

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JUNE 30, 2024

CONGRATULATIONS: Suzanne Brown has retired from Northwest after twenty-five years of service.

SYMPATHY: Betty Lois Honeycutt (niece of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey) passed away on Friday.

SICK: Mary Ruth Brown has been hospitalized recently. Shelly Cates has been having trouble with her hip. Tabatha Clayton, Maggie Cooper, Chris and Henry Cook, and Melinda Haas were sick this past week. Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother) has been hospitalized since a fall earlier in the week. Sawyer Leeton (son of Katie Brown's cousin, Savannah) continues to have problems with his pallet. 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. Richard Williams (Shelby Peyton's brother-in-law and Stu Tuttle's uncle) has been hospitalized with what may have been pneumonia.

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; Jason House (Marines), leaving July 9th for boot camp. 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 LXI: 2 Peter

Perhaps not long before penning the epistle at hand, Peter had written "to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:1,2); that is Gentile Christians in the area which is now recognized as Asia Minor. These Christians were facing persecution, so he had written encouraging them. As he took up the pen again (2 Pet. 1:1), Peter addressed the same audience (2 Pet. 3:1).

While the exact date for either epistle is not definitely known, it is assumed that this epistle was in the same time frame as the first, the mid-A.D. 60s. If the timing were about the same, then it is likely that the location of writing were the same as well: Peter likely also wrote this epistle from Babylon (1 Pet. 5:13). The purpose of this second epistle, though, was different than the first which had focused on the aforementioned upcoming persecution. "Suffer," the key word in the first epistle, is not found in any form at all in this one; neither are the complementary words "trial," "tribulation," or any form of "persecute." This book did not look at the threat to the body, it looked at the threat to the soul. Simply, Peter's purpose was to encourage growth and resistance of false teachers and false doctrines. He had neither followed nor promoted "cunningly devised fables" (2 Pet. 1:16) and argued against "any private interpretation" of prophecy (2 Pet. 1:20) [perhaps the modern parallel of which would be thinking that one can have his "own" truth]. He warned of the former false prophets and coming false teachers (2 Pet. 2:1-3), of the self-willed (2 Pet. 2:10), of the Balaam-like (2 Pet. 2:15), of the empty (2 Pet. 2:17,18) and he warned of their danger and punishment (2 Pet. 2:13,19-22). Scoffers would come (2 Pet. 3:3), so the strangers needed to beware and grow (2 Pet. 3:17,18). *(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 convinced Jesus to perform His first miracle?

Last week's question: How long did Jesus fast before His temptation?

Last week's answer: "Forty days and forty nights" (Matthew 4:1,2)

SERMONS: A.M.: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," Part 6: "This Beginning of Miracles (John 2:1-11)

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

DAILY BIBLE READING (July 1-7):

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Hosea 1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-14		
			2 Kings		18-19	
					Isaiah	1-3

READ SCRIPTURE (JUNE): Keegan Arrington (John 2:11)

(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 30	Chris Cook	<i>July 7</i>	<i>Cameron Hadley</i>
<i>July 14</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>	<i>July 21</i>	<i>Carl Hounshell</i>

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

<i>Sun:</i>	June 30	Dan Cates	<i>July 7</i>	<i>Ray Stanford</i>
<i>Wed:</i>	July 3	Keegan Arrington	<i>July 10</i>	<i>Conor Cates</i>

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

JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Paul Baldwin	July 8	Ella Darnell	July 10
Mary Ruth Brown	July 19	Carson Kinney	July 19
Kim Arrington	July 21	Sonny Stewart	July 28
Ellie Cook	July 29		

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

Tonight (July 30)

Fifth Sunday potluck after evening services.

Tomorrow through Wednesday (July 1-3)

Vacation Bible School at Olive Branch from 6:30-8:30 each night. The theme is *Journey with Jesus*; there are classes for all ages.

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!