

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
NOVEMBER 19, 2023

**SYMPATHY:** Lorraine Houshell passed away at 1:30 Thursday morning. The funeral will be in Indiana, but there will be a memorial service here in December to remember and honor her. Let us remember Carl and his family and her family in our prayers!

**SICK:** Dylan (flu-like symptoms) and Maggie Cooper and Karen (tested positive for Covid; has had some symptoms) and Stu Tuttle (Covid, strep, and an ear infection) have been 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 December 14th. Mary Ray is still experiencing serious dizziness. Billy Bland (elder at Coldwater) is still experiencing pain due to a herniated disc in his back. 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' 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 Houshell (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.

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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 XLVIII: 2 Galatians

(Continued from last week) Depending on how long afterward Paul wrote, the letter could have been written from Macedonia or Greece on one of the following journeys or even from Syria in the interim between a couple of the journeys. The uninspired postscript says Rome, that is possible, but unnecessarily would push the date much later--word of the meeting in Jerusalem would certainly have been well broadcast by that point.

Paul often would write to individual people, individual congregations, or even congregations in a relatively small area. This epistle was written to a region, Galatia; in fact, potentially this was written to a very large region. Depending on the definitions of Galatia (e.g., geographical versus political) and the maps consulted, Galatia could include cities like Amaseia, Ancyra, Aspona, Gangra, Gordium, Parnassus, Pessimus, Seleucia, Tavium, Tarvium, etc [some of these cities may even have been the same, but under different names]. It could also include Biblically named cities which Paul visited such as Antioch, Derbe, Iconium, and Lystra [these could be considered separate regions like Lycaonia or Phrygia or Pisidia]. By the New Testament period, even Paphlagonia and Pontus could be considered Galatia--stretching it to the Black Sea. To know exactly which cities congregation-wise received this letter is impossible. The Bible student may prefer it have been sent to churches with which he is familiar. The early church writers and historians, popularly called "church fathers," felt that the audience were among the first cities listed.

The purpose of the book was to respond to the work of the Judaizers who quickly threatened the churches in Galatia; accordingly, Paul's epistle to Galatia contains an interesting dichotomy: While Paul wrote with his own hand (Gal. 6:11), likely demonstrating his deep personal connection with and concern for the Galatians; he spoke of them as foolish (Gal. 3:1,3) and marveled at them (Gal. 1:6), demonstrating how easily swayed they could be by false doctrines [especially those of Judaizers] and how disappointed the Galatians' fickleness made him. The result of the dichotomy was a strong, pointed epistle; ultimately, among the Galatians were those who were "fallen from grace" (Gal. 5:4); however, Paul's concern was their obedience to the Gospel of

Christ and the associated peace and mercy as the "Israel of God" (Gal. 6:16). (*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: How were miraculous gifts passed to non-Apostles?

Last week's question: What two Gospel accounts have the model prayer?

Last week's answer: Matthew (6:9-11) and Luke (11:2-4)

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**SERMONS:** A.M. Sermon: Chris Cook will preach this morning.

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

P.M. Class: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 26: The Spirit and His Power

### DAILY BIBLE READING (November 20-26):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>1 Thessalonians</b>	1-5					<b>2 Corinthians</b> 1-3	
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<b>Acts</b>		18:12-19:10					19:11-20:1
<b>1 Corinthians</b>	1-4	5-8	9-12	13-16			

**READ SCRIPTURE (NOVEMBER):** Carl Hounshell (Please see Chris Cook)

(*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 19 Cameron Hadley      November 26 Dan Cates*

*December 3 Carl Hounshell      December 10 Cody Hadley*

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods.

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

Tonight (November 19)

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

Tuesday (November 21)

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

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### WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!