

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
JANUARY 27, 2019

**CONGRATS:** Joyce Geeslin has a new great, great-grandson, Ethan, born this past Wednesday 8 lb. 1oz.

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Debbie Farrow and Joyce Geeslin will be beginning chemotherapy soon. Carl Hounshell has been cleared to drive, but is not where he needs to be yet nutrition and strength-wise. Gavin and Mario Arrington, Shelly Cates, Greyson Hadley, April, Carson, and Reese Kinney, Mary Ray, Tracy Roberts, and Sonny Stewart were all sick this past week. Carson Jenkins had a painful rash from playing in wet clothes midweek and asked to be in the prayer list. Crockett Williams (uncle of Beth Massey, and great uncle of Shelly Cates) is in ICU.

**PROTRACTED:** Janice Bailey—stomach; Paul Baldwin—diabetes; Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); June Black (mother of a high school friend of Tracy Roberts) —recovering from hip surgery; Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Gladys Marie Elrod (Mary Ray's son-in-law's mother)—congestive heart failure; Bubba Farrow (Emma Farrow's son)—Alzheimer's; Debbie Farrow—fibromyalgia; Joyce Geeslin—blood pressure; Jerry Floate (of this community)—liver transplant; Brook Hale (Tracy Roberts' niece)—Grave's Disease; Henry Harrison (Paula Harrison's husband)—diverticulitis; Paula Harrison—Meniere's Disease; Paul Hounshell (Carl Hounshell's son)—a-fib; Wanda Jackson—a-fib; Brenda Jones—Lupus; Stan Jones—Meniere's Disease; Jeff Kidd (friend of Tracy Roberts)—paralyzed; Joanne Lott (Sonny Stewart's sister)—heart; T.J. McWilliams (Mary Ray's adopted niece)—facial tumor; Billy and Alcia Moore (brother and sister-in-law of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey) recovering from a stroke (him) and a broken hip (her); Becky Munns (Tabatha Clayton's aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; Joe Reynolds (Sheila Massey's uncle)—recovering from a stroke; Brett Rutherford (Dan Cates' friend)—MS; Dan Sandidge (Syble Embrey's son-in-law)—Grave's Disease; Tammy Turner (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; Mary Van Cleave (Carl Hounshell's sister-in-law)—stroke.

**CANCER:** Robbie Andrews (friend of Dan Cates)—prostate; Clifton Angel (preacher at Coldwater)—thyroid; Sherry Brown (retired MSOP secretary); Robin Brueck (niece of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey)—breast; 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); Dwight Faulkenberry (Tracy Roberts' cousin); Orville Fowler (father of the Browns' neighbor)—stomach; Tom Gordon (of Looxahoma); Amanda Green (grand-niece of Mary Ray); Nathan Jones (the Hounshell's neighbors' 16 year old family member)—brain; Sara Kiestler (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; Billy Kimbrough (former son-in-law of Joyce Geeslin)—esophageal; 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); Hannah Plumlee (Mary Ray's friend); Jim Stenson (member in El Dorado, AR)—lung; and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

**SHUT-IN:** Marie Crockett (home), Jewel Canady (friend of Tracy Roberts—home), Emma Farrow (in a care facility in either Sardis or Batesville), Orelia Ferguson (home), Ann Rainey (Tracy Roberts' aunt—nursing home).

**SERVING:** Dylan and Maggie Cooper (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.), Cameron Hadley (Grayson Hadley's dad—Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC), Jacob Petrowski (grandson of former members here—Marines, Romania). 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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**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]**

*Independence Mission Fund (next: tbd)*

*Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India [Providing Bibles]*

*Memphis School of Preaching (Jonathan Jenkins)*

*Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)*

*Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)*

*Tennessee Children's Home, West*

*Jim and Tammy Turner (Fairfield, North Carolina)*

*Pablo Horna (David, Panama) [Overseeing funds]*

*Numerous one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts*

# PURITY IN JUDGMENT, Part 6

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(Continued from the last bulletin) Outward or inward

An extremely important consideration is this: Is the judgment really about the person being judged? The judging could be of an outward nature; in fact, it must be! The outward aspect recognizes the spiritual state of the one who is lost in sin: His soul is at stake, and the souls of those who could be misled by his teaching or his example are at stake, and, depending on the physical situation, others' safety and even lives may be at stake. The one judging must have love for the souls of others as a motivator of his judging. If such love is the motivator, then wonderful; now he must choose words which will be accepted not caustic (Pro. 25:11,12; 27:5,6).

