin of **Katie Brown**) will have an ECG this month.

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; **T.J. Clarke** (former instructor at MSOP)—spinal injury; **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; **Ella Cobb**, granddaughter of the **Houses**—seizures; **Elizabeth Ferguson** (wife of former preacher here)—dementia; **Jimmy Ferguson** (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; **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; **Betty Mayes** (mother of **Brittany Buchanan**)—aneurisms and kidney problems; **Becky Munns** (**Tabatha Clayton**'s aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; **Shelby Peyton**—knee; **Mary Ray**—dizziness; **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: **Paul Baldwin**; **Alicia Busby** (from the community); **Tish Clarke** (wife of the MSOP director)—melanoma; **Gary Darnell** (**Ella Darnell**'s son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; **David Jones** (**Shelly Cates**' father)—leukemia; **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); **John Riley** (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; **Laykan Rutherford** (cousin of **Shelly Cates**); **Sonny Stewart**—bladder; **Dale van Wooten** (neighbor of **Carl Hounshell**)—lymphoma; and **Tabby Waters** (**Tabatha Clayton**'s sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: **Orelia Ferguson** (home), **Ruth House** (**Lawayne House**'s mother who is at home), **Ray Reynolds** (under hospice care; these are the parents of **Sheila Massey** and **Mary West**) and **Karen Tuttle**'s two uncles who are both in hospice care in Indiana.

SERVING: **Cameron Hadley** (Marines), now stationed locally; and **Jason House** (Marines), in Missouri. 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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Missions [*the latest reports from these works are on the bulletin board in the foyer*]

Kakinada, India [Providing Bibles and Overseeing Funds]

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

Memphis School of Preaching (Chris Cook and Tony Solaita)

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

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

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

Four Seas Bible College, Singapore

Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

BIBLE STUDY FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, Part 6

Daniel F. Cates

(Continued from last week) Ultimately there are two potential means of hermeneutics. The first is "exegesis" which "means to lead out. It is the application of principles of hermeneutics in bringing out the meaning of any writing which might otherwise be difficult to understand" (Dungan, 1). In contrast to "exegesis" is "eisegesis" which Merriam-Webster defines as "the interpretation of a text (as of the Bible) by reading into it one's own ideas." In studying a passage, any passage, the Bible student must be careful not to read into the text what may be his own biases and presuppositions; rather, one must check any such at the door and approach the text with the attitude that he is going to receive from it what the original recipients would have received. As an example, the doctrines of Calvinism which had really originated with Augustine would not have originally been considered in studying Psalm 51:5 or Ephesians 1:4-6; rather, the reader of David would have considered what had taken place in David's mother's history that caused him to be conceived in iniquity, and the church at Ephesus would have realized that the church to which they had been added in baptism was a Divinely foreordained institution. Likewise, the doctrine of premillennialism which began shortly after the close of inspiration under a man named Cerinthus would not have been on the minds of the disciples leaving Jerusalem who heard Jesus prophesy of the destruction of Judea and of the Second Coming (Matt. 24); if not before, then when they saw the Romans at Jerusalem's doorstep, they would have recognized that Jesus was speaking of two separate events. If the Bible student can remove what he may have erroneously been taught and can put himself into the shoes of the original recipients, then he can begin to study exegetically.

The proper action requires the proper tools. A carpenter would not go to work with a sewing kit; a mechanic would not go to work with a physician's bag; and a physician would not go to work with a lumberman's tools. The Bible student must have the right tools. The first and primary is the Word of God--the Bible. One should choose a faithful translation which is more concerned with conveying God's words than merely his thoughts; that is, he should choose something more literal than paraphrastic, and yet still readily understandable. *(To be continued next week)*

"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: How could Christians be "of all men most miserable"?

Last week's question: In the realm of miraculous spiritual gifts, to what were "the spirits of the prophets" subject?

Last week's answer: "The prophets" (1 Corinthians 14:32)

SERMONS: A.M.: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" (John 20:30-31), Part 25: "He Cannot Be My Disciple" (Luke 14:25-35)

P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 6: Numbers.

DAILY BIBLE READING (February 3-9):

| | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
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| Exodus | 21-24 | 25-27 | 28-31 | 32-34 | 35-37 | 38-40 | |
| Leviticus | | | | | | | 1-4 |

READ SCRIPTURE (FEBRUARY): Lawayne House (Luke 14:26)

(MARCH): Keegan Arrington

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (FEBRUARY): Cameron Hadley

(MARCH): Ray Stanford

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (FEBRUARY): Keegan Arrington and Carson Kinney

(MARCH): Gavin Arrington and Levi Howell

CLEAN BUILDING (FEBRUARY): Tabatha Clayton

(MARCH): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

PREPARE COMMUNION (FEBRUARY): Kim Arrington

(MARCH): Shelly Cates

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

February 2 Cameron Hadley February 9 Dan Cates

February 16 Dylan Cooper February 23 Cody Hadley

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

Sun: February 2 Levi Howell February 9 Ray Stanford

Wed: February 5 Cody Hadley February 12 Levi Howell

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 16

Combined **wedding shower** for both Cameron Hadley and Shelby Cooper after evening services.

February 21

Area wide youth devotional at Olive Branch.

March 30-April 3

Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship. We have been asked to provide 25 cakes for Monday the 31st.

WELCOME VISITORS!