



The Sunday Messenger



December 31, 2023

Week 53/1 - Day 365

James Ave. church of Christ

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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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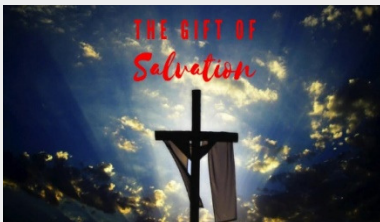
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Loving. Caring. Sharing.

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

74. Who said, "man is born to trouble, as the sparks fly upward"?

75. Name at least five traits of Cornelius?

76. Who said, "Stand up; I myself am also a man"?

77. Will all people die? _____

78. What preacher learned that he should call no man common or unclean?

79. Who was accused of being "a proclaimer of foreign gods"?

80. Who "spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing"?

81. Where was the altar, "To the Unknown God"?

82. Do all men have the same blood? _____

83. Who warned some men night and day with tears for three years?

84. What true friend remained with Paul while he was a prisoner in Rome?

61. NO (1 Samuel 9:2 - shoulders upward taller)

62. Cousins (Esther 2:15)

63. "Jesus of Nazareth the King of the Jews" (John 19:19)

64. Paul to Phillipian jailer (Acts 16:28)

65. NO (the Apostle - Acts 1:13; the evangelist - Acts 20:8; Acts 8:39-40)

66. Solomon (Song of Solomon 2:12)

67. Esther (Esther 4:14)

68. Jerusalem Christians (Acts 9:26)

69. Haman (Esther 9:13-14)

70. Feast of the Jews (Esther 9)

71. Wilderness of Sinai (Numbers 9:1-5)

72. Plains of Jericho (Joshua 5:10)

73. Alexandria Egypt (Acts 18:24)

Saturday night as I put together the *Sunday Messenger*, there was a special story on the news about all the celebrities and public figures that passed away in 2023 - some young, some old. It reminded me of the short time we have on this earth. We don't know when our time will end, but it will end. That is why it is so very important that we are prepared to meet GOD for eternity. Eternity is something we can't comprehend because we are finite; eternity is infinite.

God's Holy Word tells us that "faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17) I challenge each one to read the Bible every day in 2024 and compare your life to what God's Word says so that we all will find our name written in the Lamb's Book of Life on the Day of Judgment. *Larry*

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

Welcome ... Jerry Ladd, Sr.
Singing ... Larry Cochran

67 For the Beauty of the Earth
71 As the Deer
517 Heaven Came Down
458 Redeemed

Prayer ... Stephen Richardson
386 He Loves Me

Lord's Supper

Preside ... Jerry Ladd, Jr.
Serve ... Bobby King, Daniel Aleman

Scripture ... Jared Cochran
Hebrews 5:8-9

915 Trust and Obey

Lesson ... Jerry Ladd, Sr.
The Gift of Salvation

911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life
15 Step by Step

Closing Prayer ... Jerry Stephens
PowerPoint ... Stephen Richardson



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

<https://bible.com/events/49190544>

Hebrews 5:8-9

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(8) though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. (9) And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,

The Gift of Salvation

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- Hebrews 2:1-3
- John 3:16-17
- Romans 5:8
- 1 Corinthians 15:3
- 1 John 3:16
- Matthew 27:27-50
- 1 Peter 2:21-24
- Matthew 11:28-30
- Hebrews 10:9
- Hebrews 5:8-9
- John 14:2
- Romans 10:13
- Ephesians 1:3
- Acts 2:38

Prayer Requests

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

Tara Coats recovering from 2 cataract surgeries; virus

Florene, Tara's 107-year-old paternal aunt, in hospice

Jean, Rob's mom (melanoma)

Amy Doyle, cataract surgery

BJ Fruedenthal, cancer surgery

Chitika Gooch, cataract surgery in Jan Chitika's granddaughter

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

Peyton Keefe, 2-year-old grandson of

Amanda Anderson's friend, bone marrow transplant and treatments not working

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;

Laura Moore's husband and family

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

John Stark, Amy Ladd's uncle,

recent fall and broken bones

Dennis Swett, Ramona's

husband, Rhoda's son-in-law

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
Josh & Christi Wilson, virus

Shut-ins

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

Traveling ... Rob is in Florida with family for Christmas. Please pray for his safe return this week.

New Year's Eve ... since today is the eve of 2024, we will have a period of fellowship this evening after worship. Bring some chili and enjoy a time to be with family and help ring in the new year (probably not until midnight).

Tuesday Morning Bible Class

returns this Tuesday, Jan 2, 2024.

2024 Milestones

Birthdays	
January 2024	
Jared Cochran	01/08
Theresa King	01/11
Heather Cochran	01/19
Anthony Paul	01/22
Darlene Cochran	01/27
Wedding Anniversaries	
Bobby & Tammy Perry	01/26

About our JA Family

Contribution	2023 Avg	
Last Week	\$1,560	\$1,545
Budget	\$1,500	\$1,500

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

THE CHURCH IS THE LORD'S HOUSE.....1 TIM. 3:15
JESUS CHRIST IS ITS ONLY HEAD..... COL. 1:18, EPH. 1:22
THE SAVED ARE ADDED TO IT..... ACTS 2:47, COL. 1:13
CHRIST ATTENDS ITS ASSEMBLIES..... MATT. 18:20
CHRISTIANS NOT TO FORSAKE ASSEMBLIES..... HEB. 10:25

Example of Israelites:	Example of Jesus:	Example of Disciples:
Sabbath observance commanded... Ex. 20:8-11	as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day" (Luke 4:16)	Acts 2:41-47 Acts 5:42 Acts 20:7
Sabbath breakers punished... Ex. 35:2 Num. 15:32-36		1 Cor. 16:2

QUESTION: Will you be drawn closer to God at a place of worship or a place of rest and relaxation?