



# The Sunday Messenger



December 3, 2023  
Week 49 - Day 337

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## Welcome ... To Our Friends

*May you find our congregation friendly and our worship uplifting and to the glory of God. Please stay after worship so we may meet you, and do come back to worship with us again.*

## The JA family assembles for Worship and Study

### Sunday

Bible Class 9:00 AM  
Worship 10:00 AM  
Bible Study 6:00 PM

### Tuesday

Morning Bible Class 10:00 AM  
October - May

### Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Loving. Caring. Sharing.

## How Much Do You Know ... About the Bible?

16. What young boy killed a lion and a bear? \_\_\_\_\_
17. What in the New Testament is called "the letter"? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Who said, "By your patience possess your souls"? \_\_\_\_\_
19. What man was shot with darts after he hung on an oak tree?  
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20. What man put up his monument before he died? \_\_\_\_\_
21. What father who was 137 years old was concerned about his son of 37 being unmarried? \_\_\_\_\_
22. What father-in-law said to his son-in-law, "May the LORD watch between you and me when we are absent one from another"? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Who said that he would not make an offering to the Lord that cost him nothing? \_\_\_\_\_
24. Name within 25 the number of times the number seven is used in the Bible. \_\_\_\_\_
25. Who called whom "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no deceit"?  
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26. What were Bul and Zif? \_\_\_\_\_
27. Who was the first to erect a monument in memory of this dead?  
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28. What man aged 130 said his days had been few and evil?  
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29. Who accused a faithful prophet of being one that "troubles Israel"?  
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30. On what mountain did Elijah test the false prophets of Baal?  
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| 1. Foolish virgins (Matthew 25:8)                  | 10. Samson (Judges 14)  |
| 2. Damascus (2 Corinthians 11:32-33)               | 11. Elimelech, Mahlon and Chilion, Orpah and Ruth (Ruth 1:2-4)                        |
| 3. Jesus (Luke 6:26)                               | 12. Yes (1 Samuel 1:11-13)  |
| 4. Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-8)                         | 13. Samuel (1 Samuel 8:3)   |
| 5. Yes (Joshua 17:3)                               | 14. David (2 Samuel 18:3)   |
| 6. Christ (Luke 7:34)                              | 15. Three (By Solomon (2 Chronicles 3-5), Zerubbael (Ezra 5:2) and Herod (John 2:20)) |
| 7. No ()   |   |
| 8. Not a time ()                                   |   |
| 9. Four (Acts 26:5, Galatians 1:13-14, James 1:27) |   |



**On the Lord's Day ...  
We Worship God**

Welcome ... Jerry Ladd, Sr.  
Singing ... Jerry Ladd, Jr.

712 Jesus Is Coming Soon  
716 Sing to Me of Heaven  
867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way

Prayer ... Stephen Richardson  
903 There is Power in the Blood

*Lord's Supper*

Preside ... Larry Cochran  
Serve ... Bobby King, Rob Donaldson

Scripture ... Jared Cochran  
2 Corinthians 12:7

895 I'll Live in Glory  
Lesson ... Jerry Ladd, Sr.  
**Are Your Struggles a Burden or a Bridge**

915 Trust and Obey  
869 We're Marching to Zion

Closing Prayer ... Harvey Jones  
PowerPoint ... Matt Branch



Scan the QR code to view the scriptures for today's lesson, or select "Events" in the *YouVersion* Bible app.

**2 Corinthians 12:7**

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(7) And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure.

