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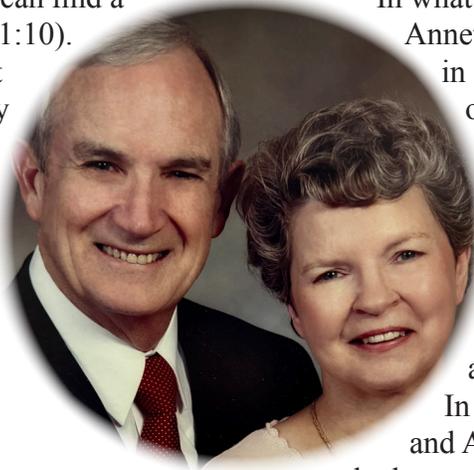
## ANNETTE BINGHAM CATES (1939-2024)

Daniel F. Cates

Solomon asked, "Who can find a virtuous woman?" (Pro. 31:10).

One of the answers to that question is Curtis Anthony Cates, Sr. The day that he met her, he went home and told his parents that he had found the girl that he was going to marry. He had, and he did, and many have been blessed through the years because of that union.

Annette Bingham, Mom, was born on August 4, 1939, in Pensacola, Florida. Her father, Frazier Franklin Bingham, was a well respected businessman in the community, and her mother, Anna Riley, was a native of south Alabama, and a member of the Lord's church. When he met Anna, F. F. Bingham was a widower who had numerous adult children. F. F. was already advanced in years when he met Anna; in fact, he passed away at the age of eighty-one, when Annette was just thirteen years old. F. F. was a sailor and some of Annette's favorite early memories would be ones made aboard one of the boats which her father had built, and of exploring Pensacola.



In what was a sentimental irony, Annette's final years were spent in an assisted living facility overlooking a creek where her father would take her to play. Anna lived into the 1980s, and was able to know her two grandchildren.

In 1949, Annette was added to the Lord's church.

In 1960, Curtis Anthony and Annette married. They

had met as students at Alabama

Christian College and together would pursue further education, ultimately with his earning an EdD, and her a Masters in Library Science—both from the University of Alabama. Before their advanced degrees, they had already devoted their lives to educating others. Both were able to work closely with Rex A. Turner, Sr., in the early days of the Alabama Christian School of Religion, now Amridge University.

That experience opened other doors of opportunity that culminated in their working together with the Memphis School of Preaching—the highlight of their professional lives—Curtis as Director, and Annette as Librarian.

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## WHY SHOULD THE WORK CEASE?

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### NEHEMIAH'S CONCERN FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

Nehemiah, cupbearer of King Artaxerxes, learned the Jews in Jerusalem were "in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also (was) broken down, and the gates thereof (were) burned with fire" (Neh. 1:1-3). Grieved, he "wept, and mourned certain days and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven" (Neh. 1:4-11). When the king inquired of Nehemiah's sad countenance, Nehemiah replied: "the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire" (Neh. 2:1-3). He again prayed, then asked the king that he might return to Jerusalem and build it (Neh. 2:4-8).

### NEHEMIAH'S COURAGE IN REBUILDING

Nehemiah's coming to Jerusalem exceedingly grieved Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite (Neh. 2:10). Secretly, Nehemiah surveyed the walls and gates (Neh. 2:12-16). He exhorted his brethren, "Let us rise up and build...So they strengthened their hands for this good work" (Neh. 2:17-18). The enemies, "laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king?" (Neh. 2:19). Nehemiah assured the enemies God would prosper His people in rebuilding, "but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem" (Neh. 2:20). Thus, the Jews went to work (Neh. 3). Sanballat heard that they built the wall, was wroth, took great indignation, and mocked the Jews (Neh. 4:1-2). Tobiah joined in mocking (Neh. 4:3). Again, Nehemiah prayed, and the people responded, joining the wall together "unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6).

### NEHEMIAH'S WISDOM IN FACING OPPOSITION

The enemies conspired to fight against Jerusalem, but the Jews prayed, planned, set watches, and worked with weapons in hand "from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared" (Neh. 4:21). Nehemiah encouraged them not to be afraid, but to remember the Lord, "and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses." God brought their enemies' evil counsel to nought (Neh. 4:7-15). When the enemies heard there was no breach left in the wall, Sanballat and Geshem sent unto Nehemiah, saying, "Come, let us meet together in some one of the villages in the plain of Ono. But they thought to do (him) mischief" (Neh. 6:1-2). Nehemiah replied, "I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?" (Neh. 6:3). The enemies sent four times, then Sanballat sent an open letter, adding, for effect, "and Gashmu saith it," accusing Nehemiah of rebellion, in order to become king, and of

appointing prophets to preach, "There is a king in Judah." Sanballat also threatened to send a report to the king "according to these words" (Neh. 6:4-7).

