

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JULY 30, 2023

PRAYERS: The **Houses** have another court date September 1st; let us continue to remember them in our prayers.

SICK: **Keegan Arrington** was sick this past week. **Shelly Cates** is rehabbing from hip replacement surgery. **Cody Hadley** continues to suffer with kidney stones. **Mary Ray** has been having dizzy spells. **Karen Tuttle** will be having a tilt table test for heart on August 18th. **Juanita Brown**, **Paul Brown's** mother, was taken to the ER and hospitalized overnight midweek.

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; **Dena 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; **Laykan Rutherford** (cousin of **Shelly Cates**); 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** (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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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)
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 XLI: Mark

(Continued from last week) Many lessons arise from Mark's account of the Gospel: first, even Jesus needed to pray (Mark 1:35; 6:46); second, Jesus could have compassion, literally "suffer with," those to whom He came (Mark 1:41; 5:19; 6:34; 8:2); third, Jesus had power over physical ailment (Mark 2:3-12); fourth, Jesus had power over sin (Mark 2:5-12); fifth, Jesus knew what it was like to feel and suffer as a man (Mark 3:5; 6:6; 7:34; 8:12; 10:14; cf. John 11:35; Heb. 4:15); sixth, Jesus had power over the spirit world (Mark 5:1-13); seventh, Jesus had power over death (Mark 5:22-24, 35-42); eighth, faith which motivates action is the faith that saves (Mark 5:25-34; cf. Heb. 11); ninth, Jesus had power over material things (Mark 6:34-44); tenth, man-made tradition must not be elevated above Divine precept (Mark 7:1-13); eleventh, the proper attitude must accompany hearing (Mark 7:16); twelfth, sin starts in the heart (Mark 7:18-23); thirteenth, the soul is man's most valuable possession (Mark 8:34-37); fourteenth, humility, an attribute of the Lord, is also expected of His servants (Mark 10:35-45); fifteenth, Jesus expects fruit from all that are capable of bearing fruit (Mark 11:13, 14, 20, 21; cf. John 15:2); sixteenth, Jesus expects His followers to pay their taxes (Mark 12:14-17); seventeenth, God knows the sacrifices men make (Mark 12:41-44); eighteenth, honor is not in what one has, but in what that person does with what he has (Mark 14:3-9); nineteenth, some will do anything to be rid of Jesus and the responsibility of obedience that He requires (Mark 15:6-15); twentieth, belief and baptism are equally necessary in obedience (Mark 16:16); twenty-first, the purpose of miracles was to confirm the Word of God (Mark 16:20).

Two other things are worthy of note and are deserving of more in-depth personal study than may be provided here. First, some allege that Mark 16:9-20 should not be in the New Testament. Especially, opponents of baptism argue this to be able to disregard Mark 16:16. Please consider that most of the ancient manuscripts have the passage in them; moreover, even if they did not, baptism is plainly taught as necessary or at the very least implied as necessary in numerous other passages (Mat. 28:19, 20; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 3:27; 1 Pet. 3:21; et al). Second, some allege that Matthew, Mark, and Luke are "synoptic" being derived from common sources and as such are merely pieced together [and edited] accounts rather than actually penned [and inspired] accounts. While there are similarities in the accounts, a common extra-biblical source or common extra-biblical sources are not required. Remember that these are written by the same ultimate Author (the Holy Spirit) and which, though written from varying points of view, concern the same people and events in the same historical and spiritual context. Several eye witnesses to an auto accident would have correlating similarities (same

types of car involved, for example) and differences (each potentially viewing the same accident from different vantage points), yet they could do so without critics alleging that they all relied upon a single eyewitness or even other eyewitnesses. When viewed in light of all evidence and with an honest heart and with a respect for the ability of God to transmit His Word, these "problems" are recognized as nothing more than attacks upon the veracity of Scripture; accordingly, may they be rejected!

"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: For whom were the Thessalonians examples?

Last week's question: In Psalm 23, how is the Lord described?

Last week's answer: "My shepherd" (Psalm 23:1)

SERMONS: A.M.: *They "First Gave Their Own Selves to the Lord"* (2 Corinthians 8:1-6)

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence:* Chapter 10: An Appointment Every Week

DAILY BIBLE READING (July 31-August 6):

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

READ SCRIPTURE (JULY): Gavin Arrington (2 Samuel 24:24)

(AUGUST): Mario Arrington

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JULY): Lawayne House

(AUGUST): Dylan Cooper

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JULY): Paul Brown and Wesley Haas

(AUGUST): Sonny Stewart and Conor Cates

CLEAN BUILDING (JULY): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

(AUGUST): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

PREPARE COMMUNION (JULY): Tabatha Clayton

(AUGUST): Kim Arrington

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Keegan Arrington August 3 Thomas Massey August 27

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

This evening

Fifth Sunday potluck after evening services.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!