

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
FEBRUARY 11, 2024

REQUEST: Rickie Gootam is wondering if some may have unused laptops, iPads, tablets, etc., that might be donated to the work in Kakinada, India, and especially toward their work with *Lads to Leaders*.

SYMPATHY: Marie Faircloth, mother of Angie Ferguson, passed away last Sunday morning.

SICK: Allene Baldwin has been under the weather for several weeks trying to recover from the flu. Lawayne House has been suffering an allergic reaction to something over the past week. Mary Ray is still experiencing serious dizziness. Karen Tuttle has been dealing with serious back pain recently. Sawyer Leeton, six week old son of a cousin of Katie Brown, has had continuous health problems. Mark Ray, Mary Ray's son, is facing back surgery. Karen Tuttle has two uncles which are both in hospice care in Indiana.

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; Denae 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); 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 assisted living 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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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 LIII: 2 Thessalonians

(Continued from last week) Since clarification on that point was needed, the key words in this book echo the "coming" of the first. That word is found three times in 2 Thessalonians with "come" appearing another two. The key verses likewise follow suit, with 2 Thessalonians 2:2 showing that the coming was not immediate and 2 Thessalonians 3:5 calling "the patient waiting for Christ." A key passage is 2 Thessalonians 1:6-9 which shows the justice of God in repaying eternal, flaming punishment upon their persecutors and rest for the persecuted--these would each come "when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels." The key chapter is 2 Thessalonians 3 which showed the Thessalonians that they could not continue in "cruise control" but needed to get back to work.

Though short [it is the second shortest of Paul's letters and the shortest written to a congregation], 2 Thessalonians yet has some important lessons: first, righteous judgment brings reward and punishment—rest or tribulation (2 The. 1:4-9); second, some traditions are good (2 The. 2:15); third, one capable of working, must work (2 The. 3:10); fourth, even through church discipline (2 The. 3:6), one can handle those who are wrong tactfully (2 The. 3:14-15); fifth, the Christian race is a marathon, not a sprint (2 The. 3:13).

On a side note, there are no shortage of opinions regarding the early part of chapter 2 and, specifically, "the man of sin." It is this writer's contention that is a reference to Catholicism and what would be--and yet continues to be--its terrible history of antagonism to God. The seeds were already sown for that insidious system in gnosticism, asceticism, and many of the other early "isms." Its leader, the pope, could rightly be called a "man of sin" and "son of perdition"; in the world's eyes, he is on the throne of God as God's representative on earth--one

might note how the expression "the Church" is used for that false way rather than the Lord's; moreover, to this day it promotes lying wonders--miracles which are not truly such [for instance in beatification]. This writer's brother-in-law, Wayne Jones, made an apt statement following a trip to Italy, the heart of Catholicism, "Rome did more harm to Christianity by embracing it, than it ever did by persecuting it." Sadly, if that religion be the subject of that section, it is with us until the Lord's return (2 The. 2:8).

"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 bought Araunah's threshingfloor?

Last week's question: Whom did the evil spirit in Ephesus not know?

Last week's answer: The seven sons of Sceva (Acts 19:14,15)

SERMONS: A.M.: *Is the Church Necessary?* (Ephesians 3:8-12).

P.M. Devotional: *Carson Kinney* will deliver this evening's message.

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence:* Chapter 36: Wonderful Assurances.

DAILY BIBLE READING (February 12-18):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Leviticus	11-13	14-16	17-19	20-23	24-27		
Numbers						1-3	4-6

READ SCRIPTURE (FEBRUARY): Dylan Cooper (Ephesians 1:3-6)

(MARCH): Carson Kinney

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (FEBRUARY): Lawayne House

(MARCH): Dylan Cooper

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (FEBRUARY): Mario Arrington and Chris Cook

(MARCH): Gavin Arrington and Wesley Haas

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 11 Carson Kinney February 18 Carl Hounshell

February 25 Dan Cates March 3 Dylan Cooper

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

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

February 18

Youth devotional after evening services.
