

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
FEBRUARY 5, 2023

SYMPATHY: Sherry Brown (long-time secretary of the Memphis School of Preaching) passed away last week in Alabama.

SICK: Lawayne House and Mary Ray were under the weather this past week. Thomas Massey was in an automobile accident on Monday. He is banged up, but fared far better than he could have; he believes a lot of his pain is from his seat belt, but the seat belt definitely did its job! Sonny Stewart will have some more carcinomas removed soon. Denae Miller continues to covet our prayers for her recovery from back surgery and anticipation of gall bladder surgery.

PROTRACTED: Kim Arrington—elbow; Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Lauren Brown (niece of Paul Brown)—heart; Suzanne Brown—arthritis; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; Janet Daniel (sister of Melinda Haas)—lupus; Addliae Farrow (Tabatha Clayton's great niece)—heart; Ella Cobb, granddaughter of the Houses—seizures; Elizabeth Ferguson (wife of former preacher here)—dementia; Jimmy Ferguson (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; Jane Haas (Wesley Haas' mother)—hip; Melinda Haas—Lyme's Disease; Cody Hadley—Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever; Kaylie Hadley—UCTD; Paula Harrison—Meniere's Disease; Lorraine Hounshell; Jason House—intestine surgery on March 14th; 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; 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; Francis Wallace (friend of Mary Ray); Anthony and Rita Stacks (nephew-in-law and niece of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey)—strokes and Alzheimers, respectively; and Jerry Worthington (neighbor of the Hounshells)—physical and emotional difficulties.

CANCER: Jerry Baldwin (niece of Allene Baldwin)—lung; Alicia Busby (from the community); Tish Clarke (wife of the MSOP director)—melanoma; Gary Darnell (Ella Darnell's son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; Nathan Jones (the Hounshells' neighbor's son)—brain; Sara Kiestler (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; Wade Loggins (member of congregation in Elkmont, AL); Trina McKinney (Mary Ray's grandson-in-law)—prostate; Dorothy Mosher (wife of an MSOP instructor); Carol Ogelsby (family of Sonny Stewart and the Browns)—stomach; Tommy Pierce (the Browns' friend); Ruby Reynolds (Sheila Massey's mother); John Riley (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; and Tabby Waters (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: Janice Bailey (at the Arringtons'), Orelia Ferguson (home), Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is in a care center in Pensacola, FL), Lorraine Hounshell (home), and Ruth House (Lawayne House's mother who is at home).

SERVING: Cameron Hadley (Grayson Hadley's dad—Marines, stateside before long). 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 (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

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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)

Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)

Jamie Long (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)

Warm Heart Missions (Roger Chambers)

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Daniel F. Cates

Part XXVIII: Hosea

Adultery--what an abominable concept, and what an even more serious sin! That terrible, adulterous state was a state in which God's children of Israel often found themselves as God had said they would (Deu. 31:16; Jud. 2:17; 8:27,33; 1 Chr. 5:25; Jer. 3:8; Eze. 16:35; 23:37; cf Mark 8:38). Some of the most powerful teaching tools are object lessons; the book of Hosea is just that, an object lesson to demonstrate the adulterous way which God was treated by His people. The first of what are commonly called the Minor Prophets is perhaps the saddest, because it shows the unrequited love of Hosea for his wife as an analogy of the unrequited love of God for Israel and Judah.

The book is named for the prophet Hosea, whose name carries the idea of "deliverer" or "salvation" being a form of the same Hebrew word from which came the names Joshua and Jesus. Hosea is explicitly named as the one unto whom "the word of the LORD ... came" (Hos. 1:1), as the one by whom "the beginning of the word of the LORD" came, and as the one to whom the Lord spoke (Hos. 1:2). Hosea has often been referred to as "the prophet with a broken heart"--which would indicate that God has been "the God with a broken heart." He was son of Beeri (Hos. 1:1), of whom nothing is known, and more importantly the husband of Gomer (Hos. 1:3), whose name ironically means "perfect," who was a "wife of whoredoms" (Hos. 1:2). Hosea was father of Jezreel (Hos. 1:3-5), Loruhamah (Hos. 1:6-8), and Loammi (Hos. 1:8-11)--each of these names bears significance: Jezreel means "God will sow," Loruhamah means "not pitied," and Loammi means "not my people" and counter-significance in the latter two cases without the negating Hebrew prefix "Lo" (Hos. 2:1). Due the repeated naming of Ephraim (thirty-seven times), Hosea may have been of that tribe.

Hosea wrote in the late 700s B.C., since he prophesied through the reigns of Jeroboam II (782-753 B.C.) in Israel and Uzziah (767-740 B.C.), Jotham (740-736 B.C.), Ahaz (736-716 B.C.), and Hezekiah (716-687) in Judah; accordingly, the book would have been finished sometime after 716 B.C. Ultimately the book was produced in Judah (for Israel had been destroyed); however, some was probably written from the

Northern Kingdom itself given repeated references to Israel, Ephraim, and Samaria (eighty-seven times between them, while Judah is only mentioned fifteen times). (*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: How long did Josiah reign?

Last week's question: Who originally wrote the "eye for eye" law?

Last week's answer: Moses as instructed by God (Exodus 21:1,24)

SERMONS: Young Josiah's Example for All (2 Chronicles 34:1-3)

"All the Counsel of God": Questions to Ask—United Church of Christ

DAILY BIBLE READING (February 6-12):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Exodus	32-34	35-37	38-40				
Leviticus				1-4	5-7	8-10	11-13

READ SCRIPTURE (FEBRUARY): Conor Cates (2 Kings 23:2,3)

(MARCH): Savion Rayson

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (FEBRUARY): Lawayne House

(MARCH): Dylan Cooper

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (FEBRUARY): Wesley Haas and Savion Rayson

(MARCH): Gavin Arrington and Paul Brown

CLEAN BUILDING (FEBRUARY): Thomas and Sheila Massey

(MARCH): Tabatha Clayton

PREPARE COMMUNION (FEBRUARY): Tabatha Clayton

(MARCH): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

PANTRY NEEDS: A list of **Children's Home** needs is in the foyer.

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

March 26-30

The **Memphis School of Preaching** lectures on *Wisdom Is the Principle Thing*. We have been asked to provide 25 cakes for Monday the 27th.

April 25

A truck from the **Tennessee Children's Home** will be here. Please see the lists in the foyer for their particular needs.

June 4-7

We will host our **Gospel meeting** with Billy Bland preaching.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today! Please take a few minutes and fill out an attendance card for us so that we can have a record of your attendance.