

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MAY 19, 2024

SICK: Ella Darnell fell early this past week, but was only bruised. April Kinney was sick midweek with a kidney infection. Elizabeth Fletcher (Roland McClure's aunt) has been in Baptist Hospital with fluid on her lung. David Jones (Shelly Cates' father and Melinda Haas' brother) will have more blood work done in a month. Brandon MacNeil (son of Karen Tuttle) is facing more tests due to a nodule on his lung. Mark Ray (Mary Ray's son) is facing back surgery. Nestor Silva (second year MSOP student) is in Costa Rica taking treatments for his cancer. Anna Ulrich (daughter of an MSOP staff member) will have major sternum surgery in mid to late May due. Jennifer West (mother of Katie Haas) had successful surgery on Thursday; CT scans revealed that they got any cancerous threat. Dayton Williams (Shelly Cates' grandfather) is in Baptist Desoto after recent seizures.

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; 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; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; 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; 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; 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; Roy Donaldson (nephew of Mary Ray)—Liver; 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); Sheila Purvis (Tabatha Clayton's coworker)—breast; Ruby Reynolds (Sheila Massey's mother); John Riley (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; Laykan Rutherford (cousin of Shelly Cates); Nestor Silva (second year MSOP student)—brain tumor; and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is in assisted living in Pensacola, FL), Orelia Ferguson (home), Ruth House (Lawayne House's mother who is at home). Karen Tuttle has two uncles which are both in hospice care in Indiana.

SERVING: Cameron Hadley (Marines), now stationed locally. 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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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 (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

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Daniel F. Cates

Part LIX: James

There are three or four men in the New Testament who went by the name James. Two were apostles, James son of Zebedee and brother of John (Mat. 10:2; Acts 12:2) and James the son of Alphaeus also called James "the less" (Mat. 10:3; Mark 15:40), one was half-brother of Jesus (Mat. 13:55; Gal. 1:19) and a pillar of the church in Jerusalem (Gal. 2:9; cf. Acts 15:13), a fourth may have been the father or brother (depending on translation) of Thaddaeus, one of the apostles called Judas (Luke 6:16; cf. John 14:22)--though some think this James was James the less. One of these men wrote the book that bears the name James. Due his early death, James the brother of John is quickly eliminated from contention. Of the other two or three, James "the less" and/or Thaddaeus kinsman are not likely due to his/their relatively minor role(s) in the Bible narrative. Tradition and most commentators suggest that the writer of the book is James, the half-brother of the Lord [and full brother of Jude who also wrote one of the general epistles]. Tradition has the half-brother of James being martyred in Jerusalem about A.D. 62. Such a writer certainly fits the recipients of the book: Scattered Jewish Christians (Jam. 1:1; cf. Acts 8:1). These would have scattered to varied places throughout the Roman empire.

If this James were the writer, then Jerusalem was the likely place where the book was written (Gal. 1:18,19). One might argue that the place of origin would allow for an early date and the authorship by John's brother; however, the date was not very early, for the Jerusalem Christians not only had time to scattered, but also the name Christian had likely already been given by the time the book was written (Jam. 2:7; cf. Acts 11:26). James, John's brother, was martyred about the time the name was given. One the other hand, the book was not written real late because A.D. 70 with the Lord's vengeance against the Jews had not yet come (Jam. 5:8-9; cf. Mat. 24:30). One might note also that if this James were the author and if he died in A.D. 62, then it could have been written no later than that. A famine in A.D. 44 may have prompted passages like Jam. 1:27 and 2:15-18; however, the focus of that difficulty would have been from where these had scattered, so there may not be a necessary, direct correlation time-wise. A broad date for the writing of James would be late 40's to early 60's with the early to mid-50's being most likely.

These brethren weren't perfect (Jam. 1:22-27; 4:1-12; 5:1-6), but they were still brethren who had needed to remain faithful in spite of the persecution that scattered abroad--encouragement to be strong was the purpose of the epistle.*(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 were the names of the rivers flowing from Eden?

Last week's question: Which prophet was responsible for the prophecy of Matthew 1:23?

Last week's answer: Isaiah (Isaiah 7:14)

SERMONS: A.M. Chris Cook will preach this morning.

P.M. Devotional: *Carson Kinney* will deliver this evening's message.

P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*: Chapter 1: The World of Creation.

DAILY BIBLE READING (May 20-26):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Psalms	120-123	124-126	127-129	130-132	133-135	136-138	139-141

READ SCRIPTURE (MAY): Lawayne House (Please see Chris Cook)

(JUNE): Keegan Arrington

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (MAY): Cameron Hadley

(JUNE): Ray Stanford

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (MAY): Keegan Arrington and Carson Kinney

(JUNE): Mario Arrington and Conor Cates

CLEAN BUILDING (MAY): Maggie Cooper and Shelby Cooper

(JUNE): Tabatha Clayton

PREPARE COMMUNION (MAY): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

(JUNE): Maggie Cooper, Shelby Cooper, and Reese Kinney

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

<i>May 19</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>	<i>May 26</i>	<i>Carl Hounshell</i>
<i>June 2</i>	<i>Gospel Meeting</i>	<i>June 9</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

<i>Sun:</i>	<i>May 19</i>	<i>Keegan Arrington</i>	<i>May 16</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>
<i>Wed:</i>	<i>May 22</i>	<i>Chris Cook</i>	<i>May 29</i>	<i>Ray Stanford</i>

PANTRY NEEDS: Please see the list of needs for the children's home.

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

Tonight (May 19)

Youth devotional after evening services.

Friday (May 24)

Area-wide youth devotional at Olive Branch at 6:00 P.M.

June 2-5

Our **Gospel meeting** with Darrin Stapleton preaching. Flyers are in the foyer.

June 9-13

Vacation Bible School at Coldwater.

July 20

Our **youth day** from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M.

WELCOME VISITORS!