

ONE YEAR BIBLE READING (4/9-4/120)

4/09	Joshua 10, 11, 12	Luke 10:1-24
4/10	Joshua 13, 14, 15	Luke 10:25-42
4/11	Joshua 16, 17, 18	Luke 11:1-28
4/12	Joshua 19, 20, 21	Luke 11:29-54
4/13	Joshua 22, 23, 24	Luke 12:1-31
4/14	Judges 1, 2, 3	Luke 12:32-59
4/15	Judges 4, 5, 6	Luke 13:1-22
4/16	Judges 7, 8	Luke 13:23-35
4/17	Judges 9, 10	Luke 14:1-24
4/18	Judges 11, 12	Luke 14:25-35
4/19	Judges 13, 14, 15	Luke 15:1-10
4/20	Judges 16, 17, 18	Luke 15:11-32



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HAVING RETURNED HOME

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Much of the world has learned the definition of the word “Quarantine.” The pandemic of 2020 shall long be marked by sorrowful deaths and loss. To “flatten the Curve” our government has issued “stay in place edicts.” Stay in place meaning to remain in a safe place of protection. Our homes are still considered to be that place of safety. For much of the last half of the past century, people have shifted so far away from home that it seems strange that we have to return by government policy! What can we learn from it all? While answers to this question may vary here are my humble thoughts.

Having returned home has reminded us to be thankful. Colossians 3:15 – *“And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”* So thankful that God has blest our family with a place called home. While many have so minimized the concept of home that they no longer think it important – home is still where the heart is. Homelessness in our world is very real and while we labor to alleviate it, we are thankful to have a home that may be used to His glory (Psa. 127:1).

Having returned home we have learned the value of the “little things” and words carefully spoken. Proverbs 25:11 – *“A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.”* Gathering around a table with family for games and puzzles has been very meaningful or memorable. In the early days of marriage, we gathered because we couldn’t afford to spend what we did not have – games and puzzles were our escape. But try telling this to your kids – what a story! Quality time is never wasted when your (Continued on page 3)

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ELDERS

Tom Behel

Walter Calhoun

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Todd Van Etten

PRAYER CONCERNS

CHRONICALLY ILL MEMBERS: Murthie and Ellena Daniely, Nancy Guyton, Donna Hall, Dennis Hancock, Stacey Partain

MEMBERS

Kelly Anderson, undergoing neurological tests

Erlene Bray, at the home of her daughter Sherrie for the next several weeks

Sherrie Eardley, recovering from C-Diff

Odell Hill, continuing to have health issues

Kiel Hall, chemo has her not feel well

Tom Horton, issues with health due to cancer treatments

Suzanne Odom, doctor's report was good although she still has several weeks of recovery from her foot surgery

Geoffrey Turner, a cousin who lives in Chicago, IL died this past week

Joni Van Etten, is doing better

Debbie Wallen, recovering from surgery on ankle

CONTINUED FAMILY CONCERNS: Tammy Behel, Andrea Bivins, Marie Camp, Julie Carroll, Murthie and Ellena Daniely, Bill Harvey, Buck and Carol Herring, Al Kunkle, Barbara Matthews, Evie Nicholson, Roxanne Oppy, Ken and Mary Lynn Pollard, Tara Stokes, Faye Wilson, Paul Wilson, Shaun Wilson, Maxine Word, Karen Yeager

ALSO, PLEASE REMEMBER:

Pat Brooks (Debra Anderson's mother), cancer patient

Barbara Hallford (Cindy Bray's mother), will have heart valve replacement surgery once pandemic is over

Alex Nowell (Kay Johnson's nephew), has improved some but still has a long recovery from a serious motorcycle accident

Richard Menninger, as he goes through his cancer treatments

Bob Sisk (Karen Yeager's father), is home and is under hospice

Jo Sisk, Karen and Rick Yeager, prayers for them as they take care of Brother Sisk

Please keep all of the front line workers during this pandemic in your prayers.

Be sure and check "joewillie" prayer list that will go out Thursday, April 9. Email faye.calhoun@cox.net for any prayer request to go on the list.

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children are entertained with the "little things" that make for solid relationships. When you learn to appreciate the little things (a picture, a book, game, old Bible, a toy, I love you, etc.) the family audience is no longer captive, but captivated. We enjoy making memories because of "little things" and words carefully spoken.

There is an appreciation for the family altar. Just to stop, pause and render devotion to the One who cares for us (1 Peter 5:7). The family altar is not a matter for argumentation; it is a matter of demonstration! Daily devotionals have long been a part of our family. The added dimension of the Covid - 19 pandemic and family and friends who have been impacted has uncovered our true dependency in God who answers prayer and brings order out of the chaos. We miss attending the worship services and the sweet of fellowship brethren. We are at home and are desirous for an end to the present crisis, but if not, God will take care of us. Why? Because we are Family.

We rather like having returned home. God bless our homes. Matthew 6:25-26 – *"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?"*

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Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.