

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MARCH 31 & APRIL 7, 2024

REJOICE: Keegan Arrington responded to the Gospel and was baptized on Wednesday night.
SICK: Kim Arrington and Karen Tuttle have both 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. David Jones (Shelly Cates' father) will have a biopsy on April 2. Brandon MacNeil (son of Karen Tuttle) is facing more tests due to a nodule on his lung. Mark Ray, Mary Ray's son, is facing back surgery. Nestor Silva (second year MSOP student) is in Costa Rica having had a 25mm tumor discovered in his head. He is facing more tests. Dayton Williams (Shelly Cates' grandfather) is recovering amazingly well following his recent stroke.

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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Wednesday 7:15 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 LVII: Philemon

(Continued from last week) The key words of the book are each used three times; they are "receive" (reflecting Paul's desire for Onesimus not to be rejected), "beloved" (showing Paul's fondness for Philemon and his family, and what Onesimus could be by Philemon), and "bowels" (representing Philemon's sympathy for others, Paul's sympathy for Onesimus, and what could be Philemon's sympathy toward Onesimus on Paul's behalf). The key verse concedes that Onesimus had not been profitable, but he could be--both physically (for Philemon and perhaps Paul) and, perhaps, spiritually (for Paul and God); of Onesimus it reads, "Which in time past was to thee unprofitable, but now profitable to thee and to me:" (Phm. 11).

This small book has a couple of wonderful lessons: first, sometimes it is more effective to ask than to demand (Phm. 8-10), for Paul could have been bold but was tactful; second, one never knows how providence may play a role (Phm. 15), for imagine in all the Roman Empire the place Onesimus fled was into the presence of Paul who converted him. (To be continued in the next bulletin)

"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 chamberlain of Corinth?

Last week's question: What do false teachers serve?

Last week's answer: "Their own belly" (Romans 16:18)

SERMONS: A.M.: *The Danger of Losing Power* (1 Corinthians 1:18)

Chris Cook will preach April 7th

P.M. Devotional: *Carson Kinney* will deliver this evening's message.

Carl Hounshell will deliver the devotional message on April 7th

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 43: God's Law Regarding Divorce.

Chris Cook will teach chapter 44 on April 7th

DAILY BIBLE READING (April 1-14):

		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
April 1-7	1 Samuel	25-28	29-31					
	2 Samuel			1-4	5-8	9-12	13-15	16-18
April 8-14	2 Samuel	19-21	22-24					
	Psalms			1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-15

READ SCRIPTURE (MARCH): Carson Kinney (1 Corinthians 2:4,5)

(APRIL): Thomas Massey (Please see Chris Cook)

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 31 Carson Kinney April 7 Carl Hounshell

April 14 Dan Cates April 21 Dylan Cooper

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

Sun: March 31 Cameron Hadley April 7 Conor Cates

April 14 Thomas Massey

Wed: April 3 Ray Stanford April 10 Dylan Cooper

April 17 Conor Cates

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.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Gavin Arrington April 5 Kaylie Hadley April 6

Luke Massey April 7 Mary West April 14

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

This week (March 31-April 4)

Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship on Righteousness Exalts a Nation.

We have been asked to provide 25 cakes for tomorrow.

This weekend (April 5-7)

Lectureship at New Albany.

Next week (April 7-11)

Chris Perry will preach a **Gospel meeting** for the Southaven congregation.

They will meet at 1:00 Sunday and 7:00 Monday through Thursday nights.

April 13

Ladies Day at Olive Branch with Cindy Colley on *Comfort Foods: The Scriptures That Feed Us*. It will begin at 8:30 A.M.

April 23

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

April 27

Ladies Day at Southaven with Berta Kennedy on *Sisters: A Bond Not Easily Broken*. It will begin at 9:00 A.M.

Teachers Appreciation Dinner in the evening. More details will follow.