

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
JULY 31, 2022

COVID, EXPOSED, OR SYMPTOMS: Several have been exposed to, are having symptoms of, or have tested positive for Covid. These include **Jeffery Clayton**, **Cody Hadley**, the **Houses (Lawayne, Peggy, and Ella)**, and **Wanda Jackson**. Fortunately, none are in serious danger, but there is concern that Ms. Wanda could develop into bronchitis.

SICK: **Kim Arrington** has been dealing with knee problems. **Carson Kinney** has had a very serious ear infection which resulted in his ear completely closing; it has begun to reopen now, but he has been in tremendous pain. **Keith Bailey (Kim Arrington's father)** is to have surgery tomorrow. **Jimmy Ferguson** (a former preacher here) is recovering from back surgery. **Tracy Greer** (a close friend of **Tabatha Clayton**) recently had a heart attack and a stroke; she is waiting to see a cardiologist and a neurologist. **Jane Haas (Wesley Haas' mother)** is in rehab recovering from her broken hip. **Trina McKinney (Mary Ray's grandson-in-law)** is now in Atlanta and is to have surgery August 27th for his prostate cancer. **Rex and Carol Oglesby** (kin to the **Browns**) are recovering from a mid-week car accident.

PROTRACTED: **Scooter Birmingham** (friend of **Destiny Clayton**); **Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)**—epilepsy; **Lauren Brown** (niece of **Paul Brown**)—heart; **Shelly Cates**—fibromyalgia; **Janet Daniel** (sister of **Melinda Haas**)—lupus; **Addiae 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; **Melinda Haas**—Lyme's Disease; **Cody Hadley**—Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever; **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; **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**); **Tommy Hensley** (uncle of **Paul Brown**)—liver; **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); **Trina McKinney (Mary Ray's grandson-in-law)**—prostate; **Dorothy Mosher** (wife of an MSOP instructor); **Carol Oglesby** (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** (at the **Arringtons'**); **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 (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

Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)

Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)

Jamie Long (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 XVI: Nehemiah

(Continued from last week) The key verses of the book are Nehemiah 4:6, which showed the success of the wall-builders and the reason for it: "for the people had a mind to work"; Nehemiah 13:24, which showed the deplorable state of the children of God's having been reared to speak the languages of God's enemies rather than that of God's people; and Nehemiah 13:31, which provided the beautiful closing sentiment of Nehemiah: "Remember me, O my God, for good." The key chapters of the book are Nehemiah 1 which shows Nehemiah's beautiful, sincere, and humble prayer (verses 4-11) and the aforementioned Nehemiah 3 which stresses the value of teamwork (in spite of one group's refusal to work--the nobles in Nehemiah 3:5).

Among many others, these wonderful lessons may be gleaned from this book: first, God expects man to do what he can (Neh. 2:17,18), for God could have miraculously fixed the walls but relied upon Nehemiah and the people--stated another way, God never does for man what man can do for himself; second, when the foundation is okay, one does not have to start from scratch (Neh. 3:4,6-24), for the job of many of the Jews was to repair the old not build new; third, while not all will do their required work (Neh. 3:5), none are exempt from obedience (Neh. 4:15), for every one had work to do; fourth, one must work even through opposition (Neh. 4:1-3), for Nehemiah and his brethren worked in spite of the opposition of Sanballat, the army of Samaria, Tobiah, and others; fifth, one must have a mind to work (Neh. 4:6), for this is how the Jews succeeded (cf Neh. 6:15); sixth, one defends where he is attacked (Neh. 4:20), for where the Jews heard the trumpet they rallied--this is why members of the Lord's church *must* spend so much time on the necessity of baptism or forsaking mechanical instruments or on church organization or on the one church and the sin of denominationalism!; seventh, God fights for His people (Neh. 4:20), for He could be relied upon to fight for His faithful builders; eighth, one must not compromise (Neh. 6:2), for compromise inhibits great work (Neh. 6:3); ninth, there is a need for preachers (cf Rom. 10:14), for people sometimes must hear "the sense" and be caused "to understand the reading" (Neh. 8:8); tenth, time does not cover sin (Neh. 13:1-3), for the Ammonite's and the Moabite's sins continued to be remembered; eleventh, young people must be taught the "language" of God--His Word, for if they are not, they will sound like the world rather than children of God (Neh. 13:24); twelfth, even God's beloved can sin, for even Solomon sinned (Neh. 13:26; one is called to remember the significance of Solomon's other name, Jedidiah in 2 Sam. 12:25, meaning "beloved of the

Lord"). Clearly, Nehemiah is a book which should be studied regularly and thoughtfully by those who want to serve God and what to serve Him in harmony with others who want to serve Him!

"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: Approximately how many people (rounded to the nearest thousand) died due to Korah's rebellion?

Last week's question: For whom was Nehemiah cupbearer?

Last week's answer: Artaxerxes (Nehemiah 2:1)

SERMONS: "Be Thou an Example" (1 Timothy 4:12)

"All the Counsel of God": Unity

DAILY BIBLE READING (August 1-7):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
2 Kings	20,21			22-25			
Zephaniah		1-3	Obadiah		1		
Habakkuk			1-3				
			Jeremiah		1,2	3-5	6-8

READ SCRIPTURE (JULY):

 Gavin Arrington (1 Timothy 4:12)

(AUGUST): Cody Hadley

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JULY):

 Carl Hounshell

(AUGUST): Thomas Massey

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JULY):

 Wesley Haas and Ray Stanford

(AUGUST): Paul Brown and Conor Cates

CLEAN BUILDING (JULY):

 Tabatha Clayton

(AUGUST): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

PREPARE COMMUNION (JULY):

 Shelly Cates

(AUGUST): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

PANTRY NEEDS:

 Please see the flyer of children's home needs in the foyer.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Keegan Arrington August 3 Thomas Massey August 27

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

Today

Potluck after the evening service.

August 11

Kathy Jones will begin a weekly **ladies-only class** on *teaching using visual aids* and other subjects on-line through Tri-Cities School of Preaching. It will Zoom from 6-8 our time. We are awaiting more information. If you are interested, you might contact Ms. Kathy (985-856-9016).