

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
FEBRUARY 26, 2023

SICK: Kennadee Arrington, Conor Cates, and Jaden Lord (the Houses' grandson) were under the weather at different points this past week. 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, March 21. Karter Shamblin has been having ear infections and may be facing surgery to remove his tonsils and adenoids. Sonny Stewart had the rest of his carcinomas removed on Thursday. Denae Miller continues to covet our prayers for her recovery from back and gall bladder surgeries. 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

(Continued from last week) Two other evidences fit the earlier date: first, the book is quoted in Amos and Isaiah; second, the "Valley of Jehoshaphat" (Joel 3:2,12,14) may be a symbolic reference to the battle in 2 Chronicles 20--which had occurred in the early to mid-800s, less than a generation earlier than Josiah's minority. A reasonable date of the book would, then, fit the time of wicked Athaliah--the early 830s B.C. The book was written specifically to Zion (Joel 2:1,15,23), Jerusalem, and, likely, more generally to Judah.

The purpose of the book was to urge Judah to repent (Joel 1:8,13,14; 2:12-14) in the face of coming enemies--those enemies that had plagued God's people so long, while revealing a future hope (Joel 2:28-32)--which would be fulfilled in Acts 2, nearly a millennium later. As was mentioned, the very name Joel would be a reminder of Who was in charge: Jehovah, Who is God!

The key words of the book are "cry" (found three times; once as what should be done, once as what Joel did, and once as what even the beast did); "weep" (in two forms found once each; as "weeping" accompanying repentance and as "weep" for what the priests were to do, crying out to God); "lament"(found twice; in the need of God's people to "lament like a virgin" whose husband has died prematurely, and in the action of the priests); and "howl" (found three times; twice in the same setting as weeping and lamenting and once in shame for the harvest had gone un-reaped). Ultimately, all of these key words point to what should accompany returning to the Lord! The key phrase follows, literally, for the repentance was to be done in view of the coming great and terrible of " day of the Lord" (found five times). The key verse is Joel 2:13, the condition of God's repentance was the sincere, rending the heart, repentance of His people! The key passage is the ultimate expression of God's grace and mercy, Joel 2:28-32, pertaining to the establishment of the Lord's spiritual kingdom, picture deliverance in Zion for "whosoever shall call in the name of the Lord."

The key lessons include these: first, destruction for sin may be progressive, but it will be complete--pictured prophetically as the locust attack which would strip all vegetation of a tree in a matter of minutes (Joel 1:4); second, repentance, really any compliance with God's law, must begin with the leaders of a people--priests and elders in the text, but really any who are over others must equally submit to God (Joel 1:13,14); third, God wants preachers to do their jobs--in the case of Joel's day to plead to God, while in this day the plea is to God for mercy and man for obedience to the Gospel (Joel 2:17); fourth, decision precedes judgment (Joel 3:14; cf Josh. 24:15; John 6:67); fifth, God's enemies will fall, and His people will be blessed

(Joel 3:19-20). The book of Joel, one of the so-called Minor Prophets, proves that though a book may be small, it can be of great importance and may contain great lessons!

"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: On what island was Paul shipwrecked?

Last week's question: What was Euroclydon?

Last week's answer: "A tempestuous wind" that drove Paul's ship (Acts 27:14,15)

SERMONS: What the Church Needs (2 Pet. 1:8)

Turning Points : Chapter 3: The Promise

DAILY BIBLE READING (February 27-March 5):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Numbers	34-36						

Deuteronomy	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-16	17-19	
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READ SCRIPTURE (FEBRUARY):

Conor Cates (2 Pet. 1:5-7)

(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.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS:

Ray Stanford	March 3	Tucker Clayton	March 9
Orelia Ferguson	March 12	Jeffery Clayton	March 14
Suzanne Brown	March 15	Grayson Hadley	March 31

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

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.