

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MAY 1, 2022

SICK: Janice Bailey had another seizure going into last weekend. Bill Burford has been awaiting scheduling back surgery. Melinda Haas is recovering from a recent fall. Shelby Peyton has been struggling with her eyes.

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.

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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]

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

Memphis School of Preaching

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

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

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

Trent Kennedy family (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)

Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Daniel F. Cates

Part XI: 1 Kings

1 Kings, titled 3 Kingdoms in the Septuagint [the Greek translation of the Old Testament] and 3 *Regum* (3 Kings) in Jerome's Latin *Vulgate*, is the next chapter in the saga of Israel's history. Its concern begins with the United Kingdom (1 Kin. 1-11) and the transition from Davidic to Solomonic reign and ends with the Divided Kingdoms' (1 Kin. 12-22) Ahaziah reigning in Samaria (1 Kin. 22:51) and Jehoram in Judah (1 Kin. 22:50); this means that this book is a record of one of Israel's darkest periods: She had started the descent into darkness when she had desired a king like the nations around her (1 Sam. 8) and subsequently plummeted when the kingdom was rent from Solomon (1 Kin. 11:11) and given to Jeroboam who reigned over Israel (1 Kin. 14:8) in the days of Solomon's son Rehoboam who reigned over Judah (1 Kin. 12:16,17). Truthfully, 1 Kings was only the beginning of that darkness, for the events of 2 Kings would produce even greater darkness. The period covered in 1 Kings would begin not long before 971 B.C. (1 Kin. 1:1) and would end around 848 B.C. when Jehoshaphat died (1 Kin. 22:50), a period likely just over 120 years.

The writer is not positively identified in the book, but the likelihood that 1 and 2 Kings were penned by the same hand, and the great similarity between 2 Kings 24,25 with Jeremiah 39-42,52 seem to suggest that Jeremiah wrote both 1 and 2 Kings. The authorship by Jeremiah was also Jewish tradition. Some also have suggested that Ezra may have written the books. If these two books were written together, as was evidently the case, then the date and location of writing would fit into the context of the end of 2 Kings (if written by Jeremiah) or later (if written by Ezra); accordingly, if written by Jeremiah, they likely would have been penned not long after 560 B.C. (the events of which are recorded in 2 Kings 25) and perhaps from Egypt to which Jeremiah had been carried (Jer. 43); however, if written by Ezra, the books would have been written from Canaan, perhaps even Jerusalem (Ezra 10:7), sometime in the middle to late 400s B.C.

Written to the Jews who were in exile or captivity (if by Jeremiah) or who had returned from Babylonian captivity (if by Ezra), the purpose of 1 Kings was to provide the continuing historical record, following the writing tradition of Moses and Joshua and Samuel and Nathan and Gad and perhaps others. In this history was shown the roots of the fall of the United Kingdom and the rise of Israel and Judah, the former of which was so spiritually bankrupt that not one good king graced her throne. Perhaps the lone points of light in the narrative are the faithful prophets Elijah (1 Kin. 17:1) and Elisha (1 Kin. 19:16). *(To be continued next week)*

“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: What chapter is often called "The Great Resurrection Chapter"?

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

Last week's answer: Jesus Christ (*Hebrews 13:8*)

SERMONS: Things Forever Linked to the Resurrection (*Philippians 3:8-11*)

“All the Counsel of God”: Resurrection [Savion Rayson will teach the class]

DAILY BIBLE READING (May 2-8):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Psalms	64-66	67-69	70-72	73-75	76-78	79-81	82-84

READ SCRIPTURE (MAY): Dan Cates (1 Corinthians 15:3,4)

(JUNE): Savion Rayson

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (MAY): Savion Rayson

(JUNE): Mario Arrington

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (MAY): Conor Cates and Sonny Stewart

(JUNE): Gavin Arrington and Mark Peyton

CLEAN BUILDING (MAY): Suzanne and Katie Brown

(JUNE): Thomas and Sheila Massey

PREPARE COMMUNION (MAY): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

(JUNE): Kim Arrington

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

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

May 15-18

Gospel Meeting at the *Nesbit* congregation with Brant Stubblefield preaching on *Back to the Bible*. Times include 7:30 P.M. Sunday night and 7:00 P.M. Monday through Wednesday nights.

June 5-8

Clifton Angel will preach our **Gospel Meeting**. Service times will be 10:00 and 11:00 A.M. and 1:30 P.M. [pew packer class will be at 1:15 P.M.] on Sunday and 7:30 P.M. Monday through Wednesday nights. Clifton's subjects for the week are "Blessed Assurance," "Blessed Authority," "Blessed Almighty," "Blessed Atonement," "Blessed Assembly," and "Blessed Appointment."

June 12-16

Coldwater hosts their **Vacation Bible School** on *Fearless: Deeds of the Defenders*. It will consist of lessons from the book of Acts. The lessons are tied to defending the faith.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!