

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
NOVEMBER 26, 2023

**PRAYERS:** April Kinney came forward last Sunday morning desiring the prayers of the church as she tries to be the proper example for her children and that they might become strong Christians. The Houses have asked for prayers as well, especially in view of their upcoming court date.

**SYMPATHY:** Bill Ogle, uncle of Ray Stanford, passed away recently.

**SICK:** Mason 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 was taken to the hospital last Sunday with RSV; she 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.

**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 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.

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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)* The key words reflect the need of the Galatian Christians to appreciate the priority and superiority of the new law of Christ over the old law of Moses. "Law" is found thirty-one times. The law of Christ is shown with terms like "faith" (used twenty times) and "spirit" (fifteen times) and "liberty" (three times) and "promise" (found ten times), while the law of Moses is identified by terms like "flesh" (nineteen times) and "bondage" (in various forms found eleven times). The "cross" is referred to six times; this is appropriate given its role in the change of law systems (Heb. 9:16). The key verses include one on the timing of the coming of Christ (Gal. 4:4) and another on the liberty in Him upon which the Christian stands (Gal. 5:1). The key passage is the allegory of Hagar and Sarah demonstrating the new's priority in the type of those ladies and their children (Gal. 4:21-5:6).

Great lessons abound in this epistle, including these: first, there is only one effectual Gospel (Gal. 1:6-9); second, the Old Law could not measure up to the New Law in providing righteousness and justification (Gal. 2:16-21; 3:16-17; 4:21-31); third, Christians must be crucified with Christ (Gal. 2:20); fourth, one can frustrate the grace of God (Gal. 2:21); fifth, the blessing promised to Abraham (Gen. 12:1-3) flowed through Christ (Gal. 3:29), and is received through being put into Christ (Gal. 3:28) in baptism (Gal. 3:27); sixth, Jesus came when God had finished preparing for His coming (Gal. 4:4); seventh, one should not blame the messenger for the message that comes from God (Gal. 4:16); eighth, one cannot sin in order for grace to abound (Gal. 5:13; cf. Rom. 6:1); ninth, the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23) is at contradistinction to the works of the flesh (Gal. 5:19-21); tenth, one must humbly help, not hinder, those who are fallen (Gal. 6:1); eleventh, one must help others in matters too heavy for them (Gal. 6:2), and help himself in areas over which he may have control (Gal. 6:5); twelfth, what man sows he shall reap (Gal. 6:7); thirteenth, the reward is for the worker who never retired (Gal. 6:9); fourteenth, one must aid all men (Gal. 6:10); and, fifteenth, the church is God's nation--He does not need another (Gal. 6:16; cf. John 18:36).

*"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: Who was laid at the rich man's gate?

Last week's question: How were miraculous gifts passed to non-Apostles?

Last week's answer: "Through laying on of the apostles' hands" (Acts 8:18)

**SERMONS:** A.M. Sermon: "Just between Us" (Philippians 2:2-4)

P.M. Devotional: *Dan Cates* will deliver this evening's message.

P.M. Class: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 27: The Spirit within Us

### DAILY BIBLE READING (November 27-December 3):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>2 Corinthians</b>	4-6	7-9	10-13				
<b>Acts</b>				20:2			
<b>Romans</b>				1-4	5-8	9-11	12-16

**READ SCRIPTURE (NOVEMBER):** Carl Hounshell (Philippians 2:2-4)

*(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 26 Dan Cates*

*December 3 Carl Hounshell*

*December 10 Cody Hadley*

*December 17 Chris Cook*

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods.

### DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Paul Brown

December 22

Shelby Cooper

December 22

Reese Kinney

December 27

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

December 17

Youth devotional and holiday party for the young people—more details will be announced.

### 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.