

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
SEPTEMBER 10, 2023

SICK: These of our number have been sick or otherwise are in need of prayers health-wise at some point during the past few weeks: **Kennadee Arrington, Mary Ruth Brown, Shelly Cates, Tabatha Clayton, Wesley and Melinda Haas, Carl Hounshell, April Kinney,** the Masseys, **Mary Ray,** and **Karen Tuttle. Billy Bland** (elder at Coldwater) will have another cataract surgery tomorrow. **Roger Chambers** (whom we help support on mission trips) is recovering from an operation that has temporarily affected his voice, and he is going to have a mass in his chest examined.

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; **Dena 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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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) Here are some of the valuable lessons from John's Gospel account: first, Jesus is God (John 1:1-14), the I am (John 8:24,58); second, Jesus knows man (John 2:24-25); third, all men have the opportunity to be saved due to the gift of God and sacrifice of Jesus (John 3:16); fourth, attitude and action are equally important in obeying and worshipping God (John 4:24); fifth, Jesus' commands are authoritative (John 5:10,11); sixth, "son of" indicates equality with (John 5:18); seventh, Jesus would not be an earthly King (John 6:15; cf. Mat. 4:8), and neither would He have an earthly kingdom (John 18:36); eighth, there is no source for eternal life, save Jesus (John 6:68); ninth, it is not wrong to judge others if one judge righteously (John 7:24); tenth, Satan is powerful (John 8:44); eleventh, God does not listen to those who do not listen to Him (John 9:31); twelfth, Jesus chose to die (John 10:15,17,18); thirteenth, the best time to honor someone is before his death (John 12:3,7,8); fourteenth, the spiritual must be elevated over the physical, the eternal over the temporal (John 12:25); fifteenth, love is the means by which God's children are known (John 13:34-35); sixteenth, genuine love necessarily motivates obedience (John 14:15); seventeenth, Jesus had to die before the church could be established (John 16:7; cf. Acts 2:1-4); eighteenth, those united with Jesus and the Father must be united with each other (John 17:20-23); nineteenth, even those close to the Savior can stumble (John 18:15-18,25-27); twentieth, Jesus had to return to the Father (John 20:17); and, twenty-first, there are not enough words to do justice to the Word's works (John 21:25; cf. 1:1-3,14). Many other lessons may be found in this book, but only if one will make effort to read it and study it and draw them out.

Part XLIV: Acts

Luke's "The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach" (Acts 1:1), and the subsequent reminder of his Gospel account (Acts 1:2-12; compare Luke 24:51), set the stage for Luke's account of the history of the early church. The names "Acts" or "Acts of the Apostles" or "Acts of the Holy Apostles", as the book is variously called, simply mean that this book concerns the acts or deeds of the apostles following the ascension of Jesus. In fact, the English word "practice" ultimately comes from the Greek *prasso* (πράσσω), a verb showing repeated action; accordingly, one could say that this book shows the practice of the apostles especially. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia shows that while the book may have not been originally titled, manuscript copies of the book

often had titles incorporating the noun form of this word, *praxis* (πρᾶξις). (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: With what did God crown man?

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

Last week's answer: John 17

SERMONS: *Why God Spoke to Man* (1 Corinthians 2:9-13)

The Beginning of Our Confidence: Chapter 16: What about Tobacco?

DAILY BIBLE READING (September 11-17):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Ezekiel	1-3	4-7	8-11	12-14	15-18	19-21	22-24

READ SCRIPTURE (SEPTEMBER): Cameron Hadley (1 Corinthians 2:9-11)

(OCTOBER): Cody Hadley

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER): Carl Hounshell

(OCTOBER): Savion Rayson

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER): Savion Rayson and Ray Stanford

(OCTOBER): Mario Arrington and Gavin Arrington

CLEAN BUILDING (SEPTEMBER): Thomas and Sheila Massey

(OCTOBER): Tabatha Clayton

PREPARE COMMUNION (SEPTEMBER): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

(OCTOBER): Shelly Cates

PANTRY NEEDS: A list of children's home needs is in the foyer.

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

September 24-27

The *Thyatira Church of Christ* will have a Gospel Meeting on *Bring Your Favorite Sermon*. Monday and Tuesday nights will be at 7:00 P.M. with Scott Cain and Aaron Gallagher speaking.

October 6-8

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

October 17

The truck from the *Tennessee Children's Home* will be here.

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.