

**INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**DECEMBER 22, 2024**

**SICK:** **Kim Arrington** (gall bladder) and **April Kinney** (rotator cuff) are recovering from surgeries. **Shelby Cooper** learned that she may not have to have heart surgery. **Carl Hounshell's** heart cath revealed a need to adjust his meds. **T.J. Clarke** (former instructor at MSOP) suffered a recent very serious fall. **Savannah Leeton** (cousin of **Katie Brown**) is wearing a heart monitor. **Carol Wells** (friend of the **Coopers**) will have to see an ENT doctor on Christmas Eve.

**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; **Ella Cobb**, granddaughter of the **Houses**—seizures; **Elizabeth Ferguson** (wife of former preacher here)—dementia; **Jimmy Ferguson** (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; **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; **Betty Mayes** (mother of **Brittany Buchanan**)—aneurisms and kidney problems; **Becky Munns** (**Tabatha Clayton's** aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; **Shelby Peyton**—knee; **Mary Ray**—dizziness; **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:** **Alicia Busby** (from the community); **Roger Chambers** (dear friend of the congregation)—lung; **Tish Clarke** (wife of the MSOP director)—melanoma; **Gary Darnell** (**Ella Darnell's** son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; **Pablo Horna** (missionary)—carcinoma; **David Jones** (**Shelly Cates' father**)—leukemia; **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; **Priscilla Patterson** (mother of a friend of **Dan Cates**)—breast; **Tommy Pierce** (the **Browns' friend**); **John Riley** (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; **Laykan Rutherford** (cousin of **Shelly Cates**); **Sonny Stewart**—bladder; and **Tabby Waters** (**Tabatha Clayton's** sister-in-law)—leukemia.

**SHUT-IN:** **Orelia Ferguson** (home), **Ruth House** (**Lawayne House's** mother who is at home), **Ray** and **Ruth Reynolds** (under hospice care; these are the parents of **Sheila Massey** and **Mary West**) and **Karen Tuttle's** two uncles who are both in hospice care in Indiana.

**SERVING:** **Cameron Hadley** (Marines), now stationed locally; and **Jason House** (Marines), in Missouri. 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*

# BIBLE STUDY FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, Part 1

Daniel F. Cates

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). Paul's words likely echo in the minds of most Christians and, rightly, motivate Christians to study God's Word. Sadly, Paul's instruction does not accomplish the task; rather, it only demonstrates the Divine imperative ("Study to shew thyself approved unto God"), shows the result ("a workman that needeth not to be ashamed"), and explains how ("rightly dividing the word of truth"). It is left to man, then, to follow the command and to follow it effectively. The question is *how* to study effectively. The answer is *with propriety!* One must study the Bible with the proper attitude, with the proper approach, with the proper action, and with the proper ambition.

## THE PROPER ATTITUDE

There are any number of considerations which could be tied to having the proper attitude for Bible study; ones especially valuable are the need for the Bible student to study with expectation, reverence, humility, and love.

When one opens any book, he should do so so expectantly. If it be a rule book, he should do so expecting for standards to be established; if it be a text book, he should do so expecting to be taught something; if it be a cookbook, he should do so expecting to find meals that he could prepare; if it be a fictional novel, he should do so expecting to be entertained. With no expectation, there can be no purpose for reading in the first place. When one opens the Bible to study it, he should expect to be able to understand It, apply It, and be benefitted by It! Unfortunately, too many approach Scripture taking for granted that they cannot truly understand it--in part if not in whole; more unfortunately, some religious leaders have cultivated that thought so as to make their opinions on religious matter be too high for common students and, therefore, unquestionable. The great American orator Daniel Webster, in laying out his "Confession of Faith," suitably answered such a fallacy; he wrote, "I believe that the Bible is to be understood and received in the plain and obvious meaning of its passages; since I cannot persuade myself that a book intended for the instruction and conversion of the whole world, should cover its true meaning in such mystery and doubt, that none but critics and philosophers can discover it" (10). If the common people heard the Lord gladly, and they did (Mark 12:37), then anyone should be able to expect for Scripture to be as simple for him as for any other--is not "the man of God" for whom Scripture is profitable, perfecting, and furnishing (2 Tim. 3:16,17) ultimately anyone who is "of God"?

*"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: What were the Corinthians to covet?

Last week's question: According to Isaiah, what would "flow unto" "the mountain of the Lord's house"?

Last week's answer: "All nations" (Isaiah 2:2)

**SERMONS:** A.M.: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," Part 21: "Until Seventy Times Seven" (Matthew 18:21-35).

P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 4: Exodus.

## DAILY BIBLE READING (December 9-22):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>1 John</b>	3-5						
<b>2 John</b>		1					
<b>3 John</b>		1					
<b>Jude</b>		1					
<b>Revelation</b>	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-15		

## READ SCRIPTURE (DECEMBER): Conor Cates (Matthew 18:21,22)

(JANUARY): Thomas Massey

## PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (DECEMBER): Tony Solaita

(JANUARY): Carl Hounshell

## ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (DECEMBER): Paul Brown and Eryx Galeai

(JANUARY): Chris Cook and Wesley Haas

## CLEAN BUILDING (DECEMBER): Thomas and Sheila Massey

(JANUARY): Maggie Cooper and Shelby Cooper

## PREPARE COMMUNION (DECEMBER): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

(JANUARY): Tabatha Clayton

## UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

**December 22 Dan Cates**

**December 29 Dylan Cooper**

**January 5 Cody Hadley**

**January 12 Chris Cook**

## UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

**Sun: December 22 Keegan Arrington**

**December 29 Carson Kinney**

**Wed: December 26 Thomas Massey**

**January 1 Keegan Arrington**

## PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Thursday (December 26)

We will have our Christmas **mid-week service** on Thursday night.

Sunday (December 29)

We will have our **potluck** after evening services. It will incorporate a holiday party for the children.

## WELCOME VISITORS!