

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
DECEMBER 19, 2021

SYMPATHY: Paul Brown's uncle, Oliver Lee Hensley, passed away last weekend, the funeral was Wednesday.

SICK: Cody Hadley twisted and partially dislocated his knee on Wednesday. Bobby Stewart will have his hip surgery on December 28th. Carl Hounshell has a very close friend, Dale Kendall, who is hospitalized in Paoli, Indiana, with COPD. Dorothy Mosher's surgery has been moved tomorrow, December 20th.

PROTRACTED: Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Lauren Brown (niece of Paul Brown)—heart; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Addliae 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; 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; Bobby Stewart—needing hip replacement surgery; Tammy Turner (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; 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); 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); Dorothy Mosher (wife of an MSOP instructor); Carol Ogelsby (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; Tiffany Taylor (the Browns' friend); and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: Janice Bailey (home); 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 (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]

Kakinada, India [Providing Bibles and Overseeing Funds]
Memphis School of Preaching
Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)
Jim and Tammy Turner (Fairfield, North Carolina)
Trent Kennedy family (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)
Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]
Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)
Tennessee Children's Home, West
Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)
School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)
Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Daniel F. Cates

Part IV: Numbers

(Part IV: Numbers *continued from last week*) The numbering showed that the Jews of this time were not the Jews who had experienced the Exodus or had received the law at Sinai or even had been given the commands of Leviticus concerning their priests; rather, these were the children of those who had experienced and received the former things and had died in the wilderness; accordingly, they needed a record of where they, the second generation, had fit into the picture. In general, there was a need for this sequel to the sequel of a sequel, but especially was this for that generation! They needed to know their place before the God Whom their parents had failed in faithlessness.

The key words of the book are not necessarily the ones used most frequently, but they do convey the thoughts or themes of the book, showing the new generation of Jews what would be required of them and what they would face. Fifty times in the book is "serve" found in one of its forms ("serve," "served," "service"); its parallel "work" is found another sixteen times. God is a God Who demands obedience; though the means of obedience has changed under Christ's new law, God demands obedience no less today than He did in Moses' day. Another key word showed this younger generation what they could expect: "War." Thirty-one times, more than in any other book, the children of God were either being counted for war, being prepared for war, or were fighting a war. God's people are in no less of a fight today, though the fight be of a spiritual nature (Eph. 6:12; 2 Cor. 10:3,4).

The key verse of Numbers prescribed the length of the wandering in the wilderness; Moses wrote, "And your children shall wander in the wilderness forty years, and bear your whoredoms, until your carcasses be wasted in the wilderness" (Num. 14:33). Why forty years? A year for each day that the twelve spies were in the Promised Land (Num. 14:34; cf Num. 13:25). Why years for days, rather than days for days? Because that generation would not reach the Promised Land (Num. 14:22,23), and their posterity who would was not ready either physical age-wise or spiritual maturity-wise. The key passage is also the most beautiful; "And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them" (Num. 6:22-27). *(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 son returned to his father after "he came to himself"?

Last week's question: At His crucifixion, Jesus' clothes were divided into how many parts?

Last week's answer: Four (*John 19:23*)

SERMONS: AM: *What Parents Want for Christmas* (Exodus 20:12)

PM: "All the Counsel of God": 25th: Judging 26th: Judgment

Will Thomason will preach and teach on the 26th

DAILY BIBLE READING (December 20-January 2):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
20th-26th	Titus 1-3 2 Timothy	1-4	1 John 1,2	3-5 Revelation	2 John 1 3 John 1 Jude 1	1-3	4-6
27th-2nd	Revelation 7-9	10-12	13-15	17-18	19-22 Genesis	1,2	3-5

READ SCRIPTURE (DECEMBER): Thomas Massey (Ephesians 6:1-3)

(JANUARY): Will Thomason

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (DECEMBER): Carl Hounshell

(JANUARY): Thomas Massey

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (DECEMBER): Conor Cates and Wesley Haas

(JANUARY): Mario Arrington and Lawayne House

CLEAN BUILDING (DECEMBER): April Kinney and Melinda Haas

(JANUARY): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

PREPARE COMMUNION (DECEMBER): Shelly Cates

(JANUARY): April Kinney and Melinda Haas

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Syble Embrey	January 4	Levi Howell	January 9
Shelby Peyton	January 20	Karter Shamblin	January 30

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

Today

Christmas party for the young people at 2 P.M. Some will be remaining at the building after services this morning.

Midweek (December 21st)

Due to some traveling, we will have our *midweek service* Tuesday night.

February 6

Roger Chambers will be with us to report on his recent **Malawi mission trip.**