

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
AUGUST 11, 2024

SICK: Kim, Keegan, and Kennadee Arrington, Shelly Cates, and Mason Cooper were all dealing with health problems this past week. Mary Ray's foot pain may be the result of something wrong with her back. Annette Cates (mother of Dan Cates) has had a series of strokes which have had major effects. 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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Services: Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 4:45 p.m. (pew-packers), 5 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 LXV: Jude

One of the overlooked books of Scripture is the short book, Jude. It is overlooked both on accident since it is tucked away toward the end of the Bible and on purpose due to its employing apocalyptic language. Though short and overlooked, Jude is powerful. It was written by one who was a servant of Jesus and a brother of James (Jude 1), but who was not an apostle (Jude 17). While there are numerous ones in the New Testament bearing the name Jude (equivalent to Judas or Juda), only one fits the above description; that is, the half brother of Jesus (Mat. 13:55; Mark 6:3).

If this be the Jude who wrote the book, then one might reason that the book was written from Jerusalem [or elsewhere in Judea (Gal. 2:9)] with Jude's being alongside or in the same type environment as his brother, James. That there is no mention of the A.D. 70 destruction of Jerusalem may indicate that the book was written in the A.D. 60s. The book is addressed to the "sanctified ... and preserved" (Jude 1); that is, Christians. The abundance of references to the Old Testament would suggest that it was specifically to Jewish Christians. The three-fold purpose of the book was to urge strength in answering false teaching (Jude 3,4), in remaining faithful (Jude 21), and in reaching the lost (Jude 22,23).

The key words of the book are "keep"/"kept" (used three times of maintaining a proper, former state), "ungodly" (found six times, especially in Jude 15 where it appears four times), and "once" (found twice, highlighting the singleness of the deliverance of the faith and of the audience's knowledge of the events of the exodus). The key phrase is "contend for the faith" (just found one, but which shows the need to fight for Truth). The key verse is Jude 3: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort *you* that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

Here are some of the important lessons from this short and often overlooked book: first, the system of faith has been once for all delivered (Jude 3); second, false teachers do not typically advertise that they are such (Jude 4); third, the same God who blesses will punish those whom He has blessed if they forsake Him (Jude 5); fourth, even the angels could apostatize (Jude 6); fifth, evil has been and, therefore, will be punished (Jude 7,11,15); sixth, false teachers are motivated by selfishness, not godliness (Jude 16,18); and, seventh, hell is a real terror! (Jude 23). *(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 city saw Christians taking each other to court?

Last week's question: What had Abimelech's servants "violently taken away" from Abraham?

Last week's answer: A well (Genesis 21:25)

SERMONS: A.M.: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus" (John 20:30-31), Part 11: "On the Same Day

Was the Sabbath" (Matthew 12:1-14)

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

DAILY BIBLE READING (August 12-18):

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

Jeremiah 24-26 27-29 30-32 33-36 37-39 40-42 43-46

READ SCRIPTURE (AUGUST): Mario Arrington (John 5:9-11)

(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:

August 11 **Cody Hadley** August 18 **Cameron Hadley**

August 25 **Chris Cook** September 1 **Carson Kinney**

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

Sun: **August 11** **Dylan Cooper** August 18 **Cameron Hadley**

Wed: **August 14** **Dylan Cooper** August 21 **Thomas Massey**

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 18

Youth devotional after evening services.

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. Once you have filled out a card, please hand it to one of the members, or lay it onto the pew.