

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

SICK: Maggie Cooper and April Kinney were both sick this past week. Wanda Jackson will have a heart procedure soon.

Jeffrey Clayton's grandmother, Liz Farrow, was hospitalized this past week.

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; Martha Clayton (Tabatha Clayton's mother-in-law)—congestive heart failure; 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' 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)—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' 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); Audrey Tarrence (Tabatha Clayton's aunt); 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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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
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 XLV: Romans

Rome played an integral part in Bible history: she was prophesied concerning in places like Daniel 2:33-35,40-45 and 7:7,8,23-26; she was at times the location of Aquila and Priscilla (Acts 18:2), of Paul and Luke and their fellow travelers (Acts 28:16), and Onesiphorus (2 Tim. 1:16,17), and many others (Rom. 16); she was the primary persecutor of the early church (hence the Revelation). From a secular standpoint, she was powerful, but wicked; one of her own, Juvenal, satirically condemned her excess (Satire VI.290-293) and immorality (cf Satire II.121-129); he wrote, "even among the dead Rome stands dishonoured" (Satire II.160-170). Rome was not a godly place in general; however, Rome also played a part Scripturally in being home to numerous congregations of the Lord's people--including one in Aquila and Priscilla's home (Rom. 16:2-5), another which included Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermas, Patrobas, Hermes, and other brethren (Rom. 16:14), and another which included Philologus, Julia, Nereus, Olympas, and others (Rom. 16:15). The book of Romans is a letter to those brethren.

Paul was the writer of this letter (Rom.1:1; cf. 11:13; 15:15-20; Acts 22:21; 26:17- 18); that much is simply stated. There is more to the authorship of this and other works written by Paul, however, than simply noting his authorship. Paul would often use amanuenses, ones who would take his spoken words and write them. Paul would use numerous amanuenses through the years, and such is often reflected in the uninspired postscripts of the books which he wrote. His using an amanuensis did not detract from his being inspired of God to write these letters, for they were the equivalent of secretaries taking dictation. In the case of the letter to the Romans, Tertius was Paul's amanuensis; he wrote, "I Tertius, who wrote *this* epistle, salute you in the Lord" (Rom. 16:22). (*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: How is one not to partake of the Lord's Supper?

Last week's question: Who "was ordained of God to be the Judge of quick and dead"?

Last week's answer: Jesus (Acts 10:38,42)

SERMONS: *Savion Rayson will preach this morning*

The Beginning of Our Confidence: Chapter 18: The Lord's Supper

DAILY BIBLE READING (September 25-October 1):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Ezekiel	46-48						
					Esther	1-3	4-7

Daniel 1-3 4-6 7-9 10-12

READ SCRIPTURE (SEPTEMBER): Cameron Hadley (Please see Savion)

(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.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Cody Hadley	October 4	Janice Bailey	October 5
Wesley Haas	October 6	Raelyn Massey	October 7
Peggy House	October 8	Wanda Jackson	October 9
Jason House	October 11	Paislei Hadley	October 19
Danielle Massey	October 22		

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

Today

Meeting of the men of the congregation for about five to ten minutes after evening services.

Youth devotional after evening services.

The Thyatira Church of Christ begins 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 8-11

Looxahoma will host a **Gospel meeting** on *The Home as God Would Have It* with Sam Willcut preaching. Times include 1:30 Sunday afternoon and 7:00 Monday and Tuesday nights.

October 14

The Batesville Church of Christ will host a **ladies day** on *Honor the Father*. Kathy Brummett will be speaking to the ladies.

October 15-19

Getwell will host the **Spiritual Sword lectureship** on *The Doctrine of Christ*.

October 17

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