

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
JULY 7, 2024

**SICK:** 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.

**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's 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 John

(Continued from last week) The key word of the book is "knowledge"; found seven times in that form and eight more in other forms, it speaks to not only knowing the Truth, but also to knowing the dangers that threaten Truth. That they had been taught what they should know is shown four times through another key word, "remembrance." The key verse of the letter is 2 Peter 1:10 in which Peter urged, "Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:"--just two verses earlier he had spoken of not being "barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 1:8); which ties this to one of the key passages 2 Peter 1:5-8 which encouraged spiritual growth. The other key passage was just before in 2 Peter 1:3,4 where Peter assured that life, godliness, and promises are available through the knowledge of God. The key chapter is 2 Peter 2 which provides the sober warning of the threat from false teachers.

Though this epistle is a shorter one, it contains some great lessons: first, growth precedes fruitfulness (2 Pet. 1:5-8); second, prophecy was effectual because it was inspired (2 Pet. 1:20-21); third, false teaching is unfruitful (2 Pet. 2:17-19); fourth, one can fall after he has been saved (2 Pet. 2:20-22); fifth, some error springs from willful ignorance (2 Pet. 3:5); sixth, God wants all to be saved (2 Pet. 3:9), but they must act in order to live (2 Pet. 3:10-12); and, seventh, those who twist Scripture do so to their own destruction (2 Pet. 3:16).

## Part LXII: 1 John

John, whom we introduced in studying the Gospel account which he penned, wrote four other books in addition to that one. While authorship of 1 John is not claimed by John, Irenaeus [mid-Second Century] (*Against Heresies*, III. xvi. 5; cf 1 John 2:18) is one of several early writers to give credit to him for writing the epistle. This writing has a similarity also to other things he wrote; compare 1 John 1:1-3 with John 1:1,14.

John probably wrote relatively late and probably from Ephesus. John wrote as late as the mid-A.D. 90s, during which time persecution of the church would have come on very strong. There is no allusion to strong persecution in this epistle, so this book may have been written relatively earlier, perhaps even in the A.D. 80s. Tradition places John in Ephesus during this time; in fact, this writer was able to see the "House of the Virgin Mary" in the hills above Ephesus while in Asia Minor in 2013. Given the elevation and the age of Mary, it does not

seem practical that *that* was the correct location of her house; however, that she spent the years after Jesus' crucifixion with John is Biblical (John 19:26,27). (*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 king asked his wife to go with him to Lebanon?

Last week's question: Who convinced Jesus to perform His first miracle?

Last week's answer: His mother (John 2:3-5)

**SERMONS:** A.M.: *"Tell Me the Story of Jesus,"* Part 7: "And He Ordained Twelve" (Mark 3:13-19)

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

### DAILY BIBLE READING (July 8-14):

Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat. Sun.

**Isaiah** 4-6 7-9 10-12 13-15 16-18 19-21 22-24

**READ SCRIPTURE (JULY):** Ray Stanford (Mark 3:13-15)

(AUGUST): Mario Arrington

**PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JULY):** Cody Hadley

(AUGUST): Thomas Massey

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JULY):** Gavin Arrington and Chris Cook

(AUGUST): Paul Brown and Wesley Haas

**CLEAN BUILDING (JULY):** Melinda Haas and April Kinney

(AUGUST): Thomas and Sheila Massey

**PREPARE COMMUNION (JULY):** Tabatha Clayton

(AUGUST): Kim Arrington

### UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

**July 7** *Cameron Hadley* **July 14** *Carson Kinney*

**July 21** *Carl Hounshell* **July 28** *Dan Cates*

### UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

**Sun: July 7** *Ray Stanford* **July 14** *Cody Hadley*

**Wed: July 10** *Conor Cates* **July 17** *Chris Cook*

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

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

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!