

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
AUGUST 20 & 27, 2023

**PRAYERS:** The **Houses'** next trial date is September 1. Please keep **Ella** and the rest of the family in your prayers.

**SICK:** **Shelly Cates** is finished with rehab and is returning to work. **Dan Cates** had a very encouraging follow-up, but is awaiting results of his biopsy. **Mary Ray** has been having dizzy spells. **Karen Tuttle** has had a number of tests run recently; let us pray for her and for those who are looking after her.

**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 **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; **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's** 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)—baby due October 9th; 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'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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**Services:** *Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 4:45 p.m. (pew-packers), 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.*

**Ministers:** *Every Christian*

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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 XLIII: John

(Continued from last week) While Matthew wrote to Jews, Mark to Romans, and Luke to a Gentile, John really wrote for all men, but especially the church! Given the assumed time of the book and the persecution which ones were to be willing to suffer on the Lord's behalf, it would be only fitting that a book be penned to show that Jesus was God (John 1:1) and that His sacrifice was effectual for all (John 3:16; 12:32,33); John would word this in stating his purpose, "these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name" (John 20:31).

The key words of the book include "word" (used 22 times, among them it is used repeatedly in John 1 to refer to Jesus Who in a similar thought in Hebrews 1:3 was referred to as "the express image of" God), "believe" (found fifty-two times), and "life" (found forty-four times). The key phrase, "I am" (used eighteen times in John, and numerous times in the Revelation), ties the reader back to Exodus 3:14 and the voice from the burning bush: "And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you." The import of the thought concerned the eternal self-existence of the one speaking--that same eternal self-existence is the nature of Jesus (note John 8:24, especially when removing the "*he*" from versions which contain it)--the italics show it was added by translators to help express the thought though actually the addition detracted from Jesus' true point. The key verses are John 1:14 (which spoke of the Word's being made flesh--an unquestionable allusion to Jesus), John 3:16 (one of the most popular [but sadly misunderstood] passages showing the breadth of God's love), and John 21:25 (which indicates that John, and for that matter the other Gospel account recorders, really just gave the highlights). The key passage is John 20:30,31 in which John state's his purpose in writing the book. The key chapter is Jesus' prayer of John 17. While some will call the model prayer of Matthew 6:9-13 "the Lord's Prayer," that was not a prayer He could word (He had no sin needing to be forgiven); truly, "the Lord's Prayer" is in John 17. (To be continued next week)

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*"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)*

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### BIBLE QUESTION:

This week's question: Where is "the Lord's Prayer" found?

Last week's question: Who was the father of James and John?

Last week's answer: Zebedee (Mark 1:19,20)

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**SERMONS:** 20th A.M.: *Traveling without Jesus* (Luke 2:41-50)

20th P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 13: Be on Guard

27th A.M.: *"This Is the Love of God"* (1 John 5:3)

27th P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 14: Who Is in Charge Now?

### DAILY BIBLE READING (August 21-September 3):

|           | Mon.                      | Tues. | Wed.                    | Thur. | Fri.  | Sat.  | Sun.  |
|-----------|---------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 21st-27th | <b>Lamentations</b> 1-5   |       |                         |       |       |       |       |
|           | <b>1 Chronicles</b> 1-3   |       | 4-6                     | 7-9   | 10-13 | 14-16 | 17-19 |
| 28th-3rd  | <b>1 Chronicles</b> 20-23 |       |                         | 24-26 | 27-29 |       |       |
|           |                           |       | <b>2 Chronicles</b> 1-3 |       | 4-6   | 7-9   | 10-13 |

**READ SCRIPTURE (AUGUST):** Mario Arrington (20th: John 6:66-68; 27th: Romans 5:8,9)

(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.

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

|               |              |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|
| Mary Ray      | September 3  | Lawayne House | September 7  |
| Sheila Massey | September 9  | Conor Cates   | September 11 |
| April Kinney  | September 14 | Bill Burford  | September 17 |

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

October 6-8

**Creation Evidence Seminar** at the *Nesbit Church of Christ* with Paden Reed speaking.

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### 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.