

**WELCOME ALL VISITORS:** Today, each of you is our honored guest. Please fill out a visitor's card and also linger after the service so we can get to know you better!

**June Birthdays**

11—Janet Agyepong

18—Shirley Abbott

18—Mike Kalinowski

27—Tyler Jones

**June Anniversaries**

14 — Roger & Alisa Leonard

**Serving This Week**

Sunday Morning	
Prayer Before Classes	Steve Jones
Announcements	<b>Tony Chance</b>
Singing	Steve Jones
First Prayer	TBD
Scripture Reading	N/A
Message	Larry Stokes
Lead Lord's Table	<b>Tony Chance</b>
Serve Table	TBD
Closing Prayer	Nana Agyepong
Sunday Evening	
Announcements	<b>Steve Jones</b>
Singing	Tony Chance
First Prayer	TBD
Message	Visitation video
Lead Lord's Table	<b>Mike Kalinowski</b>
Closing Prayer	TBD
Wednesday Evening	
First Prayer	<b>TBD</b>
Announcements	<b>Tony Chance</b>
Singing	Steve Jones
Devotional Message	Roger Leonard
Closing Prayer	TBD

**GOD'S PLAN FOR SAVING MAN**

God's Grace  
 Ephesians 2:8-9  
 The Blood of Christ  
 Romans 5:9  
 Repent of sins  
 Acts 3:19; 17:30  
 Confess Christ as the Son of God  
 Romans 10:9-10  
 Be baptized into Christ for the remission of sins  
 Galatians 3:27; Acts 2:38  
 Live a faithful Christian life  
 Revelation 2:10  
**TO REMAIN FAITHFUL**  
 Read Your Bible daily  
 Ps. 119:11; Matt. 4:4  
 Pray Without Ceasing  
 I Thess. 5:17  
 Add to Your Faith  
 2 Pet. 1:5-11  
 Assemble with the saints  
 Heb. 10:25  
 Do The Lord's Work  
 I Cor. 15:58

**Have You Obeyed the Gospel?**

**Record for the Week of  
 May 28, 2023**

A.M. Bible Study	<b>12</b>
A.M. Worship	<b>25</b>
P.M. Worship	<b>12</b>
P.M. Wednesday	<b>15</b>
Work Plan	<b>\$1500.00</b>
Love Offering	<b>\$ N/A</b>

# The Messenger

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**Assemblies**

Sunday Bible Study	9:30
A. M. Worship	10:30
P.M. Worship	5:00
Wed. Night Bible Study	7:00

**Welcome Visitors!**

We are pleased that you are here, and trust that the worship service will be uplifting and in harmony with God's Word. **Please return at your every opportunity.**

**WATCH**



DirecTV channel CW or Mediacom Cable TV channel 17, 7:30 a.m. Sundays.

Missionary in Nicaragua  
 Javier Nuñez

**QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ASKED**

*Roger L. Leonard*

Questions about James 5:14. (I'm adding v. 15.)

James 5:14-15 (NASB) *Is anyone among you sick? Then he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; 15 and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him.*

*The questions:* Was this done outside the church assembly? When was this practice discontinued? Was it written after the Gentiles became Christians? Was it in reference to Matt. 9:2-6? (Linda Hester.)

*Answers.*

James was written about A.D. 40 to Jewish Christians. The historical setting is during the age of miracles, which affects the meaning of James 5:14, 15.

*The context.* Someone would have been so sick that they could not have been in the assembly, so the elders would be called upon to come to them.

*What was to happen?* The elders were to come and 1) pray a "prayer of faith" over the infirm individual, which would cause the sick one to be raised up (or "save him that is sick", ASV) by the

Lord. The prayer of faith results from the faith of the praying elders. There was clearly promise of healing, not a mere possibility. This leads us to conclude that this was miraculous. We have an event in Mark 9:14-29, where the Lord rebuked His disciples due to a lack of faith and failure to pray to drive out a demon. So prayer and faith are critical. (The querist also asked if this related to Matt. 9:2-6. That text concerns proof of Jesus' divinity, and although very similar, providing both healing and forgiveness of sins, they are not quite the same. However, the results are the same.)

*First century setting.* There were members in the early church who possessed "gifts of healing" (1 Cor. 12:9). This was obviously the case with early church elders. Their "prayer of faith" in the power of God would cause the sick individual to be raised up, that is, fully healed. Now, does this same power exist today? No. We read in 1 Cor. 12:28-31; 13:8-13, and Eph. 4:11-16, where the Holy Spirit expressly taught that all of the miraculous gifts/powers were of limited duration and were to cease with the apostolic age. There were but two ways at that time to receive the power of the Holy Spirit: 1) The baptism of the Holy Spirit on the apostles (Acts 2:1-11; 5:12, 13), and 2) by the laying on of hands by the apostles (Acts 8:14-18). Once the apostles died, no one else received miraculous gifts.

*What about the anointing with oil?* There are various explanations, but olive oil does contain medicinal properties. The Samaritan "came to [the injured man] and bandaged up his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them" (Luke 10:34). Some see the oil as symbolic of the elders' prayers. Regardless, the sick would have been miraculously healed by the Lord, apart from the oil.

*Finally, forgiveness of one's sins may have been needed.* Verse 16 teaches that confession is essential when forgiveness is required. Contextually, the confession would have been made public and forgiveness consequently granted. However, the Lord alone can ultimately forgive sins, not elders. (Isa. 43:25; Matt. 6:12; I John 1:9.)

**Prayer List:** Shut-ins: ♦Cynthia Hey. ♦Grace Watson, Tony Chance's mother in the Berrien Nursing Center in Nashville. ♦June Nichols is not sure what is wrong with his legs. ♦Linda Hester will see dr. on Tuesday for possible surgery. ♦Aubrey Webb, Sammie Webb's son, has elevated PSA ♦Franky Hester is recuperating. ♦Lossie Abbott and Shirley Abbott have ongoing health issues. ♦Kathy Jones' mother, Gloria Pharr, has bladder cancer. ♦Dorothy Agyepong's sister, Catherine Thomas, is still in rehab in Tifton. ♦Peter Wandera's wife Doreen has been suffering a lot after recent childbirth. And one of their children has malaria. ♦Remember our missionary in Nicaragua, Javier Nuñez and his wife, Xiomara, who is receiving potassium injections. ♦Sympathy to Pam Myers and family (Lynn O'Neal's sister-in-law) in the death last Tuesday of Pam's sister, Tracy Colwell. ♦Lynn O'Neal is having back trouble.

**Restoration in Nicaragua:** Carlos Nuñez, son of Javier, was recently restored after being away from the Lord for a long time. He also has mouth cancer.

Please **put in writing** any updates for *The Messenger* or *public announcements* and give them to Alisa or Roger. The bulletin has no ears! :) Thank you.

**Today's messages:**

A.M.: Larry Stokes will be preaching while Roger is in TN.

P.M.: Video on how to do the Habanero Visitation Program

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