

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
OCTOBER 22, 2023

**SICK:** Jeff and Jeffery Clayton, and Karter Shamblin were such at the beginning of the week. Wanda Jackson will have a heart procedure soon. Mary Ray continues to experience dizziness. Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother) fell twice this past week. 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; he is seeing slow improvement. Bill Lord (the Houses' son-in-law) 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:** Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is in a care center in Pensacola, FL), Sadie Darnell (Allene Baldwin's sister-in-law who is in rehab in Senatobia); Orelia Ferguson (home), 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.

**Ministers:** Every Christian

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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

(Continued from last week) Pauline chronology is difficult, with few hard benchmarks. Paul certainly was in Corinth on his Second Missionary Journey around A.D. 51 or 52 [which is definitely when Gallio served as proconsul there (Acts 18:12)]. In the course of his Third Missionary Journey, Paul spent three years in Ephesus (Acts 20:31) after which he went to Macedonia [wherein was Philippi] and Greece [wherein was Corinth] (Acts 20:1,2)--apparently abiding for an extended period only in the latter (Acts 20:3). Paul's time in Asia, Macedonia, and Greece on his third journey had to have taken place sometime before the end of Felix' being procurator in Judea (Acts 23:24); Felix was replaced by Festus (Acts 24:27) sometime between A.D. 56 and 59.

The key words of the book are "called" (found seventeen times, used a description of the church), "wisdom" (found eighteen times, with the similar word "wise" and the opposites "foolishness," "foolish," and "fool" being found nearly twenty more; these are contrasts showing the greatness of Divine wisdom over that of human origin), "body" (found forty-four times, used as another description of the church), and "charity" (used twelve times, showing the love which should have trumped the divisions of the brethren in Corinth). The key verse falls in one of the key chapters; in his wonderful chapter on the resurrection, Paul concluded, "And if Christ be not risen, then *is* our preaching vain, and your faith *is* also vain" (1 Cor. 15:14). The other key chapter was Paul's great treatise on love (1 Cor. 13). Key passages of the book included ones against division (1 Cor. 1:10-13), describing inspiration (1 Cor. 2:9-13), and explaining the Lord's Supper (1 Cor. 11:23-26). (To be continued next week)

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*"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)*

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### BIBLE QUESTION:

This week's question: What happened to the man who picked up sticks on the Sabbath?

Last week's question: Who was beaten before Corinth's judgment seat?

Last week's answer: Sosthenes (Acts 18:17)

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**SERMONS:** A.M. Sermon: *Responses to the Commands of God* (Matthew 15:9)  
P.M. Devotional: *Cody Hadley* will deliver this evening's message.  
P.M. Class: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 22: Why Not Instruments of Music?

### DAILY BIBLE READING (October 23-29):

|             | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri.  | Sat. | Sun. |
|-------------|------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Mark</b> | 1-3  | 4-6   | 7-10 | 11-13 | 14-16 |      |      |
| <b>Luke</b> |      |       |      |       |       | 1-3  | 4-6  |

**READ SCRIPTURE (OCTOBER):** Cody Hadley (2 John 9)

(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 22 *Cody Hadley*      October 29 *Dylan Cooper*

November 5 *Cameron Hadley*

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods.

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

Today

**Gospel meeting** begins at the Coldwater congregation. Bruce Hatcher will be preaching. Times include 1:00 this afternoon and 7:00 P.M. Monday through Wednesday nights.

Next Sunday (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.

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### 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.