

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JANUARY 9, 2022

WITHDREW: Will Thomason withdrew from MSOP due to physiological difficulties associated with the stresses associated with the weight of the school. He has returned home and will likely be working at a Tractor Supply and preaching occasionally for his home congregation. He is hoping some of his medical difficulties can be treated with medicine and that he might be able to return to the school one day.

SYMPATHY: Tiffany Taylor (the Browns' friend from FFA) passed away this past week.

SICK: Gavin Arrington tested positive for Covid; Kim Arrington is also sick, but with a sinus infection. Tabatha Clayton tested negative for Covid. The Houses have had several close family members fighting Covid. Tim Wilkes, II, whom we support, arrived in Kakinada, India, fighting Covid. Fonda Capriotti, the mother of a close childhood friend of Kim Arrington, had to have a kidney removed this past week.

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; 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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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

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 V: Deuteronomy

(Part V: Deuteronomy *continued from last week*) Moses was the inspired author of Deuteronomy (Deu. 1:1,5; 4:44,45; 31:9,24-26). This concluded the books written by Moses; however, he is credited with at some point having written Psalm 90 which contains the uninspired heading, "A Prayer of Moses the Man of God." Of its authorship, Charles Spurgeon in his *Treasury of David* wrote, "Many attempts have been made to prove that Moses did not write this Psalm, but we remain unmoved in the conviction that he did so." The questions regarding Deuteronomy are these: Exactly how much did Moses write, and if he did not write the whole book, then who wrote the remainder? First, Moses could have written the whole book, though his death is described (Deu. 34:5,7,10-12), for he was a prophet (Deu. 34:10; 18:15; Acts 3:22; 7:37; Hos. 12:13) and inspired of God; second, regardless of who finished the book, God still inspired the process (II Pet. 1:21); third, Deuteronomy 34:6 hints at the passing of some time before the last pen was put to the proverbial paper; fourth, a man like Joshua, who would pen the next book, would be in the perfect location physically, emotionally, and spiritually to have finished that which Moses had begun sooner or later; fifth, that work would have required the writing of only a chapter, for Moses would have written the vast majority before his death.

The book of Numbers covered a period through the first day of the fifth month of the fortieth year, so the book of Deuteronomy effectively continues that running history narrative begun in the book of Genesis. This continuation six months later saw Moses speak on the first day of the eleventh month of the fortieth year (Deu. 1:3)--this would have been around 1407 B.C. The next date given in Scripture is the tenth day of the first month (Jos. 4:19), apparently in the next, forty-first, year as the Israelites crossed Jordan. As the events of Joshua pick up immediately after the death of Moses (Jos. 1:1), it appears that the time covered in Deuteronomy was very short--perhaps only a month or so.

As Numbers was addressing a new audience, the children of those who had been killed in the wilderness, so was Deuteronomy. As these children were preparing to enter Canaan, they needed to be reminded of the law given at Sinai, so it was repeated and

applied to them. This was not a new law (Deu. 1:6), but a new audience who were under a new leader, Joshua, and facing new challenges, taking the land (Deu. 1:8; 33:29) without becoming like its inhabitants (Deu. 20:16-18). The younger generation needed to be prepared to enter that land as God's obedient, faithful children, so Moses declared the law in Moab, across the Jordan from the Promised Land (Deu. 1:5). (*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: What commander was credited with defeating Amalek when Aaron and Hur held up Moses' hands?

Last week's question: Paul told the Athenians that the Godhead is not "like unto" what?

Last week's answer: "Gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device" (*Acts 17:29*)

SERMONS: AM: *Holding Up Others' Hands* (Exodus 17:11,12)

PM: *"All the Counsel of God"*: Law of Moses

DAILY BIBLE READING (January 10-16):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Genesis	30-32	33-36	37-39	40-42	43-46	47-50	
						Job	1-4

READ SCRIPTURE (JANUARY): Dan Cates (Exodus 17:11,12)

(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.