

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JANUARY 2, 2022

SYMPATHY: Carl Hounshell's friend and an elder of the Lord's church, Dale Kendall, passed away in late December.

CONGRATS: Katie Brown has completed work toward a bachelors degree in business administration.

SICK: Bobby Stewart had successful hip surgery; he is recovering at home.

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; 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; 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 IV: Numbers

(Part IV: Numbers *continued from last week*) There are a number of key chapters, including Numbers 13 and 14 concerning the faithlessness of God's people in not desiring to conquer Canaan and Numbers 16 and 17 concerning Korah's rebellion. Perhaps the most outstanding chapter is a parallel of Deuteronomy 19 and Joshua 20; Numbers 35 provides for the inheritance of the Levites and sets forth the initial legislation regarding the six Levite cities of refuge. If one were a man-slayer, not guilty of murder but one who killed another "unawares" or accidentally, he could flee the dead's avenger by going to one of the cities to stand trial. If it were determined that he had murdered, he would be cast out of the refuge; however, if it were found that the death was not murder, then he would be allowed to dwell safely in that city until the death of the high priest at which time he could leave the city in safety.

There are many lessons which can be gleaned from the book; among them, a number stand out. First, faithlessness breeds fearfulness, and fearfulness breeds unfaithfulness. This lesson is taken from Numbers 13 and 14 in which the ten spies' lack of faith promoted a fear and subsequent lack of faith among the congregation. Second, is the antithesis of the first, for faithfulness breeds fearlessness. This lesson is seen in the great attitude of Caleb as exhibited in Numbers 13:30. Third, and from the same context, is this lesson: If God is not with you, then one of two things is necessarily the case: either you never came to Him (cf John 5:40) or you left Him (Num. 14:43). God never leaves someone who doesn't leave Him first! Fourth, rebellion will not be tolerated and rebels will be punished. This is a lesson from Korah's rebellion (Num. 16,17). Fifth, salvation is provided to those who will look to safety (Num. 21:6-9; cf John 3:14). Sixth, one must not count on his cursing of God going unchallenged. This lesson is from Balaam (Num. 22-24). Seventh, there is refuge for the innocent (Num. 35:10-34; cf Psa. 46:1; Heb. 6:18). There are countless other lessons, but these demonstrate the understated value of the book of Numbers!

Part V: Deuteronomy

"Deuteronomy" in the English Bible is a title taken from the Septuagint in which the

fifth book of Moses was called *Deuteronomion* (Δευτερονόμιον), meaning "second law." That name was transliterated directly into English. For the Jews, the book had been called either *Elleh Ha-debharim* (אלה הדברים), "these be the words"--for its opening expression; or *Mishnah Ha-torah* (משנה התורה), "repetition of the law"--for its purpose and as an allusion to Deuteronomy 17:18; or as alluded to in the Pulpit Commentary, *Torah Homesh Homeshyeh* (חמש חומשי תורה), "the Fifth of the Fifths of the Law"--for its concluding the Law of Moses. (*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: Paul told the Athenians that the Godhead is not "like unto" what?

Last week's question: What son returned to his father after "he came to himself"?

Last week's answer: The prodigal son (*Luke 15:17*)

SERMONS: AM: *What Could We Not Live Without* (1 John 4:9)

PM: *"All the Counsel of God": Knowledge*

DAILY BIBLE READING (January 3-9):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Genesis	6-9	10-11	12-15	16-19	20-22	23-26	27-29

READ SCRIPTURE (JANUARY): Will Thomason (Colossians 3:3,4)

(FEBRUARY): Cody Hadley

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JANUARY): Thomas Massey

(FEBRUARY): Dan Cates

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JANUARY): Mario Arrington and Lawayne House

(FEBRUARY): Mark Peyton and Ray Stanford

CLEAN BUILDING (JANUARY): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

(FEBRUARY): Thomas and Sheila Massey

PREPARE COMMUNION (JANUARY): April Kinney and Melinda Haas

(FEBRUARY): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

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.