

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
NOVEMBER 5, 2023

**SYMPATHY:** Please remember the family of the **Tuttles'** neighbor **Ashley Thurmond** who passed away last weekend.

**PRAYERS:** **Penna West**, sister-in-law of **Mary West**, lost her home and possessions in a house fire recently.

**SICK:** **Tabatha Clayton** and **April Kinney** were sick this past week. **Mary Ruth Brown** has undergone some health procedures recently. **Suzanne Brown** will have hip replacement surgery November 29th. **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) surgery was delayed until November 29th. **John Mitchell** (an MSOP student) is in Georgia to learn if he has multiple sclerosis. **Logan Peters** (an MSOP student) is waiting to see a cardiologist after some heart issues this past week. **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; **Shelby Cooper**—facing mitral valve prolapse surgery between eight months and two years from now; **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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**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 (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

(Continued from last week) There are numerous lessons in this letter; here are just a number: first, there is consolation in God (2 Cor. 1:3-8); second, Satan blinds some to the Truth (2 Cor. 4:3,4); third, suffering in this life (2 Cor. 4:18-5:8; cf. 11:23-28; 12:7-10) is light compared to the reward of eternity (2 Cor. 4:17; cf. Matt. 5:10-12); fourth, all will stand before God in judgment (2 Cor. 5:10); fifth, fear can be a motivator (2 Cor. 5:11); sixth, one in Christ is a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17; cf. Rom. 6:4; Gal. 3:27); seventh, the church must be distinct from the world (2 Cor. 6:14-7:1); eighth, giving starts with self (2 Cor. 8:5); ninth, giving should be liberal and voluntary (2 Cor. 9:6,7); tenth, our giving should be a response to God's giving (2 Cor. 9:15); eleventh, the church is the bride of Christ (2 Cor. 11:2); twelfth, sometimes lessons are slow to be learned (2 Cor. 12:20,21); and, thirteenth, Christians must examine and prove themselves (2 Cor. 13:5).

## Part XLVIII: Galatians

It is superficially clear that Paul wrote Galatians (Gal. 1:1; 5:2); however, there is more that is notable of his authorship than merely that he wrote the epistle, for Paul including this special note: "Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand" (Gal. 6:10). Commentators vary in their views of why this is deemed a "large letter": Perhaps it was large lengthwise (but it is not close to the length of letters like those to Corinth and Rome); perhaps it was written in large letters for one reason or another--some suggesting that Paul's thorn in the flesh (2 Cor. 12:17) was his eyesight, others suggesting that being a Hebrew he was unfamiliar with forming Greek letters (unlikely given that Paul was from Tarsus in Cilicia not from Judea, and given that even in Judea Greek had been common for centuries), still others suggesting some other physical reason for poor handwriting ability; perhaps this phrase was a reference to the grave nature of the letter. While the term "large letter" is of arguable meaning and significance, what is certainly significant is that Paul wrote this epistle with his own hand. In his other writings, Paul would use an amanuensis (e.g., Tertius in Romans 16:22 is given credit for the writing of that epistle) and only personally write the salutation (2 The. 3:17).

It is possible that Paul wrote this epistle relatively early in his missionary career, perhaps in the A.D. 50s. The only benchmark is this: Based upon Paul's account of his

appearing in Jerusalem before James, Peter, and John to defend preaching to the Gentiles against those who tried to remove the liberty in Christ (Gal. 2:1-10) this epistle followed those events of which Acts 15 is another record. This took place around A.D. 49--between Paul's first and second missionary journeys. It must be said that this so-called "Jerusalem council" or "Jerusalem conference" was important not in its deciding doctrine but in its recognizing doctrine (Acts 15:7-10,24). (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: What two Gospel accounts have the model prayer?

Last week's question: In Paul's allegory, who was Mount Sinai?

Last week's answer: Agar or Hagar (Galatians 4:25)

**SERMONS:** A.M. Sermon: *Jerusalem's Sin* (Zephaniah 3:2)

P.M. Devotional: *Chris Cook* will deliver this evening's message.

P.M. Class: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 25: An Example Prayer

### DAILY BIBLE READING (November 13-19):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Acts	10-12	13,14					15-18:11
James		1,2		3-5			
Galatians				1-3	4-6		

**READ SCRIPTURE (NOVEMBER):** Carl Hounshell (Zephaniah 3:1,2)

(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 12 *Chris Cook*

November 19 *Cameron Hadley*

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods.

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

November 19 (Next Sunday)

**Youth devotional and game night** after evening services.

November 21

Pre-Thanksgiving **mid-week service** (Tuesday rather than Wednesday).

**WELCOME VISITORS!**