

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MAY 26, 2024

PRAYERS: The Houses' court date was encouraging this past Thursday; they will have another court date this Thursday. It has the potential to solve the matter. Please remember them, especially **Ella**, in your prayers.

SICK: **Kim** and **Kennadee Arrington**, **Shelly Cates**, **Destiny Clayton**, **Jeffery Clayton**, and **Peggy House** were all sick this past week. **Elizabeth Fletcher** (**Roland McClure's** aunt) has been in Baptist Hospital with fluid on her lung. **Mark Ray** (**Mary Ray's** son) is facing back surgery. **Anna Ulrich** (daughter of an MSOP staff member) had successful surgery on Thursday, but has had a painful first few days of recovery. **Dayton Williams** (**Shelly Cates's** grandfather) is back at home.

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's** 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); **Roger Chambers** (dear friend of the congregation)—lung; **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's** 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's** 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's** 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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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

(Continued from last week) The key words of James are "works" (found thirteen times, used to demonstrate that these brethren needed to be active if they would be justified), "faith" (found sixteen times, used to show faith's importance and insufficiency), "wisdom" (found four times, used to show the divine source of true wisdom and its priority over earthly wisdom), and "patience" (found five times, used in example and admonition in light of their struggle). The key phrase is "faith without works is dead" (found twice, used to show the importance of obedient action conjoined with faith). The key verse is James 1:22: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."

Here are some of the lessons from this packed book: first, trials can be beneficial (Jam. 1:2-4,12; 5:7-8,10-11; Mat. 5:10-12); second, true wisdom is from God (Jam. 1:5); third, man brings temptations upon himself (Jam. 1:13-15; 4:1-3,5); fourth, all good gifts come from God (Jam. 1:17); fifth, the Word saves when obeyed (Jam. 1:21-22); sixth, seeming to be religious is not sufficient (Jam. 1:26); seventh, though most religion is a corrupt pretender, there is religion which is pure and undefiled (Jam. 1:27); eighth, one must not be a respecter of persons (Jam. 2:1-9); ninth, one sin is all that is necessary to destroy a soul (Jam. 2:10); tenth, works are necessary for salvation (Jam. 2:14-26); eleventh, with greater ability come greater responsibilities (Jam. 3:1; cf. 4:17); twelfth, one must control his tongue (Jam. 3:2-12); thirteenth, heavenly wisdom surpasses earthly wisdom (Jam. 3:15-17); fourteenth, Christians must seek peace (Jam. 3:18; cf. Mat. 5:9); fifteenth, man must be the friend of God (Jam. 4:4; cf. 2:23); sixteenth, God rewards humility and punishes pride (Jam. 4:6-10,16); seventeenth, one should not take tomorrow for granted (Jam. 4:14-15); eighteenth, Christians should be honest, period (Jam. 5:12); nineteenth, the prayers of the righteous are heard of God (Jam. 5:16; cf. 1 Pet. 3:12; Psa. 34:15; Pro. 10:24;28:9); and, twentieth, to save the lost is excellent (Jam. 5:19-20; cf. Pro. 11:30; Jude 23).

One note is worthy of addition: Martin Luther wrote in the preface of his 1522 German translation of the New Testament, "St. James is a really strawy epistle, compared to these others, for it has nothing of the nature of the gospel about it." One should remember that Luther was a reformer. In trying to remove himself from the works-only salvation of Catholicism, he went to the other extreme: Faith-only salvation. When there are extremes, the Truth is usually in the middle. Both faith and works are necessary for salvation--that said, even they together, apart from God's grace, would be unprofitable.

"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: When did Joseph and Mary go to Jerusalem each year?

Last week's question: What were the names of the rivers flowing from Eden?

Last week's answer: Pison, Gihon, Hiddekel, and Euphrates (Genesis 2:11-14)

SERMONS: A.M. "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," Part 3: "And the Child Grew" (Luke 2:40).

P.M. Devotional: *Carl Hounshell* will deliver this evening's message.

P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*: Chapter 2: Continents and Divisions.

DAILY BIBLE READING (May 27-June 2):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Psalms	142-144	145-147	148-150				
1 Kings				1-4			
Proverbs					1-3	4-7	8-11

READ SCRIPTURE (MAY): Lawayne House (Isaiah 53:1,2)

(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 26</i>	<i>Carl Hounshell</i>	<i>June 2</i>	<i>Gospel Meeting</i>
<i>June 9</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>	<i>June 16</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

<i>Sun:</i>	<i>May 26</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>	<i>June 2</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>
<i>Wed:</i>	<i>May 29</i>	<i>Ray Stanford</i>	<i>June 5</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>

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

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Allene Baldwin	June 21	Melinda Haas	June 30
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UPCOMING EVENTS (For particular details, check the bulletin board for flyers):

Next Sunday through Wednesday (June 2-5)

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

June 9-13

Vacation Bible School at Coldwater on *The Name of Jesus*. It will begin at 6 P.M. nightly.

July 20

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