

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MARCH 17, 2024

PRAYERS: Cameron Hadley responded to the invitation Sunday morning acknowledging that he has allowed his influence not to be what it should. Let us pray for and encourage him. The Sheila Massey has asked that we remember their granddaughter Gwendolyn Massey 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: Gavin Arrington, Jason House, Peggy House, and Karter Shamblin have all experienced health challenges recently. Cody Hadley is scheduled to see the cardiologist April 11th. Sawyer Leeton (son of a cousin of Katie Brown) will have cleft surgery May 6th. Brandon MacNeil and Jackson MacNeil (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. Dayton Williams (Shelly Cates' grandfather) had a stroke on Friday; he is in Baptist Desoto 614.

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), 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

(Continued from last week) The key word of the book is "doctrine" which is used four times, twice preceded by "sound" or healthy, once followed by "of God" Who is the source of sound doctrine, and once showing that Titus was to be "a pattern ... in doctrine" The key passages include Titus 1:5-9 with its qualifications for elders (supplementing the qualifications revealed in 1 Tim. 3:1-7) and Titus 3:1,2 (showing that the Cretans needed Titus to "Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, *but* gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.").

Among the lessons from this book are these: first, Truth is objective (Tit. 1:1); second, false teachers must be silenced (Tit. 1:11); third, teachers may use outside sources for illustration (Tit. 1:12; cf. Acts 17:28); fourth, additions do not aid Truth (Tit. 1:14); fifth, lip service is not true service (Tit. 1:16); sixth, all have responsibilities (Tit. 2:1-10); seventh, God shed His grace on men through Christ (Tit. 2:11-15; 3:7); eighth, one can joyfully look for the Second Coming (Tit. 2:13); ninth, some would undo the good they teach through the bad they do (Tit. 2:15); tenth, even bad governments like Rome's must be obeyed (Tit. 3:1-2); eleventh, once lost does not mean always lost (Tit. 3:3); twelfth, washing is required for cleansing (Tit. 3:5; cf. Acts 22:16; Eph. 5:26); thirteenth, the best way to solve problems is to avoid them (Tit. 3:8); fourteenth, some things are better left alone (Tit. 3:9); and, fifteenth, one who is disfellowshipped has already disfellowshipped himself (Tit. 3:10-11).

"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 was the "firstfruits of Achaia"?

Last week's question: For whom was the contribution of the Macedonians and Achaeans?

Last week's answer: "For the poor saints which are at Jerusalem" (Romans 15:26)

SERMONS: A.M.: *Chris Cook will be preaching this morning.*

P.M. Devotional: *Chris Cook will deliver this evening's message.*

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence: Chapter 41: The Duty to Discipline.*

DAILY BIBLE READING (March 18-24):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Judges	1-4	5-8	9-12	13-15	16-18	19-21	
						Ruth	1-4

READ SCRIPTURE (MARCH): Carson Kinney (Please see Chris Cook)

(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 17</i>	<i>Chris Cook</i>	<i>March 24</i>	<i>Cameron Hadley</i>
<i>March 31</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>	<i>April 7</i>	<i>Carl Hounshell</i>

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

<i>Sun:</i>	<i>March 17</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>	<i>March 24</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>
<i>Wed:</i>	<i>March 20</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>	<i>March 27</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>

SARDIS LAKE CHRISTIAN CAMP:

Registration is open for session 2 of SLCC (June 16-22). If your children want to go, please see Dan or Carl.

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 (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!