

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
AUGUST 13, 2023

SICK: Shelly Cates has another four sessions of rehab for her recent hip replacement surgery. Dan Cates was diagnosed with a melanoma in June; on Wednesday he had procedures on his ear and chest; he will have a follow up this Wednesday.

Maggie Cooper was sick with a sinus infection this past week. Mary Ray has been having dizzy spells. Karen Tuttle will be having a tilt table test for her heart on Friday.

PROTRACTED: 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 Housess—seizures; Elizabeth Ferguson (wife of former preacher here)—dementia; Jimmy Ferguson (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; Jane Haas (Wesley Haas' mother)—hip; 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; Denae 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' friend)—MS; Francis Wallace (friend of Mary Ray); Anthony Stacks (nephew-in-law 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); Dan Cates—melanoma; 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' 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' 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' 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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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
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 XLII: Luke

(Continued from last week) Many great lessons abound in this book; here is a sampling: first, one can *know* about spiritual matters (Luke 1:4; cf. 1 John 5:13; Isa. 1:18); second, sometimes answers to prayers exceed expectations (Luke 1:13); third, Jesus grew the same ways that all children do (Luke 2:40,52); fourth, sometimes the calling of names is necessary (Luke 3:7); fifth, the message and the need to preach it are the same no matter who is the audience or what is the cost (Luke 3:19,20); sixth, no one is above facing temptation (Luke 4:1-13); seventh, Jesus' overcoming temptation is an encouragement to all (Luke 4:1-13; cf. Heb. 2:18); eighth, even the devils believed and trembled (Luke 4:34,41; Jam. 2:19), but that alone could not save (Jam. 2:20); ninth, Jesus knows what man's thoughts are (Luke 5:22); tenth, one must actively build upon the foundation of Christ (Luke 6:46-49); eleventh, those in the church have blessings even John and others could only have imagined (Luke 7:28; 10:23,24), twelfth, there is power in the Word (Luke 8:4-11); thirteenth, attitude promotes or rejects obedience (Luke 8:5-8); fourteenth, one must treat all equally—with love, mercy, and good will (Luke 10:25-37); fifteenth, God will answer the prayers of the righteous (Luke 11:1-13; cf. Jam. 5:16; Pro. 15:29; 28:9); sixteenth, covetousness will destroy one's reward (Luke 12:13-21); seventeenth, sincerity is not enough (Luke 13:24); eighteenth, one must be in the right location to enjoy salvation (Luke 14:15); nineteenth, one can be lost outside or inside of his Father's house (Luke 15:11-32); twentieth, one cannot spiritually straddle the fence (Luke 16:13; 1 Kings 18:21); twenty-first, one cannot live without expecting difficulties (Luke 17:1; cf. 2 Tim. 3:12); twenty-second, one must not lead others to sin (Luke 17:2); twenty-third, appreciation should mark the attitude of one who would receive good things (Luke 17:11-19); twenty-fourth, humility is the attitude God rewards (Luke 18:9-14); twenty-fifth, God is the God of the living (Luke 20:37,38); and, twenty-sixth, one must be selfless, even in persecution (Luke 23:34; cf. Acts 7:60). What wonderful lessons, but ones which only scratch the surface of this great book!

Part XLIII: John

The final account of the Gospel was John's. While John is not mentioned by name, it is assumed that he referred to himself (humbly not by name, but one will remember how often Jesus was alone with the close disciples Peter, James, and John) in John 13:23; 19:26,27; 21:20 [incidentally, well-known tradition has John being the lone disciple not to have suffered a martyr's death; one might compare that tradition with John 21:23]. As with many of the other

books of Scripture, early sources help to confirm or even determine authorship in some cases; here, there is general early consensus that John wrote the book and that this is John the apostle (Mat. 10:2), a fisherman who was one of the sons of Zebedee (Mark 1:19,20) and Salome (compare Matthew 27:56 with Mark 15:40; 16:1). The book of Revelation indicates that John was ultimately persecuted and exiled to Patmos, an island in the Aegean Sea.

It is known that John wrote late--at least in the A.D. 60s, but more likely in the A.D. 90s [as shall be seen in introducing Revelation]. It is reasonable, then, and perhaps likely that this book was written as late as A.D. 96 [around the same time as the Revelation] from Ephesus given John's having gone there (at least according to tradition) after his return from exile [in the hills above Ephesus, this writer has visited the house which supposedly was home to Mary when John cared for her toward the end of her days (cf. 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: Who was the father of James and John?

Last week's question: Who told Joshua to "be strong and of good courage"?

Last week's answer: God (Joshua 1:1,6,9)

SERMONS: A.M.: *Savion Rayson will be preaching today and teaching the adult and evening classes.*

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence: Chapter 12: A Daily Spiritual Life*

DAILY BIBLE READING (August 14-20):

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

Jeremiah 30-32 33-36 37-39 40-42 43-46 47-49 50-52

READ SCRIPTURE (AUGUST): Mario Arrington (Please see Savion)

(SEPTEMBER): Cameron Hadley

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (AUGUST): Dylan Cooper

(SEPTEMBER): Carl Hounshell

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (AUGUST): Sonny Stewart and Conor Cates

(SEPTEMBER): Savion Rayson and Ray Stanford

CLEAN BUILDING (AUGUST): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

(SEPTEMBER): Thomas and Sheila Massey

PREPARE COMMUNION (AUGUST): Kim Arrington

(SEPTEMBER): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

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

August 19 (Saturday)

Baby shower for **Erica Swindoll**, daughter of the Masseys.
