

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

SYMPATHY: Roy Donaldson (nephew of Mary Ray) passed away after a bout with liver cancer.

SICK: Jeffrey Clayton, Tucker Clayton, Dylan Cooper, Mason Cooper, April Kinney, Karter Shamblin, Ray Stanford, Sonny Stewart, and Mary West have all been experiencing health problems over the last couple of weeks. Grayson Hadley will see an allergy and asthma specialist on October 22nd.

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; 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; 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); and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: Annette Cates (under hospice care); 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.
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 (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 LXVI: Revelation

(Continued from last week) The path of inspiration; what better place for it to be presented in detail than in the book that early Christians arguably needed most. The book begins (Rev. 1:1) with the author's and audience's being identified, but also with the ultimate Author and inspiration's path: Jesus Christ was given the Revelation from God to His servants via His angel's inspiring John (also identified in Revelation 1:3,9; 21:2; 22:8). The angel, which word means messenger, would appear to be the third Being of the Godhead, the Messenger, the Holy Spirit (cf., 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21). This was the fifth book John wrote, joining his Gospel account and his three epistles.

John wrote from Patmos (Rev. 1:9) where he had been exiled during a period of persecution. Irenaeus (*Against Heresies*, V.xxx.3) put this at the end of the Domitian's reign as Caesar--Domitian reigned from A.D. 81-96. Some, explaining away Irenaeus' testimony on some pretext, have argued that John wrote in the A.D. 60s. This writer, accepting Irenaeus and other factors, suggests around A.D. 95 or 96. Briefly the one side holds the great efforts of Jews to disrupt the work of the church, the fact that Nero persecuted the church, the small number of churches in Asia (*just* seven), and the dating by the Syriac version to A.D. 68 as proofs of the books early production. On the other hand, Irenaeus' statement, the Jews still bearing historical influence in the 100s (the Bar Kokhba rebellion from A.D. 132-135 in Judea shows such), the fact that Domitian who claimed divinity also persecuted the church, the symbolic nature of the number seven (other churches are known to have existed in Asia in the period), time needed for a church like Ephesus to leave her first love, and the Fifth Century date for the Syriac can all be taken to support the later date and even answer specific arguments for the early date. All of that said, two things must be added: first, the focus of the book must change from the church and Rome to Asia and Jerusalem for the early date to be argued in the first place; second, either date can lead to doctrinal difficulties--one who holds the later date runs the risk of accepting the false doctrine of Premillennialism, while the one who holds the late date runs the risk of accepting the equally false Realized Eschatology, "A.D. 70 doctrine." To aid in avoiding either extreme, one must never forget to whom the book was written and their provincial situation. *(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: Where was Jesus when He presented "the kingdom parables"?

Last week's question: Whose followers asked Jesus if He were "he that should come"?

Last week's answer: John the baptist's (Luke 7:19)

SERMONS: A.M.: *"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"* (John 20:30-31), Part 13: "Art Thou He That Should Come" (Luke 7)

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

DAILY BIBLE READING (September 2-8):

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

2 Chronicles 7-9 10-13 14-16 17-19 20-22 23-25 26-29

READ SCRIPTURE (SEPTEMBER): Cameron Hadley (Matthew 13:52)

(NOVEMBER): Cody Hadley

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER): Chris Cook

(NOVEMBER): Lawayne House

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER): Sonny Stewart and Keegan Arrington

(NOVEMBER): Mario Arrington and Carson Kinney

CLEAN BUILDING (SEPTEMBER): Maggie Cooper and Shelby Cooper

(NOVEMBER): Tabatha Clayton

PREPARE COMMUNION (SEPTEMBER): Shelly Cates

(NOVEMBER): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

September 1 Carson Kinney September 8 Carl Hounshell

September 15 Dan Cates September 22 Dylan Cooper

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

Sun: September 1 Thomas Massey September 8 Dan Cates

Wed: September 4 Conor Cates September 11 Chris Cook

PANTRY NEEDS: The food truck from the Tennessee Children's Home will be here October 22nd. A list of their needs is in the foyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday (September 7)

I have been asked to conduct a **tour of the library museum of MSOP** for a group from a congregation in Arkansas at 10:00 A.M. Any from Independence who are interested in touring the museum Saturday are welcome to join!

September 15

Youth devotional after evening services at the Coopers' house.

September 21

Ladies' Bible study and brunch at 11:00 A.M. at the building.