

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
DECEMBER 12, 2021

SICK: Kim Arrington, Allene Baldwin, Shelly Cates, and Reese Kinney were under the weather this past week. Bobby Stewart will have his hip surgery on December 28th. Dorothy Mosher's 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*) Among the lessons of the book which especially can be derived from the keys are these: first, God's commands are serious (10:1-2); second, life is in the blood (17:11); third, God is holy and expects holiness (19:2; cf. 1 Pet. 1:15,16).

One other lesson-worthy note is especially worthy of mention: In this book and the next, the phrase "sweet savour" is found repeatedly. The expression is used to describe sacrifices which would have been unpleasant at the least and more likely nauseating and ugly to those who were offering them, but which, being offered correctly, were pleasant to the Lord. Those who view the aim of worship as being the pleasing of men should focus on this idea: True worship is designed to please God, not man. Regardless of how man may view it (cf Isa. 55:8), when one worships "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24) he is necessarily pleasing God.

Part IV: Numbers

Numbers, the English form of the Latin *Numeri* which was the equivalent of the Greek *Arithmoi* (Ἀριθμοί), is the fitting title of the Bible's fourth book due to the censuses marking its beginning in Sinai and its near end in Moab [630,550 not including those under twenty years old or the Levites (Num. 1:3,19,45-47), then 601,730 not including those under twenty or any who had been numbered in chapter one (Num. 26:2,4,51,63-65)]. To the Jews, it was *Bemidbar* (במדבר), that is, "in the wilderness" due to its being an account of the events following Leviticus; one will note the continued record which introduces the book, "And [emphasis added-DFC] the LORD spake unto Moses in the wilderness [hence the name-DFC] of Sinai, ..." (Num. 1:1).

As with Leviticus, there is little reasonable doubt regarding who wrote Numbers. Many chapters begin with an attestation to Mosaic authorship (Num. 1:1; 2:1; 4:1; 5:1; 6:1; 8:1; 9:1; 10:1; 13:1; 15:1; 17:1; 19:1; 28:1; 31:1; 34:1; 35:1) and other attestations are found within chapters (for example, Num. 5:5; 34:16). The book even closes with the thought: "These *are* the commandments and the judgments, which the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by Jordan *near* Jericho" (Num. 36:13).

While the events of the book apparently begin on the heels of the end of Leviticus in the first day of the second month of the second year (Num. 1:1), the book records events

beyond the death of Aaron which occurred in the first day of the fifth month of the fortieth year (Num. 33:38). Three things, then, are concluded: first, that the book covers at least thirty-nine years and three months; second, that the book could not have been produced prior to the fortieth year; and, third, in taking into consideration also that the children of Israel had not yet crossed the Jordan into Canaan, that the book must have been written from Moab near the very end of the wilderness wandering. (*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: At His crucifixion, Jesus' clothes were divided into how many parts?

Last week's question: Whom did Satan beguile "through his subtilty"?

Last week's answer: Eve (2 Corinthians 11:3)

SERMONS: AM: *Counting at the Cross* (1 Corinthians 15:1-4)

PM: "All the Counsel of God": Jesus Christ

DAILY BIBLE READING (December 13-19):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Hebrews	8-10	11-13	2 Peter		1-3		
		Philemon	1	1 Timothy		1-3	4-6
		1 Peter	1,2	3-5			

READ SCRIPTURE (DECEMBER): Thomas Massey (Mark 15:27,28)

(*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):

February 6

Roger Chambers will be with us to report on his recent **Malawi mission trip.**

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.