Nehemiah responded: "There are no such things done as thou sayest, but thou feignest them out of thine own heart" (Neh. 6:8). The enemies made God's people afraid, but God strengthened them (Neh. 6:9). They hired others, in an effort to make Nehemiah afraid and sin, "that they might have matter for an evil report, that they might reproach (him)" (Neh. 6:10-13). The work did not cease, and they finished the wall in fifty-two days (Neh. 6:15).

### SHOULD GOD'S PEOPLE CEASE THEIR WORK?

God's people should not cease their good works, in His service, just because of opposition; the number, anger, or influence of their enemies; their threats, lies, misrepresentations, and dishonesty; the public, written accusations against the actions, or attitudes, of God's people; or, the harm or loss (personally) that could result. We must never be more concerned about: what men think than what God knows, our reputations than our character, ourselves than our work for God, the cost to us more than the value to the Kingdom, death more than life, or now more than eternity.

Stop and think what kind of man opposes the good works of God's people. Why should we let such evil men, who destroy but do not build, who hinder but do not help, who harm but do not aid, who threaten, accuse, and knowingly misrepresent, cause the work to cease? Should God's people cease their work in order to meet with such men? Some naively assert so, but why give such ungodly men audience? Why pretend they have credibility? Or, that they will cease their dishonest, unethical behavior? Regardless of their words, they are still the enemies of God's people, and of good works; thus, of God. Would God have His faithful workers to cease the work in order to entertain the deceitful demands of the opposition? Surely, not! Nehemiah did not.

The work must not cease--in spite of hardships, danger, threats, opposition, accusations, or costs (in any of a variety of areas). Let us continue faithfully in the work our Lord has given us to do, and let us rejoice in it, never give up on it, and never let the opposition of wicked men deter us. Our steadfast determination to rise up and build, trusting in God, having a mind to work, strengthening our hands to do so, will result in our accomplishing what God intended, and in the enemies' being "much cast down in their own eyes" when they perceive "that this work was wrought of our God" (Neh. 6:16). God will strengthen His people, and will bring their enemies' counsel to nought.

No, the work should not, and must not, cease!

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Curtis and Annette enjoyed fifty-three years of marriage. In 1965, while preaching in west Alabama, Curtis and Annette had their first child, Curtis Anthony (Andy), Jr. In 1970, while preaching in north Georgia, they had their second, Daniel Frazier. Not many knew that Annette had experienced three miscarriages: one before Andy, another between Andy and Dan, and the third after Dan. Annette would often speak of a future reunion with those three children—what a great faith! On Father's Day, in 1979, while working with the church in Columbiana, AL, they saw both Andy and Dan added to the church.

Over the next couple of decades, those two children would also grow to become preachers, with both earning degrees from MSOP. Both Andy and Dan married preachers' daughters, in fact the daughters of MSOP alumni. Andy and Michelle would have two children, Curtis Anthony III (Trey) and Caitlin Annette; Dan and Shelly would also have two, Maggie Louise and Daniel Conor. While Curtis was able to know his grandchildren, he passed while they were all still young (the oldest was seventeen). Annette was able to see those four grandchildren all become faithful Christians,

three of them marry, and two of them have her great-grandchildren. Maggie had married Dylan Cooper and had a son, Travis Mason. Caitlin had married Josh Jiron and had a daughter, Sadie Jean. Trey had married Arriana.

Annette, Mom, passed away on September 2, 2024, after a long battle with two forms of Parkinson's Disease (one on each side of her body), numerous heart difficulties, numerous strokes, and even a hip's being broken during Hurricane Sally in September of 2020. While she faced those obstacles, she always did so with an attitude that they could be overcome and with an eye on a reunion with her mother, husband, and her three babies in heaven.

The passage that asked "Who can find a virtuous woman?" concluded very appropriately when it comes to Mom: "Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all. Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates" (Pro. 31:28-31).

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