

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
NOVEMBER 27, 2022

SICK: Shelly Cates and Melinda Haas were struggling health-wise this past week. Karter Shamblin (teeth) will have oral surgery on Friday (December 2). Bobby Stewart is recovering from a stroke experienced November 9th. Keith A. Mosher, Sr. (instructor at MSOP) will have hip surgery December 13th. Rex Oglesby (cousin of the Browns) has had the flu.

PROTRACTED: Kim Arrington—elbow; 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; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; Ella Cobb, granddaughter of the Houses—seizures; 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; Lorraine Hounshell; 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; Easton McCullough (Grayson Hadley's best friend)—Bell's Palsy; 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 and Rita Stacks (nephew-in-law and niece of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey)—strokes and Alzheimers, respectively; and Jerry Worthington (neighbor of the Hounshells)—physical and emotional difficulties.

CANCER: Sherry Brown (retired MSOP secretary); Alicia Busby (from the community); Tish Clarke (wife of the MSOP director)—melanoma; Gary Darnell (Ella Darnell's son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; Brenda Davis (a grandmother of Edra and Ryan Farrow); Tommy Hensley (uncle of Paul Brown)—liver; Nathan Jones (the Hounshells' neighbors' 16 year old family member)—brain; Sara Kiestler (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; Wade Loggins (member of congregation in Elkmont, AL); Trina McKinney (Mary Ray's grandson-in-law)—prostate; Dorothy Mosher (wife of an MSOP instructor); Carol Ogelsby (family of Sonny Stewart and the Browns)—stomach; Tommy Pierce (the Browns' friend); John Riley (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: Janice Bailey (at the Arringtons'), Orelia Ferguson (home), Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is in a care center in Pensacola, FL), Lorraine Hounshell (home), and Ruth House (Lawayne House's mother who is at home).

SERVING: Dylan and Maggie Cooper (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.), Cameron Hadley (Grayson Hadley's dad—Marines, Hawaii). 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)
Jamie Long (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 XXIII: Isaiah

Tradition relates that in late 1946 Muhammed edh-Dibh, a Bedouin shepherd nicknamed "the Jackal," was throwing rocks into caves near the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea. Hearing the sound of pottery being hit by the rocks, he tumbled into a cave which contained a number of ancient scrolls. Over the years numerous other caves and countless other scrolls and fragments of scrolls were found in the same cave system around Qumran. Today the collection is known as the Dead Sea Scrolls and is comprised of many documents, Biblical (parts of nearly every Old Testament) and otherwise from around the time of Christ. Ironically, the most important document was one of the initial scrolls found by the Jackal. This particular scroll would help to answer the charges that the prophecy of Scripture were actually not prophecy at all, but later recorded histories. The charge really focused upon the prophecy of Isaiah and alleged that there were multiple writers of Isaiah, with a distinct necessity of change of authorship in Isaiah 40. That scroll, a complete copy of Isaiah which dates to between the fourth and second centuries B.C., showed Isaiah 40:1 immediately following Isaiah 39:8 at the very bottom of the column [neither starting a new column, nor in any way demonstrating any hint that it was of separate authorship]. Effectively, two hundred years of destructive, higher criticism was answered in a moment: There was one Isaiah who wrote history and prophecy equally reliably.

Who was this one Isaiah? Isaiah, or Esaias, whose name means something like "the salvation of Jehovah," prophesied around 740-702 B.C. especially to Judah, but to Israel and numerous other nations as well; his authorship, audience, and time are confirmed in Isaiah 1:1; 6:1. He was certainly the son of Amoz (Isa. 1:1) whom tradition has suggested was brother of Amaziah (king of Judah from 796-767 B.C.). This tradition would make Isaiah and Uzziah (king from 767-740 B.C.) first cousins--such connection to the king of Judah may have made for easier access to the king of Israel (Isa. 7:3); he also had access to the priest in Jerusalem (Isa. 8:3), perhaps also aided by his relation to the king. Isaiah was married and had two symbolically named sons: Shearjashub ("a remnant shall return" [Isa. 7:3; cf 10:21]) and

Mahershalalhashbaz ("hasting to the spoil and hurrying to the prey" [Isa. 8:3]). Tradition says that Isaiah was martyred by being sawn in half; if this tradition be true, he may be the one referred to in Hebrews 11:37. Over his prophetic career, he prophesied concerning the falls of Israel to Assyria and Judah to Babylon, the return of the remnant, the Medo-Persian deliverer Cyrus, the Messiah, the church, numerous other of the ancient world's nations, and many other events. *(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: Who told Festus that he wanted to hear Paul for himself?

Last week's question: What captain rescued Paul from the mob in the temple?

Last week's answer: Claudius Lysias (Acts 23:26,27)

SERMONS: Ready to Give an Answer (1 Peter 3:15)

"All the Counsel of God": Questions to Ask—Episcopalian

DAILY BIBLE READING (November 28-December 4):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
2 Corinthians	7-9	10-12					
Acts			20:2				20:3-22:30
Romans			1-4	5-8	9-11	12-16	

READ SCRIPTURE (NOVEMBER): Savion Rayson (Acts 17:18-20)

(DECEMBER): Thomas Massey

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (NOVEMBER): Lawayne House

(DECEMBER): Savion Rayson

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (NOVEMBER): Wesley Haas and Ray Stanford

(DECEMBER): Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

CLEAN BUILDING (NOVEMBER): Tabatha Clayton

(DECEMBER): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

PREPARE COMMUNION (NOVEMBER): Shelly Cates

(DECEMBER): Suzanne and Katie Brown

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

Carolyn Stanford	December 11	Paul Brown	December 22
Reese Kinney	December 27	Savion Rayson	December 27

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

None

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!