

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
AUGUST 4, 2024

SYMPATHY: Carolyn Myers, grandmother of Kristin Hall, passed away last Monday.

SICK: Shelly Cates, Cody Hadley, the Houses, Levi Howell, April Kinney, the Tutttles were all dealing with health problems this past week. Mary Ray's foot pain may be the result of something wrong with her back. Mark Ray (Mary Ray's son) is facing back surgery. Carol Wells (friend of the Coopers) seeing a vascular surgeon to decide how to treat an aneurism and a mass on her carotid artery.

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; 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); 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 Pensacola, FL), Orelia Ferguson (home), Ruth House (Lawayne House's mother who is at home), Ray and Ruth Reynolds (under hospice care; these are the parents of Sheila Massey and Mary West) and Karen Tuttle's two uncles who are both in hospice care in Indiana.

SERVING: Cameron Hadley (Marines), now stationed locally; and Jason House (Marines), 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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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 LXIV: 3 John

(Continued from last week) Paul wrote to accomplish three things: to encourage Gaius (3 John 1-8), denounce Diotrephes (3 John 9-10), and promote Demetrius (3 John 12). Not only does this serve as general overview of the letter, but it also serves as a great example of the contrast of good and bad doers (3 John 11). There is no other mention of Diotrephes-- and that is good; while there is another Demetrius mentioned in Scripture (Acts 19:24), it likely is not this one. While, today, nothing more is known of this Gaius or this Demetrius, what matters is that they are known of God!

The two key words of the book are "truth" (found six times) and "good" (used three times). The key phrase adds "in" or "in the" to "truth" and is found three times. The key verse is the previously mentioned 3 John 11, "Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God."

Here are a handful of lessons from this small, but great book: first, faithful children [literal and figurative; in the flesh or in the faith] are a blessing (3 John 4; cf. 2 John 4); second, one must be kind, gentle, and hospitable to all, even strangers (3 John 5; cf. Rom. 12:13; Heb. 13:1-2); third, one can influence the lost through benevolence (3 John 6); fourth, some Christians run more people away from the church than they lead to it (3 John 9-10); and, fifth, evil should not be imitated (3 John 11). 3 John proves to be another small book with great lessons!

One other curiosity is worthy of note: In 3 John 9, John wrote, "I wrote unto the church: ..." Is it possible that this indicates a book of Scripture is missing from our Bibles? The answer is no; here are the reasons: first, John could have been alluding to either 1 or 2 John; second, his merely writing a book would not have made it necessary for inclusion in the Bible, for It contains "all things that

pertain unto life and godliness" (2 Pet. 1:3), and perhaps a possible absent epistle would have contributed nothing new of value.

"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 had Abimelech's servants "violently taken away" from Abraham?

Last week's question: Where was the child whom Jesus healed from Cana?

Last week's answer: In Capernaum (John 4:46)

SERMONS: A.M.: *"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"* (John 20:30-31), Part 10: "He Was in the House" (Matthew 9:1)

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

DAILY BIBLE READING (August 5-11):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Obadiah	1						
Jeremiah	1,2	3-5	6-8	9-12	13-16	17-20	21-23

READ SCRIPTURE (AUGUST): Mario Arrington (Mark 2:1,2)

(SEPTEMBER): *Cameron Hadley*

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

(SEPTEMBER): *Chris Cook*

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

(SEPTEMBER): *Sonny Stewart and Keegan Arrington*

CLEAN BUILDING (AUGUST): Thomas and Sheila Massey

(SEPTEMBER): *Maggie Cooper and Shelby Cooper*

PREPARE COMMUNION (AUGUST): Kim Arrington

(SEPTEMBER): *Shelly Cates*

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

<i>August 4</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>	<i>August 11</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>
<i>August 18</i>	<i>Cameron Hadley</i>	<i>August 25</i>	<i>Chris Cook</i>

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

<i>Sun:</i>	<i>August 4</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>	<i>August 11</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>
<i>Wed:</i>	<i>August 7</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>	<i>August 14</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 21

Maggie Cooper will start a new class for the teenaged girls.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today! Please take a few minutes and fill out an attendance card for us so that we can have a record of your attendance.