

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
OCTOBER 9, 2022

SICK: Shelly Cates and Melinda Haas were sick midweek. April and Carson Kinney both ended up with the flu, but are doing better now. Tish Clarke (wife of the MSOP director) awaiting further diagnoses and prognoses. Audrey Vick (daughter of Allene Baldwin) has been suffering some health problems.

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; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; Ella Cobb, granddaughter of the Houses—seizures; 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; 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' friend)—MS; Francis Wallace (friend of Mary Ray); Anthony and Rita Stacks (nephew-in-law and niece of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey)—strokes and Alzheimers, respectively; 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' 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' 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'), Orelia Ferguson (home), Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is in a care center in Pensacola, FL), Lorraine Hounshell (home), 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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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)

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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 XX: Proverbs

(Continued from last week) The key words of the book include "wisdom" (found fifty-four times) and "wise" (sixty-six times) and their counterparts "foolish" (forty-two times) and "fool" (thirteen times). The word "simple" is found thirteen times and what he should heed, "counsel," is found thirteen times. Physical parts of man used representatively are also common: heart (found eighty-one times), "eyes" (thirty times), "tongue" (nineteen times), "hands" (fifteen times), and "feet" (ten times) ought all to be in tune as the "soul" (thirty-eight times) in striving to heed wisdom's call. Key phrases include "the fear of the Lord" (fourteen times), "of life" (fifteen times), and "strange woman" (six times). As the key verse, Proverbs 1:5 shows that "A wise *man* will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels." The key passage, especially due the fragmentary nature of the book is the wonderful, beautiful, prolonged portrayal of the "virtuous woman" (Pro. 31:10-31). The key chapter is Proverbs 1 with its introduction of Wisdom's call.

As with the Psalms, lessons from the Proverbs must be innumerable, though many themes are constantly reconsidered. A few of the more general and oft repeated lessons include these: first, the wicked will ultimately receive according to their deeds (Pro. 1:10-19); second, counsel is to be sought and, when wise, is to be treasured (Pro. 12:15; 19:20; 11:14; 15:22; 24:6); third, words can help (Pro. 15:4; 25:11) or harm (Pro. 6:17,24;17:20; 18:21); fourth, wine is a vice (Pro. 20:1; 23:29-32). Another lesson is especially poignant in this day: Not only men, but nations also must be righteous (Pro. 14:34).

One other note is worthy of mention. Though there is a book in the *Apocrypha* titled "The Wisdom of Solomon," one should know that it is merely a "pseudepigraphal" [literally meaning "false writing"] work; that is, a writer, perhaps in the first century B.C., wanted for his proverbs to be accepted as authoritative, so he attached the name of Solomon to them. The plan worked, to a degree, for today his writings remain and are even accepted by some like the Catholic Church who have this book as part of their canon. One with a respect for God's Word will reject these, however, for it contains scientific error (7:2), Gnostic and other false doctrine (7:25; 8:19,20; 9:15; 11:17), and was not even accepted into the Catholic canon until A.D. 1546 with the determination of the Council of Trent.

"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 put twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan River?

Last week's question: Who "will hear, and will increase learning"?

Last week's answer: "A wise man" (Proverbs 1:5)

SERMONS: "Ye Have Not Passed This Way Heretofore" (Joshua 3:4)

"All the Counsel of God": Worship—Teaching

DAILY BIBLE READING (October 10-16):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Nehemiah	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-13			
			Malachi		1-4		
				Matthew	1-4	5-7	

READ SCRIPTURE (OCTOBER): Dan Cates (Joshua 3:3,4)

(NOVEMBER): Savion Rayson

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (OCTOBER): Cody Hadley

(NOVEMBER): Lawayne House

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

(NOVEMBER): Wesley Haas and Ray Stanford

CLEAN BUILDING (OCTOBER): Thomas and Sheila Massey

(NOVEMBER): Tabatha Clayton

PREPARE COMMUNION (OCTOBER): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

(NOVEMBER): Shelly Cates

PANTRY NEEDS: Please see the flyer of children's home needs in the foyer—the truck will be here October 25th.

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

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*.

October 16-20

Spiritual Sword lectures on *Powerful Passages of the Pentateuch* at Getwell.

October 23-26

Gospel meeting at the Coldwater Church of Christ with Scott Cain. Times include 1:00 Sunday afternoon and 7:00 P.M. Monday-Wednesday.

October 25

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

October 30

Fifth Sunday **potluck** and **trunk-or-treat** after evening services.

November 6-9

Gospel meeting at the Thyatira Church of Christ with Aaron Gallagher preaching on *Ready to Give an Answer*. Times include 7:00 P.M. Monday-Wednesday.
