

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
APRIL 14, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS: Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey have a new great nephew; his name is Alden Blake Walker. He was 2 lb 15 oz and is in NICU.

SICK: Jeffrey Clayton was sick midweek. Cody Hadley was to see the cardiologist this past Thursday. Sawyer Leeton (son of a cousin of Katie Brown) will have cleft surgery May 6th. David Jones (Shelly Cates' father) is awaiting results of his biopsy. 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 recovering from recent 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: 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; 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); Sheila Purvis (Tabatha Clayton's coworker)—breast; 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 LVII: Philemon

(Continued from the last bulletin) Perhaps there could be lessons pertaining to slavery in that list, but it may be better to point out some things separately. Some have suggested that the New Testament condones and even promotes slavery, and they have even tried to get such from this epistle. Several things are worthy of note: first, slavery is condemned in the New Testament--that was among the points of 1 Timothy 1:10; second, the New Testament recognized that slavery was an institution which was not going anywhere [one would here do well to note that God's is not a social message meant to fix the conditions of the world, but to live in them peaceably with an eye toward the future existence (1 Tim. 2:2)], so slaves were told how they might have peace (Eph. 6:5-8; Col. 3:22-24; 1 Tim. 6:1,2; Tit. 2:9,10; 1 Pet. 2:18-21) and masters were told to remember their servitude (Eph. 6:9; Col. 4:1) and both would have done well to have remembered Colossians 3:25 and Ephesians 6:8 and Titus 2:11; third, the physical state of servitude made a wonderful illustration for obedience to the Lord, going from servitude of sin (John 8:34; Tit. 3:3) to servitude of God (Rom. 6:17,18,22; cf 1 Cor. 7:21-23)--but that slavery was one of choice (Rom. 6:16; an interesting Old Testament parallel is Deuteronomy 15:16,17).

Part LVIII: Hebrews

Who wrote Hebrews? Sadly, that question seems to be nearly as studied as the book itself. It may be an interesting question, but ultimately it is a question which will continue to be debated and which is of relative insignificance--if it were that important, God would have had the writer identify himself. That said, to this writer, it seems probable that Paul wrote Hebrews due to, among other reasons, these: first, the early credit given him as the author; second, the situation of the book's being written by someone who was in Italy (Heb. 13:24) and who had been and may still have been in prison (Heb. 10:34; 13:3,19) and who was a close associate of Timothy (Heb. 13:23); third, the writer's great concern for his national brethren; and, fourth, the fact that Peter said Paul had written to this audience (2 Pet. 3:15). (To be continued in next week's 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: From where did the four beasts of Daniel's dream come?

Last week's question: Who was the chamberlain of Corinth?

Last week's answer: Erastus (Romans 16:23; 2 Timothy 4:20)

SERMONS: A.M.: "Tell Me the Story ..." (Galatians 4:4)

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

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 45: More on the Two Testaments.

DAILY BIBLE READING (April 15-21):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Psalms	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30	31-33	34-36

READ SCRIPTURE (APRIL): Thomas Massey (Daniel 7:27)

(MAY): Lawayne House (Please see Chris Cook)

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (APRIL): Carl Hounshell

(MAY): Cameron Hadley

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (APRIL): Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

(MAY): Keegan Arrington and Carson Kinney

CLEAN BUILDING (APRIL): Thomas and Sheila Massey

(MAY): Maggie Cooper and Shelly Cooper

PREPARE COMMUNION (APRIL): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

(MAY): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

<i>April 14</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>	<i>April 21</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>
<i>April 28</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>	<i>May 5</i>	<i>Chris Cook</i>

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

<i>Sun:</i>	<i>April 14</i>	<i>Thomas Massey</i>	<i>April 21</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>
<i>Wed:</i>	<i>April 17</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>	<i>April 24</i>	<i>Thomas Massey</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.

THANKS!:

To all who helped provide thirty-one cakes for the Memphis School of Preaching lectureship or who had an opportunity to attend in person, thanks for helping to make it a success!

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

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

April 20

Youth devotional after evening services.

April 23 (Tuesday week)

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.