

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JUNE 16 & 23, 2024

SICK: **Betty Lois Honeycutt** (sister of **Allene Baldwin** and **Syble Embrey**) has been in Methodist Germantown with an inoperable clot in her intestine. **Brandon MacNeil** (**Karen Tuttle's** son) is struggling with a respiratory infection. **Mark Ray** (**Mary Ray's** son) is facing back surgery. **Ruby Reynolds** (mother of **Sheila Massey** and **Mary West**) passed out recently; they do not know why.

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; **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**); **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

(Continued from last week) Peter wrote to scattered "strangers" (1 Pet. 1:1), that is, Gentile Christians. Specifically five regions are named (possibly named in order of circulation); these are Pontus (on the southeastern shore of the Black Sea), Galatia (located in the center of Asia Minor; generally, the recipients of one of Paul's epistles, though critics debate which area of Galatia specifically), Cappadocia (located in the east of Asia Minor), Asia (located on the west coast of Asia Minor; the region which received the Revelation), and Bithynia (located on the southwestern shore of the Black Sea). Notably, Cappadocia, Pontus, and Asia were represented in Jerusalem when the church was established (Acts 2:9) meaning that some of the churches in these areas likely predated mission efforts by ones like Paul.

The purpose of the book goes with the date of the book: Persecution was on its way, so encouragement and grounding were needed for brethren any where--even in Mesopotamia--who would be threatened.

The key word continued the theme of persecution. In this relatively short book, "suffer" is found six times. The suffering which is a blessing (compare Matthew 5:10-12 and Luke 6:22,23) is a suffering for well doing (1 Pet. 2:20; 3:17), for righteousness' sake (1 Pet. 3:14), according to the will of God (1 Pet. 4:19), as a Christian (1 Pet. 4:15,16)! The key verses of the book are 1 Peter 1:3 (speaking of the Christian's [one who has been born again in baptism] living hope), 1 Peter 3:15 (speaking of sanctifying the Lord in the heart in the face of the persecution of the prior verses), and 1 Peter 4:14 (showing the happiness, [better] the joy, of suffering for Jesus' name). That chapter, 1 Peter 4, is the key chapter showing how to stand through the persecution.

Lessons from this great book include these: first, trial can be beneficial (1 Pet. 1:6-9; 2:21-23; 3:14-17; 4:12-16; 5:10); second, honor must at time be paid to the dishonorable (1 Pet. 2:17, cf. 2:13,14); third, a godly example can win souls (1 Pet. 3:1,2); fourth, baptism saves (1 Pet. 3:20,21); fifth, one must have the mind of Christ (1 Pet. 4:1); sixth, one must have the proper authority (1 Pet. 4:11); seventh, elders must feed, not fleece, the flock (1 Pet. 5:2,3; cf. Eze. 34:1-6); eighth, Christians can cast their cares upon Christ (1 Pet. 5:7); and, ninth, Christians have an active and powerful enemy who must be resisted (1 Pet. 5:8,9).

"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: How long did Jesus fast before His temptation?

Last week's question: Who was Elisabeth's husband?

Last week's answer: Zacharias (Luke 1:5)

SERMONS: 16th A.M.: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," Part 5: "Suffer It to Be So Now"

(Matthew 3:15)

23rd A.M.: Chris Cook will preach.

16th & 23rd P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 2: Continents and Divisions.

DAILY BIBLE READING (June 17-30):

		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
17th-23rd	1 Kings	11-13	14-16	17-19	20-22			
				2 Kings		1-3	4-6	7-10
24th-30th	2 Kings	<i>11:1-14:20</i>		<i>14:21-25</i>	<i>14:26-29</i>			<i>15-17</i>
		Joel	<i>1-3</i>	Amos	<i>1-3</i>	<i>4-6</i>	<i>7-9</i>	
				Jonah	<i>1-4</i>			

READ SCRIPTURE (JUNE): Keegan Arrington (16th: Hebrews 4:15; 23rd: please see Chris Cook)

(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 16	Dylan Cooper	June 23	Cody Hadley
<i>June 30</i>	<i>Chris Cook</i>	<i>July 7</i>	<i>Cameron Hadley</i>

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

<i>Sun:</i>	June 16	Conor Cates	June 23	Thomas Massey
<i>Wed:</i>	June 19	Dan Cates	June 26	Thomas Massey

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

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

Next Sunday night (June 23)

Youth Devotional after evening services.

July 30

Fifth Sunday potluck after evening services.

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.