

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
OCTOBER 8, 2023

**SICK:** Wanda Jackson will have a heart procedure soon. Mary Ray continues to experience dizziness. Erica Swindoll (the Massey's daughter) will have a C-Section tomorrow morning. Audrey Tarrence (Tabatha Clayton's aunt) has been told that her passing is just a matter of time. 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. B.J. Clarke (director of MSOP) has been diagnosed with Bell's palsy.

**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; 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; 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); 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

(Continued from last week) Romans contains many lessons which applicable to the church in its corporate and individual senses and, for that matter, anyone since God's Word is for all! Here are some of the lessons: first, a congregation may be known throughout the world for its good works (Rom. 1:8; 16:19); second, all owe debts that will never be repaid (Rom. 1:14); third, ingratitude is one of the first steps to apostasy (Rom. 1:21); fourth, one must judge righteous judgment (Rom. 2:1-3; cf. John 7:24); fifth, all need the Gospel (Rom. 3:23; cf. 1:15); sixth, one must not use grace as an occasion to sin (Rom. 6:1-2); seventh, baptism precedes newness of life (Rom. 6:3-4); eighth, one can be sure of his salvation (Rom. 8:1); ninth, Christians can and must have hope (Rom. 8:25-26); tenth, providence does exist (Rom. 8:28); eleventh, the love of Christ is immeasurable (Rom. 8:35-39); twelfth, works alone are not sufficient to save (Rom. 9:31-32); thirteenth, zeal alone is not sufficient to save (Rom. 10:2-3); fourteenth, belief and obedience are both necessary for salvation (Rom. 10:9-17); fifteenth, the wisdom and knowledge of God are immeasurable (Rom. 11:33); sixteenth, there is one body (Rom. 12:4-5; cf. 1 Cor. 12:12,27); seventeenth, the Christian must respect authority (Rom. 13:1-7); eighteenth, peace and edification must be Christian motivators (Rom. 14:19); nineteenth, though no longer binding, the Old Testament is worthy of study (Rom. 15:4; cf. Acts 7:2-53; 1 Cor. 10:1-12); twentieth, sometimes opportunity to do good must take precedence over opportunity to do one's own will (Rom. 15:24-25,28); and, twenty-first, some who appear to be serving God are serving themselves (Rom. 16:18).

*"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: Who named Eve?

Last week's question: What can those who are "in the flesh" not do?

Last week's answer: Please God (Romans 8:8)

**SERMONS:** *Genesis 1-11: Attacked but Powerful and Victorious* (Psalm 11:3)

*The Beginning of Our Confidence:* Chapter 20: Returning God's Liberality

### DAILY BIBLE READING (October 9-15):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Ezra</b>	8-10			<b>Malachi</b>		1-4	
<b>Nehemiah</b>	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-13			
				<b>Matthew</b>		1-4	

**READ SCRIPTURE (OCTOBER):** Cody Hadley (Acts 17:24-26)

(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

**UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:**

October 8	Dan Cates	October 15	Carl Hounshell
October 22	Cody Hadley	October 29	Dylan Cooper

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

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

Today

**Creation evidence seminar** at the Nesbit Church of Christ with Paden Reed speaking ends with a 1:30 session on dinosaurs and man.

Looxahoma begins 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.

This weekend (October 13,14)

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

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

Next week

Cookout at the Coopers' after evening services next Sunday.

Getwell will host the **Spiritual Sword lectureship** on *The Doctrine of Christ*. It will run Sunday through Thursday.

October 17

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

October 22-25

**Gospel meeting** at the Coldwater congregation.

November 3

**Ladies night out** at the Southaven congregation.

November 5

The Coldwater congregation will host a **Fishers of Men course** taught by Tim Wilkes. The class will be from about 2:00-4:30 each Sunday afternoon for about 12 weeks. There will be daily assignments.