

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

SICK: Shelly Cates has been directed to stop therapy for a while. Maggie Copper was sick early this past week. The result of April Kinney's biopsy was negative. Paislei Hadley was sick early this past week. Wanda Jackson will have a heart procedure soon. Mary Ray continues to experience dizziness. Roger Chambers (local preacher and missionary whom we support) is only able to speak with one vocal cord right now; he will be having another procedure November 9th.

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; 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; 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' 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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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

(Continued from last week) The letter appears to have been written from Corinth, for Phebe [who may have delivered the letter] was from Cenchrea near Corinth (Rom. 16:1) and Gaius (Rom. 16:23; 1 Cor. 1:14) and Erastus [who both were in the same location as Paul] were from Corinth (Rom. 16:23; 2 Tim. 4:20)--to this day, an inscription bearing Erastus' name is literally among the ruins of ancient Corinth. Paul wrote this letter around A.D. 54, for this preceded Paul's return through Macedonia on his way to Jerusalem on his third journey (Rom. 15:25-26; Acts 19:21; 20:3; cf. 1 Cor. 16:1-6). As has been mentioned, the letter was penned to the congregations of the Lord's church in Rome--"all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints" (Rom. 1:7). Paul wrote to help the Roman Christians to appreciate the superiority of the new law over the old and thereby to answer the Judaizers who were threatening them.

The key words of Romans include "faith" (found thirty-nine times), "law" (found seventy-eight times), "flesh" (used twenty-six times), and "spirit" (used twenty-nine times)--all of these often used to contrast the Old Testament system with that of Christ, the New Testament one. Other key words include "called" (found eleven times, often referring to the church), "righteousness" (thirty-nine times, sometimes used as part of the aforementioned contrast, but at other times describing God's or man's acts; "righteous" is used another four times), and "obedience" (used twelve times including its forms "obey" and "obeyed," with obedience being a necessary act of man's righteousness). The key phrases are "what shall we say then," (occurring seven times, introducing a conclusion) and "God forbid" (repeated ten times, showing a conclusion while almost intimating frustration). The key verse, Romans 1:16, reads, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Key passages of this letter include Romans 1:18-32 (which could be a commentary on society in this day, but was a picture of how the Romans of that day ended in their so degenerated state), Romans 12:1-2 (which shows that being Godly and not worldly is a "reasonable service"), and Romans 12:9-21 (which gives a model of Christian behavior). The key chapter is Romans 6 which speaks of overcoming sin through Christ and truly serving God and not that sin which has been defeated. (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: What can those who are "in the flesh" not do?
Last week's question: How is one not to partake of the Lord's Supper?
Last week's answer: Unworthily (1 Corinthians 11:27)

SERMONS: *The Conscientious Victim* (Acts 23:1)

The Beginning of Our Confidence: Chapter 19: Prayer and Preaching

DAILY BIBLE READING (October 2-8):

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

Esther 8-10

Ezra 1-4 5-7

Haggai 1,2

Zechariah 1,2 3-6 7-10 11-14

READ SCRIPTURE (OCTOBER): Cody Hadley (Acts 26:9,10)

(NOVEMBER): Carl Hounshell

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (OCTOBER): Savion Rayson

(NOVEMBER): Cody Hadley

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (OCTOBER): Mario Arrington and Gavin Arrington

(NOVEMBER): Paul Brown and Wesley Haas

CLEAN BUILDING (OCTOBER): Tabatha Clayton

(NOVEMBER): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

PREPARE COMMUNION (OCTOBER): Shelly Cates

(NOVEMBER): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

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

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

This weekend (October 6-8)

Creation evidence seminar at the Nesbit Church of Christ with Paden Reed speaking.

Next week (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 13,14

World Evangelism Seminar at MSOP on the theme *Send the Light*. The seminar will be available on the school's website.

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.