

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
DECEMBER 8 & 15, 2024

SYMPATHY: Corrine Elkins (friend to numerous here) passed away on the 3rd.

SICK: Conor Cates, Jeffrey Clayton, Ella Darnell, Lawayne House, April Kinney, Ray Stanford, Stu Tuttle, and Mary West have all been struggling with their health recently. Kim Arrington will have surgery on December 13th. Savannah Leeton (cousin of Katie Brown) will have to see a cardiologist. Carol Wells (friend of the Coopers) will have to see an ENT doctor on Christmas Eve.

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; 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); 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; 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 and Ruth 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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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

HOW WERE JESUS' FEET BONES UNBROKEN?

Daniel F. Cates

Looking at the only physical evidence for crucifixion which has been documented archaeologically, one sees the importance of this question. Years ago, an ossuary (or "bone box") was found containing the bones of a crucified man, Yehohanan. Nothing is known of his crime, and the only way that it is known he was crucified is that the box contained his ankle bone--with crucifixion nail embedded *through* it. Apologetics Press' *Reason and Revelation*, October, 2004 (24 (10):91), contained a photo of the ankle and nail with this description: "This rare find of a spiked nail through a human heelbone is the first archaeological evidence that the heels of crucified victims were nailed to a wooden cross, as described in the Bible." The nail is preserved in the bone likely due to its striking a knot in the wood and so twisting that it could not be removed without extra difficulty; therefore, the nail was tossed in the ossuary along with the bones.

Why is this important? Because if crucifixion *always* involved nailing through the ankle bone(s) then the prophecy to which John 19:36 refers would not have been fulfilled. That verse reads, "For these things [the piercing of Jesus' side rather than the breaking of his legs (John 19:32-34)-DFC] were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken." The prophecy itself reads, "He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken" (Psalm 34:20).

The case is that it was not necessary for nails to be driven through the ankle bones or any other bones. In reality, there were a number of positions in which people could be crucified, so, logically, there would be different locations for the various nails. Dr. C. Truman Davis writing on "The Passion of Christ from a Medical Point of View" (*Teacher*, March 13, 1986, Vol. 13, No. 3, p. 6) described one process (in context the one most likely used by the executioners of Jesus) thus: The left foot is pressed backward against the right foot, and with both feet extended, toes down, a nail is driven through the arch of each, leaving the knees moderately flexed. ... [T]here is the searing agony of the nail tearing through the nerves between the metatarsal bones of the feet." Note that the nail could be "between the bones." Such would have been the case with Jesus.

"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: According to Isaiah, what would "flow unto" "the mountain of the Lord's house"?

Last week's question: Of whom had Paul received the message that he delivered to the Corinthians?

Last week's answer: The Lord (1 Corinthians 11:33)

SERMONS: A.M.: Tony Solaita will preach Sunday morning the 8th. Chris Cook will preach Sunday morning the 15th.

P.M.: Chris Cook will teach evening class on the 8th. Tim Wilkes, II, will give a report on the 15th.

DAILY BIBLE READING (December 9-22):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
9th-15th	Philippians 1-4				Philemon		1
	Colossians	1-4			1 Peter		1,2
	Hebrews		1-4	5-7	8-10	11-13	
16th-22nd	1 Peter	3-5		Titus	1-3		
	2 Peter	1-3		2 Timothy	1-4		
	1 Timothy	1-3	4-6	1 John			1,2

READ SCRIPTURE (DECEMBER): Conor Cates (please see the preacher of the day)

(JANUARY): Thomas Massey

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (DECEMBER): Tony Solaita

(JANUARY): Carl Hounshell

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (DECEMBER): Paul Brown and Eryx Galeai

(JANUARY): Chris Cook and Wesley Haas

CLEAN BUILDING (DECEMBER): Thomas and Sheila Massey

(JANUARY): Maggie Cooper and Shelby Cooper

PREPARE COMMUNION (DECEMBER): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

(JANUARY): Tabatha Clayton

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

December 8 Carson Kinney

December 15 Cameron Hadley

December 22 Dan Cates

December 29 Dylan Cooper

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

Sun: December 8 Chris Cook

December 15 Cody Hadley

Wed: December 11 Carson Kinney

December 18 Dylan Cooper

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 15

Ladies Bible Class at 3:00 P.M. at the building.

December 26

We will have our Christmas **mid-week service** on Thursday night.

WELCOME VISITORS!