Sadly, much, if not most, judging is inward: The judgment is really about the person doing the judging. One who would judge should look in the mirror and consider a number of things: first, is he guilty of the same or worse (if so, Matthew 7:2-5 is literally for him); second, is the matter none of his business (if so, then he has violated 1 The. 4:11; 2 The. 3:11; 1 Tim. 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:15); third, is he only interested in elevating himself (when one tears down another, he builds himself up; he should take note of Luke 18:9-14). Said or lived

Some only judge in words which are said. They are quite adept at condemning others--and usually do so quite loudly so that others can see how righteous they are (refer to the third sub-point of the latter pair of the previous contrast). Words without action mean nothing; Jesus said, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Mat. 7:21); by the same token, speaking condemnation without living righteousness is futile.

Judging must be lived. Noah was "a preacher of righteousness" (2 Pet. 2:5), but the greatest testimonies to him have to do with his manner of life: Noah 6:8 reads, "Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God"; and Hebrews 11:7 reads, "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith." His faith-motivated life was a life which condemned (judged) the world! When one is living righteously, any who are not are necessarily condemned for his life evidences a Standard which they are not reaching.

## CONCLUSION

The theme of this lectureship and the title of this study concerns purity; purity has been behind the scenes; here it must be front and center. For judgment to be pure, four things must be the case: first, the judged activity/lifestyle must be impure--if it is not, then the one judging must look more closely at his own life; second, the judger must be pure--he must be striving to live a righteous life reflecting the thought of the song from which the theme of this lectureship is drawn, "Purer in heart, O God, help me to be"; third, the "judgee" must be desired to be pure--the

salvation and subsequent righteous life of the one who is judged must be the motivation of the judger; fourth, the judgment must be pure with God and His Word serving as the Standard of judgment! (*To be continued next week*)

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*"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)*

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## BIBLE QUESTION:

This week's question: Who "built an altar there unto the LORD, and called it Jehovahshalom"?

Last week's question: Which sin did the Hebrews writer say to "lay aside"?

Last week's answer: The one "which doth so easily beset us" (Hebrews 12:1)

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**SERMONS:** *"Every Weight"* (Hebrews 12:1,2)

*How to Build a Family* (Deuteronomy 6:1-15)

## DAILY BIBLE READING (February 4-10):

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<i>Exodus</i> 25-27	28-31	32-34	35-37	38-40		
			<i>Leviticus</i>	1-4	5-7	

**SCRIPTURE READING (FEBRUARY):** Dan Cates (Jeremiah 23:5,6)

(**MARCH**): Thomas Massey

**PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING AND EVENING (FEBRUARY):** Jonathan Jenkins

(**MARCH**): Carl Hounshell

**ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (FEBRUARY):** Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

(**MARCH**): Mark Peyton and Ray Stanford

**CLEAN BUILDING (FEBRUARY):** Ella Darnell and Carolyn Stanford

(**MARCH**): Suzanne and Katie Brown

**PREPARE COMMUNION (FEBRUARY):** Heather Jenkins

(**MARCH**): Brenda Jones

**PANTRY NEEDS:** The **Tennessee Children's Home** truck will be here April 9th. Lists with their needs are in the foyer.

**UPCOMING EVENTS (For particular details, check the bulletin board for flyers):**

February 15

The H.I.M.S. acapella quartet will be singing at the **Crockett Community Center** at 7:00 P.M.

Two of Robert Rawson's sons are in the quartet.

February 16

Youth day at the **Crockett Church of Christ** on "Come Sit with Me" from 10 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. with several speakers.

March 1,2

The **Germantown congregation** will host a seminar presented by Wes McAdams on *Arise Mid-South* on the subject of grace.

March 31-April 4

**Memphis School of Preaching** lectures on *Purer in Heart, O God*. A schedule is in the foyer.

We have been asked to provide 25 cakes for that Monday.

June 2-5

Our **Gospel meeting** with Jason Hilburn preaching.

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**WELCOME VISITORS!**