

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MARCH 10, 2024

PRAYERS: Maggie Cooper responded to the invitation Sunday evening desiring the prayers of the church. She has been dealing with a lot of anxiety and depression. The Houses have a meeting with lawyers on March 14; they have asked us to remember them in our prayers.

SYMPATHY: Please remember the family of Neil Bennett (MSOP alumnus and friend of Dan Cates) who passed away after a fight with thyroid cancer.

SICK: Katie Brown, Ella Darnell, Cody Hadley, Lawayne House, Wanda Jackson, Carson Kinney, the McClures, and the Turtles have all experienced health challenges recently. Maggie Cooper's back has been giving her problems. Sawyer Leeton (daughter of a cousin of Katie Brown) will have cleft surgery May 6th. Brandon McNeil and Jackson McNeil (son and grandson of Karen Tuttle) are facing health concerns—Brandon with a nodule on his lung and baby Jackson with a heart murmur. Mark Ray, Mary Ray's son, is facing back surgery. Cameron Sossebee (wife of a co-worker of Cody Hadley) was taken to the ER midweek; she has a history of heart problems.

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: 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 LVI: Titus

Though Paul apparently neither married nor had any physical children, he considered those who were added to the Lord's church through his efforts his "begotten" (1 Cor. 4:15); these three in particular he counted as sons: Timothy (1 Tim. 1:18; 2 Tim. 1:2; cf Phi. 2:22; 1 Cor. 4:17), Onesimus (Phm. 10), and Titus (Tit. 1:4). As Paul wrote to Timothy, so he (Tit. 1:1) wrote to Titus (Tit. 1:4); much less is known of Titus than Timothy, however. What is ascertained of Titus includes his being Greek (Gal. 2:3) [so in no way needing to be circumcised--as opposed to Timothy who was of mixed heritage (Acts 16:1)], his being Paul-like (2 Cor. 12:18), his traveling with Paul to Jerusalem (Gal. 2:1), his being sent to Corinth (2 Cor. 8:6,23), his being a comfort to Paul (2 Cor. 7:6; cf 2:13), his ultimately going from Rome to Dalmatia (2 Tim. 4:10), and his having been a missionary left in Crete (Tit. 1:5) but called to Paul in Nicopolis (Tit. 3:12). Titus was certainly a great early worker for the Lord! Paul was writing in the mid-A.D. 60s, between his imprisonments in Rome.

From whence Paul wrote has been the subject of much debate. It seems, though, that the epistle was written from somewhere like the region of Illyricum where Paul had labored previously (Rom. 15:19) and which would be in the vicinity of Nicopolis—in Epirus rather than the Nicopolis in Macedonia/Thrace mentioned in the uninspired postscript—to which Paul headed (Tit. 3:12), but not from Nicopolis itself which, notably, is referred to as "there" not "here." Other possible options include Corinth, Ephesus, or somewhere in Macedonia. Titus himself was in Crete, the great island south of the Aegean Sea. Crete was a place with a bad, but deserved, reputation. The reputation of Crete is alluded to by Paul who quoted Epimenides of Cnossus writing, "One of themselves, *even* a prophet [by their definition, not truly inspired-DFC] of their own, said, The Cretians *are* always liars, evil beasts, slow bellies" (Tit. 1:12). Lazy, evil liars was a true representation in Paul's inspired estimation (Tit. 1:13); sadly, such attitudes threatened the church (Tit. 1:10,11). The purpose of Paul's writing was to give Titus further instruction with regard to appointing elders (Tit. 1:5) and with regard to the general affairs of the church in Crete--especially given the obstacle which was Crete itself. *(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: For whom was the contribution of the Macedonians and Achaeans?

Last week's question: According to Paul, whom did Christ not please?

Last week's answer: Himself (Romans 15:3)

SERMONS: A.M.: *Why a Bible?* (Ecclesiastes 12:13).

P.M. Devotional: *Cody Hadley* will deliver this evening's message.

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 40: Women and Men.

DAILY BIBLE READING (March 11-17):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Joshua	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24

READ SCRIPTURE (MARCH): Carson Kinney (2 Timothy 3:16,17)

(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:

March 10 *Cody Hadley* **March 17** *Chris Cook*

March 24 *Cameron Hadley* **March 31** *Carson Kinney*

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

Sun: **March 10** *Ray Stanford* **March 17** *Carson Kinney*

Wed: **March 13** *Dan Cates* **March 20** *Cody Hadley*

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

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

Next Sunday (March 17)

Youth devotional after evening services.

March 30

Youth Day at Forest Hill beginning at 9:30.

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 in the evening. More details will follow.

WELCOME VISITORS!