

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST

JULY 28, 2024

PRAYERS: Savion Rayson asked that we pray for Reed Cross. He is a teenager who was converted and then disowned by his family.

SICK: Shelly Cates and Melinda Haas were sick this past week. Mary Ray's foot pain may be the result of something wrong with her back. Annette Cates (Dan's mom) was diagnosed with A-Fib this past week, but cannot take blood thinners. 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; Mary Ray—dizziness; 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 LXIII: 2 John

(Continued from last week) The key words are "truth" (used five times), showing the Standard of love, knowledge, peace, and walking; "love" (found four times), a word often found in John's writing generally; and "commandment" (used in the singular and plural a combined four times), arguing for the Divine source of instruction. The key phrase is "in truth" or "in the truth" (found three times), showing the importance of spiritual location. The key verses are 2 John 4, which provides a reason to rejoice, and 2 John 7, which effectively identifies the error of Gnosticism. The key passage is the warning to beware of and not to give aid to false teachers (2 John 9-11).

There are a few especially important lessons from this little book: first, faithful children are a blessing (2 John 4; cf. 3 John 4); second, love, manifested in obedience, has always been expected (2 John 5-6); and, third, one must reject error and those promoting it (2 John 9-11). On a personal note, this little book has been a favorite of this writer since his childhood.

Part LXIV: 3 John

John's third epistle was addressed to an individual, Gaius. That John wrote this epistle is based on the similar address to that in 2 John 1 ["The elder unto ... whom I love/ wellbeloved"]. If the book were written by the same author as 2 John, then the same support for his authorship would apply. That whoever wrote the epistle wrote to Gaius is evident from the epistle itself (3 John 1). Little may be known of this Gaius specifically--there are other Scriptural mentions of one named Gaius (Acts 19:29; 20:4; Rom. 16:23) and, while not likely, that Gaius could be this one. That Paul baptized a Gaius who is likely equivalent to the one in Acts and Romans (1 Cor. 1:14) would seem to deny that he was the Gaius to whom John wrote, for he seems to have been converted by John (3 John 3,4). What is sure is that this Gaius was faithful and loving to all (3 John 5,6).

Likely John wrote from Ephesus, where Gaius may have been is unknown, but John expected to see him soon (3 John 14). If this were the Gaius whom Paul mentioned, then one may expect he was in Corinth or, less likely, Derbe. As with 2 John, this epistle probably was written around the A.D. 80s or early 90s, since there is no reference to persecution. (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 was the child whom Jesus healed from Cana?

Last week's question: Who had "ten thousand instructors in Christ"?

Last week's answer: The Corinthians (1 Corinthians 4:15)

SERMONS: A.M.: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" (John 20:30-31), Part 9: "A Prophet Hath No Honour in His Own Country" (John 4:43-54; Luke 4:16-44)

P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 3: Genesis

DAILY BIBLE READING (July 29-August 4):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Micah	1-4	5-7	Zephaniah	1-3			
Nahum			1-3	Habakkuk	1-3		
2 Kings				20,21			22-25

READ SCRIPTURE (JULY): Ray Stanford (Luke 4:24-27)

(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 28	Dan Cates	August 4	Dylan Cooper
August 11	Cody Hadley	August 18	Chris Cook

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

Sun:	July 28	Keegan Arrington	August 4	Carson Kinney
Wed:	July 31	Ray Stanford	August 7	Carson Kinney

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

JASON HOUSE INFO: If you wish to send a card or note to Jason, please use this:
HOUSE, JASON
NOVEMBER CO 3RD RTBN PLT 3076
P.O. BOX 16320
PARRIS ISLAND, SC 29905-6355

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Keegan Arrington	August 3	Thomas Massey	August 27
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UPCOMING EVENTS (For particular details, check the bulletin board for flyers):

August 3 (Saturday)

Back to school party for the young people.
