

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
FEBRUARY 25, 2024

SYMPATHY: Cheryl Denley (of the community) passed away on Wednesday. She is survived by her husband and two children.

SICK: Please remember those who have been dealing with various health problems recently. Annette Cates, Dan's mother, has not been able to see with her left eye the last few days. Mark Ray, Mary Ray's son, is facing back surgery.

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). Karen Tuttle has two uncles which are both in hospice care in Indiana.

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 LIV: 1 Timothy

(Continued from last week) Among the lessons to Timothy are these: first, law is not designed to punish the righteous (1 Tim. 1:9-10); second, Christ came to save sinners (1 Tim. 1:15); third, church discipline can help those who are disciplined (1 Tim. 1:20) and those who see the discipline applied (1 Tim. 5:20); fourth, Christians are to pray for all—even wicked governments (1 Tim. 2:1-2); fifth, God wants all to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4); sixth, there is one Mediator: Jesus (1 Tim. 2:5); seventh, women are valuable, but are limited in their role (1 Tim. 2:8-15); eighth, qualifications must be met to please God (1 Tim. 3); ninth, the church is God’s building (1 Tim. 3:15); tenth, some will just do and promote that which is wrong (1 Tim. 4:1-3); eleventh, godliness should be the Christian’s emphasis (1 Tim. 4:8; 6:6); twelfth, men must provide for their own (1 Tim. 5:8); thirteenth, good elders are worthy of honor (1 Tim. 5:17) and financial support (1 Tim. 5:18) and the benefit of the doubt (1 Tim. 5:19); fourteenth, sin will be punished (1 Tim. 5:24); fifteenth, the love of money is dangerous (1 Tim. 6:10); sixteenth, the eternal is superior to the temporal (1 Tim. 6:11); seventeenth, the righteous must fight for God (1 Tim. 6:12); and, eighteenth, riches can be destructive or beneficial (1 Tim. 6:17-19).

Part LV: 2 Timothy

In his first letter to Timothy, Paul had written to encourage Timothy; nevertheless, Timothy, like many today needed continuing encouragement. Paul (2 Tim. 1:1), accordingly, wrote a second letter to Timothy (2 Tim. 1:2). This time, Paul was writing from a Roman prison (2 Tim. 2:9) shortly before his death, probably A.D. 67 due to Paul’s pre-winter request (2 Tim. 4:9,13,21). Paul wrote again to encourage Timothy through reminding him of who had sent him, an apostle (2 Tim. 1:1), and to remind him of from whence he had come (2 Tim. 1:5-6; 3:15). (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: Where were Barnabas, Simeon, Lucius, Manaen, and Saul together?

Last week’s question: Who sent Peter and John to Samaria?

Last week’s answer: “The apostles which were at Jerusalem” (Acts 8:14)

SERMONS: A.M.: *God Is Faithful* (1 Thessalonians 5:24).

P.M. Devotional: *Dan Cates* will deliver this evening’s message.

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 38: Church Government.

DAILY BIBLE READING (February 26-March 3):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Numbers	31-33	34-36					
Deuteronomy	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-16		

READ SCRIPTURE (FEBRUARY): Dylan Cooper (Deuteronomy 7:9)

(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 25</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>	<i>March 3</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>
<i>March 10</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>	<i>March 17</i>	<i>Chris Cook</i>

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

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Ray Stanford	March 3	Tucker Clayton	March 9
Orelia Ferguson	March 12	Jeffery Clayton	March 14
Suzanne Brown	March 15	Grayson Hadley	March 31

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 5-7

Lectureship at New Albany.

April 23

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

April 27

Teachers Appreciation Dinner. More details will follow.

WELCOME VISITORS!