

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~

OCTOBER 29, 2023

CONGRATULATIONS: **Savion Rayson** graduated from the Memphis School of Preaching on Wednesday; he will be moving this week to Oneida, Tennessee. He will deliver the devotional message this evening.

WELCOME: **Shelby Cooper** has placed membership with the congregation here; we welcome her and look forward to being encouraged by her! Her information is inside the bulletin. Also **Chris, Emily,** and **Ellie Cook** will be working with us; we will have their information in the bulletin in a few weeks. They will officially begin on Wednesday November 8th.

PRAYERS AND AID: MSOP alumnus **David Stafford** and his family lost everything they owned except the pajamas they were wearing in a house fire. More information in on the bulletin board.

SICK: **Conor Cates** hurt his foot at work on Friday, it is bruised and swollen. **Shelly Cates** and **April** and **Reese Kinney** all tested positive for strep throat early this past week. **Shelby Cooper** leaves Tuesday to go to Cleveland to have a consultation on a heart procedure. **Lawayne House** was not feeling well midweek. **Wanda Jackson** will have a heart procedure soon, but must have a couple of tests first. She is also recovering from a sinus infection. **Mary Ray** continues to experience dizziness. **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. **John Mitchell** (an MSOP student) is in Georgia to learn if he has cancer. **Sue Woodard** (who attends church with **Paul Brown's** mother) had two back surgeries this past week.

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's** 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's** 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's** 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's** 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's** 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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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) The lessons of the book are manifold: first, division is terrible (1 Cor. 1:10-13); second, preaching is God's means of reaching the lost (1 Cor. 1:18; cf. Tit. 1:3); third, man is a poor judge of true wisdom (1 Cor. 1:19-27); fourth, the Message is more important than the messenger (1 Cor. 2:1-5); fifth, stewards must be faithful (1 Cor. 4:2); sixth, anyone who is righteous is worthy to be followed as an example (1 Cor. 4:16; 11:1; cf. Phi. 3:17); seventh, church discipline has its place (1 Cor. 5:1-7), and it will always be successful when properly practiced (2 Cor. 2:1-11; 7:7-16); eighth, the Christian has to be in the world; however, he does not have to be like it (1 Cor. 5:9,10; cf. Rom. 12:1,2); ninth, one can turn from sinfulness (1 Cor. 6:9-11); tenth, just because one can do something does not mean he should (1 Cor. 6:12; 8:9; 10:33); eleventh, those who work for the Lord as evangelists are worthy of pay (1 Cor. 9:6-14); twelfth, self-discipline is necessary to achieve victory (1 Cor. 9:24-27); thirteenth, temptation can be overcome (1 Cor. 10:13; cf. Matt. 4:1-10); fourteenth, man's every action should glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31); fifteenth, love is essential (1 Cor. 13; 16:14); sixteenth, the Christian has hope in the next life because of the resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. 15:19,20); seventeenth, one must choose his relations carefully (1 Cor. 15:33); and, eighteenth, labor in the Lord is not vain (1 Cor. 15:58).

As a miscellaneous note, it is possible [though some have suggested other meanings translation-wise] that Paul refers to an even earlier letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 5:9); whether Paul did or did not is inconsequential. What matters is this: If there really were an earlier letter, the Holy Spirit did not deem it necessary to include it, for if it needed to be in Scripture it would have been (2 Pet. 1:3).

"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: What had John the Baptist taught his disciples to do?

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

Last week's answer: He was stoned by the congregation (Numbers 15:36)

SERMONS: A.M. Sermon: *The How of Prayer* (Matthew 6:9-13)

P.M. Devotional: *Savion Rayson* will deliver this evening's message.

P.M. Class: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 23: Other Assemblies of the Church

DAILY BIBLE READING (October 30-November 5):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Luke	7-9	10-13	14-17	18-21	22-24		
					John	1-3	4-6

READ SCRIPTURE (OCTOBER): Cody Hadley (1 John 5:14,15)

(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:

<i>October 29</i>	<i>Savion Rayson</i>	<i>November 5</i>	<i>Cameron Hadley</i>
<i>November 12</i>	<i>Chris Cook</i>	<i>November 19</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

SHELBY COOPER'S INFORMATION:

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Byhalia, MS 38611

December 22

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Shelly Cates

November 9

Tabatha Clayton

November 11

Mario Arrington

November 23

Karen Tuttle

November 23

Mark Peyton

November 25

Lorraine Hounshell

November 25

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

Today

Potluck and Trunk-or-Treat after evening services.

Friday (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! 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.