**Are Your Struggles a Burden or a Bridge**  
Sunday, December 3, 2023

- Philippians 4:6-9
- Matthew 26:14-15
- Matthew 26:47-50
- Matthew 27:1-5
- Philippians 4:11-13
- Philippians 4:19
- 2 Corinthians 12:7
- Matthew 11:28-30
- 1 Peter 5:7

**Prayer Requests**

Barbara Adkins & husband, Katie Sylvester's sister & brother-in-law  
Lauren Callahan  
Tim & Judy Chambers, Cyndi's parents

**Tara Coats**, cataract surgery tomorrow (Dec 4) and Dec 18  
**Darlene Cochran**, various health issues  
**Heather Cochran**, various health issues  
**Jean**, Rob's mom (melanoma)  
**BJ Fruedenthal**, cancer surgery  
**Chitika Gooch**, cataract surgery in Jan  
**Danny Gooch**, Chitika's brother, cancer  
**Shantra Gooch**, Chitika's daughter in law has cancer  
**Andy Hall**, friend of the Ladd's, throat cancer  
**Claytie Hall**, sister to Richard and Jean  
**Inez Hopwood**, friend of Rhoda  
**Daughter of Inez Hopwood**, stage 4 cancer  
**Ramona**, Rhoda's daughter  
**Velma Jennette**  
**Scarlett**, Velma's great niece  
**Alan Johnson**, Richard & Nancy's son  
**Donnie Johnson**, Richard & Jean's brother  
**Pam Johnson**, Richard's sister-in-law  
**Richard & Nancy Johnson**  
**Carlene Jones**  
**Peyton Keefe**, 2-year-old grandson of Amanda Anderson's friend, cancer  
**Carolyn Kimble**  
**Danny & Trish King**, brother & sister-in-law of Bobby  
**Anne Mae Lindsey**, Ashley & Stephen's grandmother  
**Dorothy Love**, fighting an infection  
**Phil McFarland and Margaret Rushing**;  
**Calvin Miles**, 5308 St. Thomas Midtown  
**Ruth Netterville**, Richard & Jean's sister  
**James Newberry**  
**Florence Nicks**, Rhoda's sister in law  
**Lonnie Petty**, friend of the Ladd's  
**Jeanna Pewitt**, Nancy's sister-in-law  
**Pat Richardson**, liver 5-year-old  
**John William (JW) Sneed**, Aubrey's 5-year-old cousin recovering from bone marrow transplant surgery, at home  
**Marie Ann Sneed**, James' cousin  
**David Taylor**, Theresa's brother  
**Peggy (husband, Mitch) Turner**, Velma's friend, who is battling cancer  
**Connie Watts**, niece of Carlene Jones, cancer  
**Sarah Whitaker**, James' cousin in KY  
**Barbara (cancer) & Cynthia Wilkerson**  
**Barbara Wilson**, friend of the Ladd's

**Shut-ins**

**Katie Sylvester** - Rolling Hills Apt/ 6535 Premier Dr. Apt #C-15, 37209-2947 (615) 839-7629 (macular degeneration, congestive heart failure)

**The Bible is God's Unchanging Standard**

Man is not left to "do his own thing" religiously. He has the Bible, God's unchanging standard upon which to build his life. Confusion comes when "Every man does that which was right in his own eyes" (Judges 17:6). When man becomes a law to himself and tries to direct his own affairs religiously he always makes a mess. "O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). Man left to himself does not manage his life well. The Bible is God's spiritual ruler or measuring stick. It is Heaven's unchanging standard. God has warned us about false prophets. He said there are many of them. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 John 4:1). Everything and everyone must be measured by the Bible. Only the truth will set you free spiritually. "And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). We need Jesus!  
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**Dec 16 Breakfast with Santa, 9 AM**  
**Dec 17 Singing night followed by monthly fellowship. This will be our Christmas get-together. Please bring a gift to exchange as we play a game.**

**Tuesday Morning Bible Class** this Tuesday at 10 AM. Come to learn more about God's Word, grab some coffee and fellowship with our family. We are studying Hebrews.

**December 2023 Milestones**

<b>Birthdays</b>	
<b>Ethan Aleman</b>	<b>12/02</b>
Rob Donaldson	12/12
Paula Ladd	12/12
Katie Sylvester	12/14
Jerry Stephens	12/15
Nancy Johnson	12/21
Tara Coats	12/24
Charlie Cochran	12/27

**About our JA Family**

<b>Contribution</b>	<b>2023 Avg</b>	
Last Week	\$1,000	\$1,442
Budget	\$1,500	\$1,500