

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
MARCH 3, 2024

**SYMPATHY:** Jane Haas (Wesley Haas' mother) passed away Saturday morning. Jacob Kennedy (a friend of Reese Kinney and an MSOP student) lost his grandfather this past Tuesday around midnight.

**SICK:** Kim Arrington was sick midweek. Maggie Cooper's back has been giving her problems. Stu Tuttle had an echo scan run on his heart on Friday. Please remember other who have been dealing with various health problems recently. Annette Cates, Dan's mother, is slowly recovering some sight in her left eye. Caitlin Jiron (Dan Cates' niece) had a daughter, Sadie Jean, early Friday morning after 25 hours of labor. Sadie was born 6 lb, 2 oz, but due to some respiratory distress had to be on a CPAP machine. Caitlin also has been under observation due to her blood pressure. Hopefully both will go home soon. Sawyer Leeton (daughter of a cousin of Katie Brown) has had to change formula again due to what may be allergic reactions. 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; 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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**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 LV: 2 Timothy

(Continued from last week) The key words of 2 Timothy are "faith," used eight times for both personal faith and the system of faith, and "word," used four times for both God's Word and the word of false teachers. The key verses include the public directive of 2 Timothy 2:2, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also," and the personal directive of 2 Timothy 2:15, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." The key passages include the edifying affirmation "All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works" (2 Tim. 3:16,17) and the sobering challenge "I charge *thee* therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away *their* ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry" (2 Tim. 4:1-5).

Here are some of the great lessons from 2 Timothy: first, just because conscience is not the standard does not mean it can be violated (2 Tim. 1:3); second, the source of miraculous ability was the laying on of an apostle's hands (2 Tim. 1:6; cf. Acts 8:18); third, God did not originate fear (2 Tim. 1:7; cf. 1 John 4:18); fourth, man's salvation was purchased and prepared in the eternal past (2 Tim. 1:9); fifth, there is no shame in suffering for Christ (2 Tim. 1:12); sixth, God's Word provides a pattern for man (2 Tim. 1:13); seventh, even the great need encouragement (2 Tim. 1:16-18) and help (2 Tim. 4:11); eighth, one could wrongly divide Truth, so he has the responsibility to study (2 Tim. 2:15); ninth, one who is faithful need not worry whether the Lord will be (2 Tim. 2:19); tenth, being "a little" godly is not enough (2 Tim. 3:5); eleventh, all righteous will be persecuted to some degree (2 Tim. 3:12); twelfth, the Scriptures are sufficient to lead one to salvation (2 Tim. 3:15-17); thirteenth, Christians are responsible for spreading the Gospel (2 Tim. 4:1-2; cf 2 Cor. 4:5-7); fourteenth, the righteous will be rewarded (2 Tim. 4:7-8); fifteenth, God will always encourage the righteous (2 Tim. 4:17-18).

*"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: According to Paul, whom did Christ not please?

Last week's question: Where were Barnabas, Simeon, Lucius, Manaen, and Saul together?

Last week's answer: In Antioch (Acts 13:1)

**SERMONS:** A.M.: *Keys to a Successful Christian Life* (1 Timothy 4:8,9).

P.M. Devotional: *Dylan Cooper* will deliver this evening's message.

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 39: Submit to the Elders.

### DAILY BIBLE READING (March 4-10):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Deuteronomy</b> 17-19	20-22	23-25	26-28	29-31	32-34		
					<b>Joshua</b>		1-3

**READ SCRIPTURE (MARCH):** Carson Kinney (1 Timothy 4:8,9)

(APRIL): *Thomas Massey*

**PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH):** Dylan Cooper

(APRIL): *Carl Hounshell*

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH):** Gavin Arrington and Wesley Haas

(APRIL): *Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart*

**CLEAN BUILDING (MARCH):** Melinda Haas and April Kinney

(APRIL): *Thomas and Sheila Massey*

**PREPARE COMMUNION (MARCH):** Shelly Cates

(APRIL): *Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown*

### UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

<i>March 3</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>	<i>March 10</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>
<i>March 17</i>	<i>Chris Cook</i>	<i>March 24</i>	<i>Cameron 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):

March 17

**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!