

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
FEBRUARY 18, 2024

SYMPATHY: Michael Elrod, grandson of Mary Ray, lost his mother-in-law recently.

SICK: Allene Baldwin, Shelly Cates, Melinda Haas, Cody Hadley, Mary Ray, Ray Stanford, and Karen Tuttle have been dealing with various health problems recently. Mark Ray, Mary Ray's son, is facing back surgery. Karen Tuttle has two uncles which are both in hospice care in Indiana. Ella Bidigare, granddaughter of Travis Cooper's wife, was taken to the LeBonheur last Sunday, but is doing better. Cheryl Denley, of the community, has Stage 4 Pancreatic Cancer and is at home under hospice care.

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; 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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Services: Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 4:45 p.m. (pew-packers), 5 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 LIV: 1 Timothy

On his First Missionary Journey, Paul stopped in Lystra amid both opposition and acceptance (Acts 14:6,7,21-23). On the subsequent journey, Paul returned to Lystra where he was joined by "a certain disciple" (Acts 16:1-5)--who had been taught by (2 Tim. 2:2) and likely converted by Paul (1 Tim. 1:2). This disciple, Timothy or Timotheus, would not only accompany Paul, but would also, at times, be left by or sent by him (Acts 17:14,15; 1 The. 3:1,2; 1 Cor. 4:17; et al). While Timothy was a Gospel preacher and was worthy of Paul's trust, he had both physical (1 Tim. 5:23) and confidence (hence, the encouragement of 1 Tim. 4:14; 2 Tim. 1:6; 3:14) frailties.

The epistle at hand was written from Paul (1 Tim. 1:1) to Timothy (1 Tim. 1:2,18; 6:20). Perhaps Timothy was working in Ephesus [where Paul had left him (1 Tim. 1:3)] or this may have been somewhat after, but Timothy was to do what he had been to do in Ephesus wherever he was. As for Paul, he may have been in Macedonia (1 Tim. 1:3) [perhaps Philippi], Corinth, or Laodicea; there is equal possibility that Paul could have been somewhere like Nicopolis in Epirus (Tit. 3:12) or in the region of Illyricum where Paul had labored previously (Rom. 15:19; cf. 2 Tim. 4:10). On the place of writing, there is no consensus. The book would have been written sometime in the early A.D. 60s, between his imprisonments in Rome.

Paul wrote Timothy to encourage him through reminding him that an apostle sent him (1 Tim. 1:1; cf 2 Tim. 3:14), to guard against the spread of false doctrine (1 Tim. 1:3,6,7,18-20; 4:1-5; 6:3-6,20,21), and to show Timothy how one is to "behave," dwell in or conduct himself, in the church (1 Tim. 3:15).

The key words of the book are "worthy" (which is found five times--twice with reference to the worth of what Paul wrote and three times with reference to the worthiness of men) and "must" (which is found four times--all with regard to qualifications of church roles). The key phrase, "This/it is a true/faithful saying" is common in the letters to Timothy and Titus (five times total). In 1 Timothy, it is applicable to Jesus' mission, the elders' work, and godliness' profitability. The key verse is 1 Timothy 4:12 in which Paul told Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." "Youth" is a relative term there, with Timothy's perhaps being around forty

years old. The key chapter is 1 Timothy 3 in which qualifications are given for elders (1 Tim. 3:1-7), deacons (1 Tim. 3:8-10,12,13), and wives [contextually, perhaps specifically deacons' wives, though the Greek is generic] (1 Tim. 3:11). (*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: Who sent Peter and John to Samaria?

Last week's question: Who bought Araunah's threshingfloor?

Last week's answer: David (Acts 19:14,15)

SERMONS: A.M.: *Chris Cook* will preach this morning.

P.M. Devotional: *Carl Hounshell* will deliver this evening's message.

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence: Chapter 37: Confessing Sins.*

DAILY BIBLE READING (February 19-25):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Numbers	7-10	11-14	15-17	18-20	21-24	25-27	28-30

READ SCRIPTURE (FEBRUARY): Dylan Cooper (Please see Chris Cook)

(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:

<i>February 18</i>	<i>Carl Hounshell</i>	<i>February 25</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>
<i>March 3</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>	<i>March 10</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>

PANTRY NEEDS: Please see the list of needs for the children's home.

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

Tonight (February 18)

Youth devotional after evening services.

March 31-April 4

Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship on *Righteousness Exalts a Nation.*

We have been asked to provide 25 cakes for Monday.

April 23

The truck from the **Tennessee Children's Home** will be here.

WELCOME VISITORS!