

**INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
APRIL 28 AND MAY 5, 2024**

**SICK:** **Shelby Cooper** will be traveling to Cleveland May 7th-9th for more tests. **Cody Hadley** is to see the cardiologist May 3rd. **Sawyer Leeton** (son of a cousin of **Katie Brown**) will have cleft surgery May 6th. **David Jones (Shelly Cates' father)** has been diagnosed with a rare and aggressive leukemia; prayers are that he can get into Duke soon. **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. **Anna Ulrich** (daughter of an MSOP staff member) will have major sternum surgery in mid to late May due.

**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; **Roy Donaldson** (nephew of **Mary Ray**)—Liver; **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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**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 (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 LVIII: Hebrews

(Continued from last week's bulletin) There are some things which are certain regardless of authorship: first, the book was written from a prison (Heb. 10:34; 13:3,19); second, it was written to Jewish Christians (Heb. 1:1-2 [who had been converted a good while earlier (Heb. 5:12-14)]--one might compare Acts 13:32 which was spoken by Paul to "Men of Israel" (Acts 13:16) in Pisidian Antioch (Acts 13:14); third, it was written to show the superiority of Jesus over angels, the old law, priests, sacrifices, and other things associated with the Mosaic age. If it were written by Paul, then the likely date would be around A.D. 57-59, for Paul was apparently serving his first prison sentence in Rome (Acts 28:30,31; Col. 4:3,18).

The key words of the book are "faith" (found thirty-two times; twenty-four in Hebrews 11 alone), "better" (used thirteen times, primarily demonstrating the superiority of Jesus), "perfect" (nine uses), "promise" (found nine times referring to both Old and New Testament promises). The key phrases are "by faith" (seventeen uses; sixteen of which are in chapter 11) and "let us" (found thirteen times respecting Christian responsibility under the new covenant). The numerous key verses include Hebrews 8:1, which was effectively the conclusion of the arguments from Hebrews 1-7; Hebrews 9:16 which spoke of the necessity of the death of a testator for a covenant to take effect); Hebrews 9:22, showing that blood must have been shed for sin to be remitted; Hebrews 10:9, showing God's will was Jesus' mission; and Hebrews 10:14, showing that Jesus' one offering was sufficient. The key passages are Hebrews 5:8,9, referring to the obedience of Jesus, and Hebrews 12:1-3, showing the race, the spectators, and the goal. The key chapter is Hebrews 11, the wonderful chapter on faith ... and works and grace. (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: At what mountain was the burning bush?

Last week's question: Only who knows when the Second Coming will occur?

Last week's answer: The Father (Matthew 24:36)

**SERMONS:** A.M. Tell Me the Story of Jesus, Part 1 (*John 20:30-31*).

*Chris Cook will preach on the 5th*

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

P.M. Devotional: *Cody Hadley* will deliver this evening's message; *Chris Cook* will deliver the message on the 5th.

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence:* Chapter 47: Our Chief Work;

*Chris Cook will teach chapter 48 on the 5th.*

**DAILY BIBLE READING (April 29-May 12):**

		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
29th-5th	<b>Psalms</b>	58-60	61-63	64-66	67-69	70-72	73-75	76-78
6th-12th	<b>Psalms</b>	79-81	82-84	85-87	88-90	91-93	94-96	97-99

**READ SCRIPTURE (APRIL):** Thomas Massey (John 1:1-3)

(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:**

*April 28* **Cody Hadley** *May 5* *Chris Cook*

*May 12* *Cameron Hadley* *May 19* *Carson Kinney*

**UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:**

*Sun:* **April 28** **Ray Stanford** *May 5* *Cody Hadley*

*Wed:* **May 1** **Keegan Arrington** *May 8* *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.

**MAY BIRTHDAYS:**

May 2 Dan Cates May 6 Dylan Cooper

May 12 Katie Brown May 23 Stu Tuttle

May 24 Mason Cooper May 27 Paula Harrison

May 29 Noah Massey

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

May 6-9

Billy Bland will preach a **Gospel meeting** at Nesbit. Times include 7:30 Sun. and 7:00 Mon-Wed.

May 24

**Youth devotional** at Olive Branch at 2:00 P.M.

June 2-5

Our **Gospel meeting** with Darrin Stapleton preaching. Flyers are in the foyer.

June 9-13

**Vacation Bible School** at Coldwater.

July 20

*Tentative date* for our **youth day**.