

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
FEBRUARY 12, 2023

SICK: Wanda Jackson recently had some dental work done. Sonny Stewart will have some more carcinomas removed soon. Johnny Dortch, husband of Katie Brown's boss, has been hospitalized and awaiting surgery as of midweek. Denae Miller continues to covet our prayers for her recovery from back surgery and anticipation of gall bladder surgery. Tyler Smart, friend of Cody Hadley, is in the hospital.

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

(Continued from last week) Hosea wrote to Israel (as one people), who was symbolized in Hosea's wife Gomer (Hos. 3:3-4), to show in a very touching way not only the spiritual adultery committed by Israel, but also God's continuing love in spite of that rejection.

The key words of the book are "love" (seven times), showing Hosea's and God's unrequited love and Gomer's and Israel's misplaced love; "whoredom" (fourteen times between singular and plural usage and twice more as "whoring"), showing the shameful sin of Gomer and God's people; "return" (sixteen times in its present and past forms), showing what should have been but was not, what was expected, what would be ultimately, and what would or would not be performed of God--so broadly used is this word; and "know" (ten times and three more as "knowledge"), showing nearly as many things as "return." A key phrase is "the pride of Israel" which is found twice as a testimony preceding the fall of Israel and Judah (Hos. 5:5) and as a testimony demonstrating their lack of repentance (Hos. 7:10). The key verses of the book are Hosea 4:1 which showed the lacking state of the land and Hosea 11:1 which showed the original love of God for His people. The key chapter is Hosea 1 with its laying the foundation of Hosea's taking a wife and her bearing children--it may be of no significance, but the wording "bare him" is merely "bare" in the latter two instances of Gomer's having children; perhaps these were not Hosea's.

There are a number of important lessons in Hosea, including these: first, marriage is sacred (cf. Gen. 2:24; Mat. 19:3-9; Eph. 5:28-31); second, an unfaithful wife is tantamount to no wife (Hos. 2:2); third, ignorance destroys (Hos. 4:6); fourth, God's love must not be allowed to go unrequited (Hos. 11:3); fifth, though man may leave God; nonetheless, God's long-suffering, mercy, and love are none-the-less (Hos. 11:4,7-9; 14:1,4).

There are many type-antitype relationships in Scripture, and while the comparing of Hosea and Gomer to God and Israel might be put in that category, perhaps it is netter to think of these as analogous since types concerned themselves with future fulfillment, while Hosea typified God of that time and Gomer typified Israel of

that time.

"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: What centurion was "of the cohort of Augustus"?

Last week's question: How long did Josiah reign?

Last week's answer: Thirty-one years (2 Chronicles 34:1)

SERMONS: How to Destroy the Church in Six Easy Steps (Hosea 4:5)

Turning Points : Introduction and Chapter 1: The Creation

DAILY BIBLE READING (February 13-19):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Leviticus	14-16	17-19	20-23	24-27			
Numbers					1-3	4-6	7-10

READ SCRIPTURE (FEBRUARY): Conor Cates (Hosea 4:5,6)

(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

UPDATED DIRECTORY: Please check the church directory in the foyer to make sure your information is accurate.

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

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

Next Sunday (February 19)

Youth devotional after evening services.

March 19

Youth devotional after evening services.

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.