

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
OCTOBER 15, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS: Thomas Elwood Swindoll was born Monday; he was 6 lb. and 10 oz. The Masseys are the proud grandparents!

SICK: Paislei Hadley had her tonsils removed on Thursday. Wanda Jackson will have a heart procedure soon. Mary Ray continues to experience dizziness. Bobby Stewart is having problems with his blood sugar. 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. Sadie Darnell, sister-in-law of Allene Baldwin, has been moved to rehab in Senatobia after being hospitalized with lung problems. Stephanie Lord (the Houses' daughter) has been fighting Covid.

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 XLVI: 1 Corinthians

Paul's letters reveal much concerning Paul as a Christian, apostle, missionary, preacher, teacher, mentor, friend, and so forth; at times, his letters reveal much concerning those to whom he wrote as well. His letter which is generally simply identified as First Corinthians shows a congregation in Corinth (1 Cor. 1:2) which had many good members (1 Cor. 1:4-8), but which also had its share of problems (1 Cor. 1:11; 5:1) and questions (1 Cor. 7:1). Paul's purpose in writing was to help the church in Corinth to get away from the divisions and worldliness which she faced and to hold to the doctrine of Christ.

The letter at hand was indeed written by Paul (1 Cor. 16:21)--one will note that Paul penned the salutation with his own hand. The implication is that someone else did the bulk of the writing. The uninspired postscript names Stephanas, Fortunatus, Achaicus, and Timothy; however, in 1 Corinthians 1:1, Paul mentioned that he was writing with "Sosthenes our brother." It is, then quite reasonable, that Sosthenes would have been Paul's amanuensis. Who was this Sosthenes? Some have suggested that he is the same Sosthenes mentioned in Acts 18:17, "the chief ruler of the synagogue." The location would fit due to Sosthenes' connection to Corinth; however, any direct link between the two is not certain, for such a link requires three things of which there is no record: first, Sosthenes' not being adversarial to Paul; second, Sosthenes' conversion; and, third, Sosthenes' leaving Corinth to accompany Paul--or at least running into Paul away from Corinth at some point.

From where and when Paul, and Sosthenes, wrote is a matter of conjecture. The uninspired postscript says the epistle was written from Philippi. In 1 Corinthians 16:8, Paul actually says he will tarry at Ephesus--he intended to see them in connection with his next passing through Macedonia (1 Cor. 16:5), but apparently that would not be imminent (1 Cor. 16:7) since he was staying at Ephesus until Pentecost--indicating he was in the midst of an extended stay there. When would this book have been written? Paul could have written this sometime around A.D. 54. *(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: Who was beaten before Corinth's judgment seat?

Last week's question: Who named Eve?

Last week's answer: Adam (Genesis 3:20)

SERMONS: A.M. Sermon: *Savion Rayson* will preach this morning—his last sermon here before graduating from MSOP

PM Devotional: *Carl Hounshell* will deliver this evening's message.

The Beginning of Our Confidence: Chapter 21: The Music That Pleases God

DAILY BIBLE READING (October 16-22):

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

Matthew 5-7 8-11 12-15 16-19 20-22 23-25 26-28

READ SCRIPTURE (OCTOBER): Cody Hadley (Please see Savion)

(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 15 Carl Hounshell *October 22 Cody Hadley*

October 29 Dylan Cooper November 5 Cameron Hadley

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

Cookout at the Coopers' after evening services—all are invited.

Getwell begins their final **Spiritual Sword lectureship** on *The Doctrine of Christ*. It will run through Thursday.

Tuesday (October 17)

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

October 22-25

Gospel meeting at the Coldwater congregation.

October 29

Potluck and Trunk-or-Treat after evening services.

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.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!