

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST

JANUARY 12, 2025

REJOICE: Levi Howell was added to the Lord's church on Wednesday night; we are proud of Levi and his desire to serve the Lord!

SYMPATHY: Ruby Reynolds (mother of Sheila Massey and Mary West) passed away recently; the funeral was Thursday. Roger Chambers passed away this past week after a battle with cancer. No other details are known.

SICK: Cody Hadley, Lawayne House, Mary Ray, and the Tuttle were experiencing health difficulties this past week. April Kinney (rotator cuff) is still recovering from her recent surgery and facing a period of rehab. Sonny Stewart had to have one of his appointments Thursday postponed. Ralph Darnell (son of Ella Darnell) had a heart ablation on Wednesday; it went well. Savannah Leeton (cousin of Katie Brown) will have an ECG in February. Sawyer Leeton (son of Savannah) will be undergoing a swallow study. Carol Wells (friend of the Coopers) will be undergoing a swallow study.

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; T.J. Clarke (former instructor at MSOP)—spinal injury; 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); 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 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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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 4

Daniel F. Cates

(Continued from last week) When should one study the Bible? As hinted in the last paragraph, the answer is not merely on Sundays, but anytime! Some will have better concentration or retention at one time and others may have better at another time, so the student should decide when he will be best benefitted by the study period. The only rule that God has set forth is that the worship be conducted on Sunday. The elders of the local congregation may choose another day (or more) in addition to that--in fact, the early church gathered daily (Acts 2:46)--but not in the place of that. A good day to meet again is sometime midweek so that the brethren can recharge their spiritual batteries. Sometimes there are extra periods such as Gospel meetings, vacation Bible schools, youth days, and the like aside from the regularly scheduled periods. These things are decided above the individual's level and should take into consideration days and times when people can be available to study together. The same rule should apply for determining when a group might gather to study away from the building. Time for personal, or even family, Bible study should be determined by ones work schedule and other obligations. God should not merely get the "leftovers," but some times are not practical for Bible study. As was mentioned, one should also choose times to study when he will be energetic and aware--not merely going through the motions. Only when ones can be benefitted from the period of study can God truly be glorified!

How often should one study the Bible? This is another area where Scripture gives no specific ruling. However, the need of Christians to grow spiritually (Heb. 5:12,13; 1 Cor. 3:1-3; 1 Pet. 2:2) ought to motivate regular study--perhaps several days a week, perhaps even daily, perhaps even *more* often. The Psalmist spoke of meditating upon the law of God all the day (Psa. 119:97) and day and night (Psa. 1:2)--as Joshua had been before instructed (Jos. 1:8). The Bereans were commended for they "searched the scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11). These questions beg to be asked: first, did the Psalmist glorify God meditating so often on God's Word? Did Joshua glorify God by meditating so often on God's Word? Did the Bereans glorify God by studying so often God's Word? Will Christians today glorify God by studying God's Word *only* once a week? What about less often? What about little more? Neither the student's gain nor God's glory will be accomplished by irregular Bible study. *(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: From where was God speaking to Moses when Leviticus opened?

Last week's question: Which of the Ten Commandments was so "that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee"?

Last week's answer: The fifth: "Honour thy father and thy mother" (Exodus 20:12)

SERMONS: A.M.: *Tony Solaita will be preaching this morning.*

P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land, Part 5: Leviticus.*

DAILY BIBLE READING (January 13-19):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Genesis	40-42	43-46	47-50				
Job				1-4	5-7	8-10	11-13

READ SCRIPTURE (JANUARY): Thomas Massey (Please see Tony)

(FEBRUARY): Lawayne House

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JANUARY): Carl Hounshell

(FEBRUARY): Cameron Hadley

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JANUARY): Chris Cook and Wesley Haas

(FEBRUARY): Keegan Arrington and Sonny Stewart

CLEAN BUILDING (JANUARY): Maggie Cooper and Shelby Cooper

(FEBRUARY): Tabatha Clayton

PREPARE COMMUNION (JANUARY): Tabatha Clayton

(FEBRUARY): Kim Arrington

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

<i>January 12</i>	<i>Chris Cook</i>	<i>January 19</i>	<i>Tony Solaita</i>
<i>January 26</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>	<i>February 2</i>	<i>Cameron Hadley</i>

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

<i>Sun:</i>	<i>January 12</i>	<i>Cameron Hadley</i>	<i>January 19</i>	<i>Conor Cates</i>
<i>Wed:</i>	<i>January 15</i>	<i>Tony Solaita</i>	<i>January 22</i>	<i>Conor Cates</i>

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday (January 18)

Kevin Rutherford will hold a **Men's Day** at Looxahoma beginning at 8:30 A.M.

January 22-26

Standing in the Gap Lectureship at Nesbit on *How the Home Can Help the Church.*

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.