

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JUNE 18, 2023

SYMPATHY: Tragically, **Roger** and **Mitsy Chambers'** grandson **Caleb** was killed in a car accident last weekend; **Patrick Baldwin** (nephew of **Allene Baldwin**) also recently passed away; also, **Catherine Craig** (mother of a coworker of **Thomas Massey**) passed away due to an infection after a post-accident operation.

SICK: **Cody Hadley** has been dealing with kidney stones and was really hurting midweek. **Mary Ray** was sick this past week. **Pablo Horna**, Panamanian missionary whom we support, will have an appointment on the 20th receive the results of his recent surgery. **Laykan Rutherford** (cousin of **Shelly Cates**) was discovered to have cancer when she gave birth to a child via c-section. **Lois Vick** (**Donnie Vick's** mother) had to have a second pacemaker put in on Wednesday after a first had to be removed due to an infection.

PROTRACTED: **Kim Arrington**—elbow; **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; **Janet Daniel** (sister of **Melinda Haas**)—lupus; **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; **Jane Haas** (**Wesley Haas's** mother)—hip; **Melinda Haas**—Lyme's Disease; **Cody Hadley**—Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever; **Kaylie Hadley**—UCTD; **Paula Harrison**—Meniere's Disease; **Lorraine Hounshell**; **Jason House**—intestine surgery on March 14th; **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; **Denae Miller** (occasional visitor)—recovering from surgeries; **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's** friend)—MS; **Francis Wallace** (friend of **Mary Ray**); **Anthony** and **Rita Stacks** (nephew-in-law and niece of **Allene Baldwin** and **Syble Embrey**)—strokes and Alzheimers, respectively; . **Erica Swindoll** (the **Massey's** daughter)—high risk pregnancy; and **Jerry Worthington** (neighbor of the **Hounshells**)—physical and emotional difficulties.

CANCER: **Neil Bennett** (friend of **Dan Cates**)—thyroid; **Alicia Busby** (from the community); **Tish Clarke** (wife of the MSOP director)—melanoma; **Gary Darnell** (**Ella Darnell's** son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; **Pablo Horna** (missionary)—carcinoma; **Nathan Jones** (the **Hounshells's** neighbor's son)—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's** friend); **Ruby Reynolds** (**Sheila Massey's** mother); **John Riley** (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; and **Tabby Waters** (**Tabatha Clayton's** sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: **Orelia Ferguson** (home), **Annette Cates** (**Dan Cates's** mother who is in a care center in Pensacola, FL), **Lorraine Hounshell** (home), **Ruth House** (**Lawayne House's** mother who is at home), **Edward Watkins** (brother of **Shelby Peyton's** sister-in-law who is under hospice care).

SERVING: **Cameron Hadley** (**Grayson Hadley's** dad—Marines, stateside before long). 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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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)
Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)
Jamie Long (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 XXXVIII: Zechariah

(Continued from last week) Like Haggai, Zechariah prophesied "unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem" (Ezra 5:1); it is a tribute to the two of them that "the elders of the Jews builded [Zerubbabel's temple-DFC], and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo ["son of" could refer to "grandson of" as well as "son of"-DFC]. And they builded, and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the commandment of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes king of Persia." He would certainly have prophesied from Jerusalem where the building was taking place. The prophecy of Zechariah is dated from "the eighth month, in the second year of Darius" (Zec. 1:1) to "the fourth year of king Darius, ... in the fourth *day* of the ninth month, *even* in Chisleu" (Zec. 7:1); as Darius reigned over Persia from 521-486 B.C., the years of the prophecy were 520-518 B.C.

Zechariah wrote for the same reason Haggai had: To motivate work on the temple (Zec. 1:16; 4:9); the book of Zechariah has an aspect here, though, that Haggai's had not: The building of Zerubbabel's temple prefigured the building of the Messiah's (Zec. 6:12,13)! In fact, much of Zechariah's prophecy is presented in apocalyptic form--which, while such can deal with themes such as destruction, ultimately presents the triumph of a future hope.

The key words of the book are "house" (used thirty-one times; especially as a description of the Lord house, the "temple" [which word itself is found five times]), and "build"/"built" (found seven times between the two forms), and "turn" (found six times, giving a picture of repentance). The key phrases are "the Lord of hosts" (found fifty-three times; one should remember that a "host" is a number of people, especially one like an army) and "it shall come to pass" (found twelve times, showing the surety of the prophecy at hand). The key verses could be many, but here are three: first, Zechariah 1:14, "So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy" (that "jealousy" is not a petty envying or coveting, but an expectation of what rightly belongs to sovereign God); second, Zechariah 4:10, "For who hath despised the day of small things? for they shall rejoice, and shall see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel *with* those seven; they *are* the eyes of the LORD, which run to and fro through the whole earth" (revealing the importance of small things which man may view as insignificant, the existence of

standards, and the omniscience of God); and, third, Zechariah 9:9, "Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass" (a wonderfully, but not surprisingly, precise prophecy of Jesus; note its fulfillment in Matthew 21:1-9). (*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: Where is "the unity of the Spirit" kept?

Last week's question: To whom did Haggai and Zechariah prophesy?

Last week's answer: "Unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem" (Ezra 5:1)

SERMONS: A.M.: *Our One God* (Ephesians 4:6)

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 4: A New Way of Living

DAILY BIBLE READING (June 19-25):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1 Kings	14-16	17-19	20-22				
2 Kings				1-3	4-6	7-10	11-14:20

READ SCRIPTURE (JUNE): Lawayne House (Ephesians 4:4-6)

(JULY): *Gavin Arrington*

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JUNE): Thomas Massey

(JULY): *Lawayne House*

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JUNE): Gavin Arrington and Savion Rayson

(JULY): *Paul Brown and Wesley Haas*

CLEAN BUILDING (JUNE): Tabatha Clayton

(JULY): *Melinda Haas and April Kinney*

PREPARE COMMUNION (JUNE): Maggie Cooper and Reese Kinney

(JULY): *Tabatha Clayton*

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

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

This week

Sardis Lake Christian Camp second session.

June 30

Summer Area Wide Devo at Olive Branch at 6:30 P.M.

July 22

Youth day here at Independence. Flyers are in the foyer.

July 23-27

The Crockett Church of Christ will hold their **Gospel meeting** which will have various speakers.