

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
APRIL 24, 2022

**SICK:** Bill Burford has been awaiting scheduling back surgery.

**PROTRACTED:** Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Lauren Brown (niece of Paul Brown)—heart; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Janet Daniel (sister of Melinda Haas)—lupus; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; Ella Cobb, granddaughter of the Houses—seizures; Bubba Farrow (Emma Farrow's son)—Alzheimer's; Jimmy Ferguson (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; Kaylie Hadley—UCTD; Paula Harrison—Meniere's Disease; Lorraine Hounshell; 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; Easton McCullough (Grayson Hadley's best friend)—Bell's Palsy; 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; Bobby Stewart—needing hip replacement surgery; Tammy Turner (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; Francis Wallace (friend of Mary Ray); and Jerry Worthington (neighbor of the Hounshells)—physical and emotional difficulties.

**CANCER:** Sherry Brown (retired MSOP secretary); Alicia Busby (from the community); Gary Darnell (Ella Darnell's son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; Brenda Davis (a grandmother of Edra and Ryan Farrow); Sherman Hensley (uncle of Paul Brown); Tommy Hensley (uncle of Paul Brown)—liver; Nathan Jones (the Hounshells' neighbors' 16 year old family member)—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; Tommy Pierce (the Browns' friend); John Riley (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

**SHUT-IN:** Janice Bailey (home); Orelia Ferguson (home), and Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is in a care center in Pensacola, FL).

**SERVING:** Dylan and Maggie Cooper (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.), Cameron Hadley (Grayson Hadley's dad—Marines, Hawaii). 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 (I 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.  
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.*

**Ministers:** *Every Christian*

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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*

*Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)*

*Jim and Tammy Turner (Fairfield, North Carolina)*

*Trent Kennedy family (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)*

*Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)*

*Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]*

*Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)*

*Tennessee Children's Home, West*

*Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)*

*School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)*

*Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts*

# INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Daniel F. Cates

## Part X: 2 Samuel

(Continued from last week) Without a doubt, the key word of the book is "king," which is used 284 times. In this book one sees only one king reigning, David, but is introduced to the good and bad associated with that authority and power. The people had rejected God as King (1 Sam. 8:7) and at different times and in various ways the kingdom smarted for it just as Samuel had prophesied to them (1 Sam. 8:9-18)--incidentally, far worse was yet to come! As for David, the key verse reveals his heart, which was elsewhere described as one after God's own (1 Sam. 13:14; Acts 13:22); in 2 Samuel 24:24, when David was making the offering recommended by Gad, David said--though had Araunah offered to give all that David needed (2 Sam. 24:23), "Nay; but I will surely buy *it* of thee at a price: neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the LORD my God of that which doth cost me nothing." What a heart! A verse some would consider key reveals the other side of David: David could be as sinful as any other, as he had been when he had committed sin with Bathsheba and had killed (though by means of others) her husband Uriah. So he was condemned in 2 Samuel 12:7 thus: "Thou are the man." The key passage of the book is the promise of God to establish forever the kingdom of David (2 Sam. 7:11-13). Yet a Son of David reigns as King! (Luke 1:31-33; cf Acts 8:12; 1 Cor. 15:24; Daniel 7:14). The key chapters are 2 Samuel 11 revealing David's sins in the case of Bathsheba and Uriah and 2 Samuel 24 revealing David's sin, the broad punishment, God's mercy, and David's sacrifice.

There are a number of lessons which may be taken from 2 Samuel. A few are these: first, the righteous mourn even the loss of their enemies as David did at the death of Saul (2 Sam. 1:17; cf Mat. 5:44); second, a just end does not justify an unjust means as when Uzzah was killed for touching the ark though he was trying to steady it (2 Sam. 6:6,7); third, even the righteous can falter (2 Sam. 11); fourth, there is a future life as demonstrated when David said that he would go to his dead son (2 Sam. 12:23); fifth, the Lord's Will will be done as alluded to in David's concession to Zadok (2 Sam. 15:24-26); sixth, the Lord rewards righteousness as David sang (2 Sam. 22:21-25). As with all of the books of the Bible, lessons from 2 Samuel could be without number; these are written as a taste of what is therein.

One other thing is of special note: The threshingfloor of Araunah the Jebusite, who is

called Ornan (another form of his name) in 1 Chronicles 21:15-28, became the location of the temple and altar (1 Chr. 22:1).

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*"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)*

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### BIBLE QUESTION:

This week's question: Who was described as "the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever"?

Last week's question: What was stored in the Ark of the Covenant?

Last week's answer: "The golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant" (*Hebrews 9:4*)

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**SERMONS:** Has Man Moved Beyond the Need for God? (*Jeremiah 6:16*)

*"All the Counsel of God"*: Reprove/Rebuke

### DAILY BIBLE READING (April 25-May 1):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Psalms</b>	43-45	46-48	49-51	52-54	55-57	58-60	61-63

**READ SCRIPTURE (APRIL):** Mario Arrington (Jude 3)

(MAY): Dan Cates

**PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (APRIL):** Lawayne House

(MAY): Savion Rayson

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (APRIL):** Paul Brown and Luke Massey

(MAY): Conor Cates and Sonny Stewart

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

(MAY): Suzanne and Katie Brown

**PREPARE COMMUNION (APRIL):** Tabatha Clayton

(MAY): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Please see the flyer of children's home needs in the foyer.

### MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Dan Cates	May 2	Katie Brown	May 12
Paula Harrison	May 27	Noah Massey	May 29

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

June 5-8

Clifton Angel will preach our **Gospel Meeting**.

June 12

*Coldwater* begins their **Vacation Bible School**.

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### WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today! Please take a few minutes and fill out an attendance card for us so that we can have a record of your attendance.