

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~ OCTOBER 16, 2022

SICK: **Conor** and **Shelly Cates** and **Mary Ray** were sick midweek. **Tish Clarke** (wife of the MSOP director) has a melanoma on the back of her left arm. She will have immunotherapy [two or three months], then surgery, then more immunotherapy [about a year]. **Keith A. Mosher, Sr.** (instructor at MSOP) will have hip surgery December 13th.

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 **Sybile 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** (**Sybile 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.
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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)

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 XXI: Ecclesiastes

The name Ecclesiastes should seem familiar to those who recognize the Lord's church as "the called out," which in Greek is the *ἐκκλησία* (*ekklēsia*). The reason is that this book in English has been given the Greek name which was carried over from the Septuagint, that Hebrew translation of the Old Testament to which earlier portions of this study have referred. The Hebrew name of the book is *Koheleth* (קָהֶלֶת), meaning "assembler" and often, by extension, "preacher." The name, then, in the Greek and English calls to mind one who is calling others out to hear him; effectively, the Septuagint began "(The) utterance of a caller son of David king of Israel in Jerusalem" ["of Israel" is generally noticeably lacking in the Hebrew and English].

Given the beginning of the book and the statements of Ecclesiastes 1:12 ("king over Israel in Jerusalem"), 1:16 ("I am come to great estate, and have gotten more wisdom than all *they* that have been before me in Jerusalem:"), and 12:9 ("he gave good heed, and sought out, *and* set in order many proverbs"), it is evident that Solomon was the author (compare 1 Kings 4:29-32). Given the author, the book would have been written from Jerusalem, Solomon's capital. The date of the book would likely correspond to Solomon's later years, in the 930s B.C.; more attention will be given to this thought when the purpose is considered. The audience of the book is identified as the young who are instructed, "Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; ..." (Ecc. 11:9) and to "Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth," (Ecc. 12:1); another specific audience is identified as Solomon's "son" (Ecc. 12:12).

The purpose of the book is to show the importance of serving God rather than self (Ecc. 12:13). What is especially notable in this regard is the writer's being able to speak from experience; he seems to have been writing after he had smarted due to his imprudence (Ecc. 1:16-17). One who has lived the "madness and folly" of sin having elevated self is well positioned to warn others to "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man." While some have viewed Ecclesiastes as a sermon, this writer feels strongly that it actually reads more like a confession--such is well in accord with the carrying out of the purpose! (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 said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive"?

Last week's question: Who put twelve stones in the middle of the Jordan River?

Last week's answer: Joshua (Joshua 4:9)

SERMONS: Savion Rayson will preach this morning

"All the Counsel of God": Worship—Youth

DAILY BIBLE READING (October 17-23):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Matthew	8-11	12-15	16-19	20-22	23-25	26-28	
Mark	1-3						

READ SCRIPTURE (OCTOBER): Dan Cates (tbd)

(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 16-20 (Today through Thursday)

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

October 23-26 (Sunday)

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.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today! Please take a few minutes and fill out an attendance card for us so that we can have a record of your attendance. Once you have filled out a card, please hand it to one of the members, or lay it onto the pew.