

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JUNE 9, 2024

SICK: Melinda Haas and Karen Tuttle were under the weather this past week. Ray Stanford fell yesterday and badly bruised the right side of his back. Elizabeth Fletcher (Roland McClure's aunt) has been in Baptist Hospital with fluid on her lung. Brandon MacNeil (Karen Tuttle's son) is struggling with either a respiratory infection or his heart again. Mark Ray (Mary Ray's son) is facing back 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); Roger Chambers (dear friend of the congregation)—lung; 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; David Jones (Shelly Cates' father)—leukemia; 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); Nestor Silva (second year MSOP student)—brain tumor; 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.

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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 LX: 1 Peter

Peter is best known as one of the Lord's apostles (Mat. 10:2)--the one who forsook Jesus in His trial (Mat. 26:69-75) and who ushered in the kingdom (Acts 2:14,38); what is not as commonly remembered, or even known, is that Peter wrote two New Testament epistles (1 Pet. 1:1; 2 Pet. 1:1). While among many casual Bible students, his epistles may be overshadowed by Paul's epistles or by other New Testament books, his epistles are equally inspired and vital to an appreciation of God's Will!

Peter wrote from Babylon (1 Pet. 5:13). Which Babylon? There was but one--the the one on the Euphrates. That said, in the book of Revelation (14:8; 19:9; 17:5; 18:2,10,21), Rome is referred to as Babylon; accordingly, some have suggested that Rome was the location of Peter as he wrote. There is no reason to apply that meaning in 1 Peter, for the context is not figurative as it is in the Revelation. Does it matter? Not necessarily; however, this would definitively put Peter in Rome, thus opening the door for him to establish Roman Catholicism--which, regardless of location, he assuredly did not [such an idea misrepresents Matthew 16:18 and ignores John 18:36]. While one must admit that in Colossians 4:10 Mark was in Rome, and now he is with Peter in 1 Peter 5:13, there is not a problem, for it is conceivable that the better part of a decade separated these two writings and the early missionaries moved quickly! Also, John Foxe in his *Book of Martyrs* put Peter in Rome; however, Foxe did not write until the 1500s; moreover, some versions like that by Project Gutenberg contain this editorial note: "[It is, however, very uncertain, whether Peter ever visited Rome at all. The evidence rather favouring the supposition that he ended his days in some other country.—Ed.]" Could it not have been literal Babylon due to the Old Testament destruction of Babylon? Mesopotamian Babylon was not what it had been, but still was extant and still had a population of Jews in the vicinity in the Peter's day (Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, XVIII.ix.7,8).

It appears that Peter wrote in the mid A.D. 60s, for a persecution has recently begun, perhaps Nero's of A.D. 64 (there were other persecutions which would fit, including persecutions by Jews/Judaizers and even Caligula who died in A.D. 41) and the name Christian had, by this time, been given (1 Pet. 4:16; Acts 11:26). (*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: Who was Elisabeth's husband?

Last week's question: Who called Jesus "My Lord and My God"?

Last week's answer: Thomas (John 20:28)

SERMONS: A.M.: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," Part 4: "John Bare Witness of Him" (John 1:15).

P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 2: Continents and Divisions.

DAILY BIBLE READING (June 10-16):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Ecclesiastes	4-6	7-9	10-12	1 Kings		5-7	8-10
Song of Solomon				1-4	5-8		

READ SCRIPTURE (JUNE): Keegan Arrington (John 1:6,7)

(JULY): Ray Stanford

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JUNE): Ray Stanford

(JULY): Cody Hadley

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JUNE): Mario Arrington and Conor Cates

(JULY): Gavin Arrington and Chris Cook

CLEAN BUILDING (JUNE): Tabatha Clayton

(JULY): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

PREPARE COMMUNION (JUNE): Maggie Cooper, Shelby Cooper, and Reese Kinney

(JULY): Tabatha Clayton

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

June 9	Dan Cates	June 16	Dylan Cooper
<i>June 23</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>	<i>June 23</i>	<i>Chris</i>

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

<i>Sun:</i>	June 9	Cameron Hadley	June 16	Conor Cates
<i>Wed:</i>	June 12	Dylan Cooper	June 19	Dan Cates

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

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

Today through Thursday (June 9-13)

Looxahoma concludes their **Gospel Meeting** Robert Jefferies speaking at 1:30.

Vacation Bible School at Coldwater on *The Name of Jesus*. It will begin at 6 P.M. nightly.

July 8-10

Vacation Bible School at Looxahoma on *Jesus Loves the Little Children*. It will begin at 6:00 P.M. Monday and Tuesday and 6:30 Wednesday.

July 20

Our **youth day** from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

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. Once you have filled out a card, please hand it to one of the members, or lay it onto the pew.