

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
NOVEMBER 5, 2023

**PRAYERS:** The Houses' court date was cancelled due to another case's taking place. The next date will be November 27th.

**WELCOME:** Chris, Emily, and Ellie Cook will be working with us while they are at MSOP. Chris is a first year student.

**SICK:** Kennadee Arrington, Tabatha Clayton, Maggie Cooper, and Wesley Haas were all under the weather at points this past week. Suzanne Brown will have hip replacement surgery later this month. Shelby Cooper will have to have mitral valve prolapse surgery; however, the danger and immediate concern were not as bad as anticipated. She will go back to Cleveland in six months, but it may be between eight months and two years before she will have the surgery. She is wearing a heart monitor for two week. Wanda Jackson will have a heart procedure soon, but must have a couple of tests first. 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. Mark Ray, Mary Ray's son, is facing back surgery. 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' 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; Dena 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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## The Informer



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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 (Chris Cook)*

*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 XLVII: 2 Corinthians

Paul had written and sent what is recognized as his first letter to the brethren in Corinth-- it had been a strong letter (2 Cor. 7:8-10), one which challenged them to avoid division and worldliness; one can only imagine the anticipation with which Paul awaited word of how the letter was received and of whether his admonition had been effectual. The student of the Bible needs only to turn a few pages to see that the first epistle had succeeded in its intended mission. Undoubtedly, it was with relief that "Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy *our* brother [and likely Paul's amanuensis; the uninspired postscript adds Luke as well, which is reasonable-DFC], [wrote-DFC] unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia: Grace *be* to you and peace from God our Father, and *from* the Lord Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 1:1,2).

This letter was written from Macedonia (2 Cor. 7:5-7; 8:1; 9:2-4) around a year after the first letter had been written (2 Cor. 8:10; 9:2); that is, around A.D. 55. Paul was writing not only to build upon what had been successful first letter (2 Cor. 2:1-11; 7:7-16), but also to substantiate Paul's apostolic authority (2 Cor. 11:5; 12:12) which had been called into question by Jews (2 Cor. 11:22) who followed him and tried to discredit him as he labored in the Gospel [Jews who operated in this way and who tried to impress upon the early church the keeping of the Old Law (cf Acts 15:1; Gal. 6:15) were called Judaizers]. Notably, among other things, these Jews had questioned Paul's attitude (2 Cor. 1:15-19,23,24; 10:10), education (2 Cor. 11:6), background (2 Cor. 11:22; 12:1-4), integrity (2 Cor. 11:31-33; 12:14-17), credentials (2 Cor. 3:1; 12:11,12; 13:3), and authority (2 Cor. 10:8,9).

The key words of the book are "comfort" (found in various forms fourteen times, showing the heartening by God, by forgiveness, by good news, by brethren, and in anticipation) and "repent" (occurring six times in various forms, showing the aim and success of Paul's earlier letter and negatively expressing what Paul's possibly might not find in his next trip to Corinth). The key phrase is "we faint not" (found twice, representing the need for Christians to carry on in faithfulness in spite of opposition and persecution). The key verse is 2 Corinthians 2:14 wherein Paul writes this wonderful expression of gratitude toward God: "Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place." The key passage is 2 Corinthians 7:8-10 in which Paul expressed his joy that his first lesson had motivated godly sorrow and true repentance. The key chapters are a treatise on giving, or contribution (2 Cor. 8,9). (*To be continued from last 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: In Paul's allegory, who was Mount Sinai?

Last week's question: What had John the Baptist taught his disciples to do?

Last week's answer: To pray (Luke 11:1)

**SERMONS:** A.M. Sermon: *The What and Why of Prayer* (John 9:31)

P.M. Devotional: *Cameron Hadley* will deliver this evening's message.

P.M. Class: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 24: Personal Prayer

### DAILY BIBLE READING (November 6-12):

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

**John** 7-10 11-13 14-17 18-21

**Acts** 1,2 3-5 6-9

**READ SCRIPTURE (NOVEMBER):** Carl Hounshell (Philippians 4:6,7)

*(DECEMBER):* *Conor Cates*

**PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (NOVEMBER):** Cody Hadley

*(DECEMBER):* *Chris Cook*

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (NOVEMBER):** Paul Brown and Wesley Haas

*(DECEMBER):* *Sonny Stewart and Ray Stanford*

**CLEAN BUILDING (NOVEMBER):** Melinda Haas and April Kinney

*(DECEMBER):* *Thomas and Sheila Massey*

**PREPARE COMMUNION (NOVEMBER):** Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

*(DECEMBER):* *Maggie Cooper, Shelby Cooper, and Reese Kinney*

### UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

*November 5* **Cameron Hadley** *November 12* *Chris Cook*

*November 19* *Dylan Cooper*

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods.

### COOK FAMILY INFORMATION:

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Chris: January 13

Emily: October 6

Ellie: July 29

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

Today

The Coldwater congregation begins 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.