

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
FEBRUARY 19, 2023

RESPONSES: Sheila Massey and Stephanie Lord (the Houses' daughter) both responded to the invitation Sunday morning; let us pray for them during what are stressful times for both.

SYMPATHY: Allene Baldwin's nephew, Gary Baldwin, passed away in Texas recently.

SICK: Janice Bailey has really been struggling recently with more serious seizures and other great health concerns. Shelly Cates will have an injection for her pain on March 1st. April Kinney is facing an upcoming surgery. Sonny Stewart will have some more carcinomas removed soon. Roland McClure's outpatient surgery was successful on Friday. Denae Miller continues to covet our prayers for her recovery from back surgery and anticipation of gall bladder surgery. Erica Swindoll (the Massey's daughter) is pregnant, but there is high risk.

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 XXIX: Joel

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain" (Joel 2:1) was the plea of God through Joel, for the enemies were approaching! The enemies approached as weapons in the judgment of God (Joel 1:15) against a people who, from the least to the greatest--even the priests and elders (Joel 1:13,14), had turned from God and needed to repent (Joel 2:12,13). Who was the source of the message: Jehovah. Who is God? "Jehovah is God"--so signified in the name of the one through whom Jehovah spoke, Joel (Joel 1:1). Not much is known of the author other than his father, Penuel, and the suggestion given the audience of the book that Joel was from Judah; moreover, it is thought he may have written from Judah as well, perhaps or even likely from the capital Jerusalem.

The date of the book has long been a matter of great debate, with options ranging from the 800s B.C. to the 500s or even 400s B.C., after the return from exile. Some of the arguments for the latter date, from Curtis A. Cates, Sr., are the lack of kings (Joel 2:14-17) [certainly typical of the period from 586 B.C. onward], the standing temple (Joel 2:17) [following the reconstruction under Zerubbabel], and the standing city walls (Joel 2:7) [which had been rebuilt by Nehemiah]. Curtis A. Cates, Sr., would answer the applying of these arguments only to a post-exilic date, suggesting that these are not fatal to an earlier time period, even one during the time of the kings, for the lack of kings could place the book during the minority of Joash [841-835 B.C.]--when Queen Athaliah was attempting to usurp his throne but Jehoiada was harboring him (2 Chr. 24). At that time, the temple of Solomon yet would be standing and the city walls would not yet have been breached. While Assyria, Babylon, and Syria are not mentioned (their inclusion would well fit a date beyond the late 700s to the 400s B.C.), earlier enemies like Tyre and Sidon and Philistia, "the coasts of Palestine, (Joel 3:4), and Egypt and Edom (Joel 3:19), and the Sabeans (Joel 3:8) are [the inclusion of Grecians (Joel 3:6), who really enter the Bible picture more-so in the prophecies of Daniel, is not overly harmful to this point, because that people was established by that time though limited geographically to and area appropriately referred to as "far from" the Jews' border]. (*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: What was Euroclydon?

Last week's question: What centurion was "of the cohort of Augustus"?

Last week's answer: Julius (Acts 27:1)

SERMONS: Savion Rayson will preach this morning

Turning Points : Chapter 2: The Fall

DAILY BIBLE READING (February 20-26):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Numbers	11-14	15-17	18-20	21-24	25-27	28-30	31-33

READ SCRIPTURE (FEBRUARY): Conor Cates (Please see Savion)

(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):

Today (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.

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. Once you have filled out a card, please hand it to one of the members, or lay it onto the pew.