

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

**SICK:** **Tucker Clayton** was sick mid-week. **Cody Hadley** is awaiting the results on some bloodwork for what may be symptoms associated with his Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever or Covid. **Lorraine Hounshell** remains in rehab in Byhalia. **Keith Bailey** (**Kim Arrington's** father) remains in ICU at Baptist Desoto. **Tad Baxter** (14 year old special needs student of **April Kinney**) is back at school, but has been diagnosed with a form of epilepsy. **Tish Clarke** (wife of the MSOP director) will have a "gamma knife" treatment on September 30th. **Jane Haas** (**Wesley Haas's** mother) is in rehab recovering from her broken hip. **Trina McKinney** (**Mary Ray's** grandson-in-law) is back home after his surgery for his prostate cancer.

**PROTRACTED:** **Kim Arrington**—elbow; **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; **Addiae Farrow** (**Tabatha Clayton's** great niece)—heart; **Ella Cobb**, granddaughter of the **Houses**—seizures; **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; **Lorraine Hounshell**; **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; **Easton McCullough** (**Grayson Hadley's** best friend)—Bell's Palsy; **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**); and **Jerry Worthington** (neighbor of the **Hounshells**)—physical and emotional difficulties.

**CANCER:** **Sherry Brown** (retired MSOP secretary); **Alicia Busby** (from the community); **Gary Darnell** (**Ella Darnell's** son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; **Brenda Davis** (a grandmother of **Edra** and **Ryan Farrow**); **Tommy Hensley** (uncle of **Paul Brown**)—liver; **Nathan Jones** (the **Hounshells's** neighbors' 16 year old family member)—brain; **Sara Kiestler** (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; **Wade Loggins** (member of congregation in Elkmont, AL); **Trina McKinney** (**Mary Ray's** grandson-in-law)—prostate; **Dorothy Mosher** (wife of an MSOP instructor); **Carol Ogelsby** (family of **Sonny Stewart** and the **Browns**)—stomach; **Tommy Pierce** (the **Browns's** friend); **John Riley** (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; and **Tabby Waters** (**Tabatha Clayton's** sister-in-law)—leukemia.

**SHUT-IN:** **Janice Bailey** (at the **Arringtons's**), **Orelia Ferguson** (home), **Annette Cates** (**Dan Cates's** mother who is in a care center in Pensacola, FL), and **Ruth House** (**Lawayne House's** mother who is at home).

**SERVING:** **Dylan** and **Maggie Cooper** (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.), **Cameron Hadley** (**Grayson Hadley's** dad—Marines, Hawaii). 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)*

*Jamie Long (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 XIX: Psalms

(Continued from last week) Some of the Psalms were written to God; others were written to men; others to Jerusalem. Some were written to praise God (e.g., thanksgiving), others to implore God (e.g. royal, imprecatory), some to point toward the coming Savior (e.g., Messianic [Luke 24:44]), still others to teach men (e.g., didactic, historical). All of the Psalms are ultimately of the same tenor, expressing heartfelt emotion to God or promoting sincere attention to His Will.

The key words of the Psalms, reflecting the aforementioned emotion and sincerity, include "praise" (found one hundred and sixty times [another twenty-eight times for "praised" and "praises"]), "blessed" (forty-nine [another fifty times are "bless," "blessing," and "blessings"]), "love" (twenty-three [another six for "loved"]), "remember" (twenty-six [another seventeen for "remembered"]), and "know" (thirty-four). The key phrase, found nineteen times, is "I will praise." The key verses are contrasts with regard to the respect, or lack thereof, which one might have for God and His Word: Psalm 14:1 reads, "The fool hath said in his heart, *There is no God. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good*" (cf Rom. 1:28); conversely, Psalm 119:105, reads, "Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." The key Psalms are Psalm 1, contrasting the righteous and the ungodly; Psalm 2, serving as the first of the Messianic Psalms; Psalm 23, concerning the Lord as Shepherd of the righteous; Psalm 119, magnifying the Word of the Lord [naming It is all but four verses]; Psalm 136, magnifying the mercy of the Lord; and Psalm 137, questioning the singing of "the Lord's song in a strange land."

Wonderful lessons abound--in fact, each Psalm teaches at least one lesson meaning that perhaps hundreds could be drawn from the book! Some that are more significant or more common are these: first, the heart pours out feelings that demand to be expressed (Psa. 9:1; 19:14); second, the Lord knows man (Psa. 26:2; 53:2; 94:9; 139:23) and can help him (Psa. 25:17,18); third, God is above all (Psa. 135:5); fourth, man is special to God even in the womb (Psa. 139:13-16); fifth, God is worthy to be praised, honored, and implored (Psa. 139:14; cf Rev. 4:11).

Since the Psalms were set to music and even mention mechanical instruments and even promote instrumental music, some will argue that mechanical instrumental music is authorized for worship today. There are numerous answers to this argumentation including these: first, this is an Old Testament book which is not authoritative today (Col. 2:14); second, the authorized instrument of worship today [where melody is to be made] is not mechanical but spiritual--the

heart (Eph. 5:19); third, other things characterizing worship in the Old Testament [like burnt offerings and incense] are also left out of New Testament worship [having New Testament counterparts (Heb. 7:27; Rom. 12:1; Rev. 5:8; 8:3,4)]; and, fourth, many things overlooked or even allowed by God in the Old Testament [including polygamy and divorce] are not permitted in the New Testament age.

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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: On what day did women carry spices to Jesus' sepulchre?

Last week's question: Who dreamed of the ladder to heaven?

Last week's answer: Jacob (Genesis 28:10-12)

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**SERMONS:** *Savion Rayson will be preaching this morning*

*"All the Counsel of God":* Worship—Lord's Supper

### DAILY BIBLE READING (September 19-25):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Ezekiel</b>	28-30	31-33	34-36	37-39	40-42	43-45	46-48

**READ SCRIPTURE (SEPTEMBER):** Conor Cates (please see Savion)

*(OCTOBER): Dan Cates*

**PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER):** Dan Cates

*(OCTOBER): Cody Hadley*

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER):** Savion Rayson and Sonny Stewart

*(OCTOBER): Gavin Arrington and Mark Peyton*

**CLEAN BUILDING (SEPTEMBER):** Suzanne Brown and Katies Brown

*(OCTOBER): Thomas and Sheila Massey*

**PREPARE COMMUNION (SEPTEMBER):** Tabatha Clayton

*(OCTOBER): Melinda Haas and April Kinney*

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Please see the flyer of children's home needs in the foyer.

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

October 2-5

**Gospel meeting** at the Looxahoma Church of Christ with B.J. Clarke preaching. Time include 1:30 Sunday afternoon and 7:00 Monday through Wednesday nights.

**Gospel meeting** at the Nesbit Church of Christ with Scott Cain preaching on *It Still Matters—Have We Forgotten?* Times include 7:30 Sunday night and 7:00 Monday through Wednesday nights.

October 14,15

**World Mission Seminar** at MSOP. Times include 6:30 P.M. Friday night and 9:00 A.M. to 3 P.M. Saturday. The theme is *World Evangelism: A Fire in My Bones*.