

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
DECEMBER 5, 2021

SICK: Wesley and Melinda Haas, Cody Hadley, Paislei Hadley, Levi Howell, Peggy House and Ella, and Will Thomason were all under the weather this past week. Keith and Dorothy Mosher was sick this past week, so her surgery has been postponed.

PROTRACTED: Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Lauren Brown (niece of Paul Brown)—heart; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; Ella Cobb, granddaughter of the Houses—seizures; Bubba Farrow (Emma Farrow's son)—Alzheimer's; Jimmy Ferguson (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; 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; 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; Bobby Stewart—needing hip replacement surgery; Tammy Turner (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; Francis Wallace (friend of Mary Ray); and Jerry Worthington (neighbor of the Hounshells)—physical and emotional difficulties.

CANCER: Sherry Brown (retired MSOP secretary); Alicia Busby (from the community); Gary Darnell (Ella Darnell's son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; Brenda Davis (a grandmother of Edra and Ryan Farrow); 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); 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; Tiffany Taylor (the Browns' friend); and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: Janice Bailey (home); Orelia Ferguson (home), and Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is in a care center in Pensacola, FL).

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 (I 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)

Jim and Tammy Turner (Fairfield, North Carolina)

Trent Kennedy family (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)

Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Daniel F. Cates

Part III: Leviticus

(Part III: Leviticus *continued from last week*) Given that it is a serial with Moses' other books--especially in close order with Genesis through Numbers, the events of the book basically cover the giving of commands regarding the priesthood during the month between "the first month in the second year, on the first *day* of the month" (Exodus 40:17) to "the first *day* of the second month, in the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt," (Number 1:1). When Moses actually recorded the events could be debated. It is reasonable that he would have recorded Leviticus shortly after Exodus, very early in the period of wilderness wandering which would be the mid to latter part of the 1400s B.C.

While the book concerns the priests, the Levites are only specifically therein named in Leviticus 25:32,33. The more generic and more familiar terms "priest," "priests," and "priesthood" are found over 200 times between them; in the rest of the Pentateuch all together, the terms are found less than 150 times. Its subject would be its audience, the Levites, but also those among whom they would operate, the children of Israel--God had told Moses, "Speak unto the children of Israel" (Lev. 1:2). The three-fold purpose of Leviticus was to set forth the offerings which priests would make (Lev. 1-7 [especially note Lev. 7:37, "This *is* the law of the burnt offering, of the meat offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace offerings;"]), to show the sanctity of the priests (Lev. 8-10), and to detail their service (Lev. 11-27).

Among the key words of the book are the forms of the aforementioned "priest" along with words associated with their consecration (like "holy" found 94 times), their service (like various forms of "offer" used 545 times, "blood" used 88 times, "altar" used 87 times, "atonement" used 49 times, and "sacrifice" used 40 times), the need for their service (like "unclean" found 110 times and "sin" found 89 times)--the reason all of these are listed is this: Not even one of these words is found in such amounts in any other book of Scripture. One expression stands out as a key in Leviticus: "I am the Lord your God" is found 21 times in the book; outside of the book it is used only 13 other times. What these keys show is that God is concerned that service to Him be performed by those who are specially called to offer such in the manner which He has prescribed due to man's sin in view of God's Lordship.

The key passages of the book include one which tied the should-be holy to the Holy; Moses was commanded, "Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God *am* holy" (Lev. 19:2). Another exhibited

scientific foreknowledge; Moses wrote, "For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul" (Lev. 17:11). Another of the key passages demonstrated the seriousness of God--when He was incorrectly worshipped, death was the result; Moses recorded, "And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered strange fire before the LORD, which he commanded them not. And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD" (Lev. 10:1,2). (*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: Whom did Satan beguile "through his subtilty"?

Last week's question: What exalts a nation?

Last week's answer: Righteousness (*Proverbs 14:34*)

SERMONS: AM: *Five Characteristics of Scripture* (2 Timothy 3:15)

PM: "*All the Counsel of God*": Influence/Reputation

DAILY BIBLE READING (December 6-12):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Acts	26-28		Colossians		1-4		
Ephesians		1-3	4-6	Hebrews		1-4	5-7
Philippians				1-4			

READ SCRIPTURE (DECEMBER): Thomas Massey (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

(*JANUARY*): Will Thomason

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (DECEMBER): Carl Hounshell

(*JANUARY*): Thomas Massey

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (DECEMBER): Conor Cates and Wesley Haas

(*JANUARY*): Mario Arrington and Lawayne House

CLEAN BUILDING (DECEMBER): April Kinney and Melinda Haas

(*JANUARY*): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

PREPARE COMMUNION (DECEMBER): Shelly Cates

(*JANUARY*): April Kinney and Melinda Haas

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods

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

None have been 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. Once you have filled out a card, please hand it to one of the members, or lay it onto the pew.