

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MARCH 5, 2023

SICK: Carolyn Stanford had a serious stroke on Monday; she has been in ICU at Methodist University. Please keep Ray and the rest of the family in your prayers. Janice Bailey has really been struggling recently with more serious seizures and other great health concerns. 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. 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; the due date is early October.

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 XXX: Amos

While the "Minor Prophets" are so named due to their sizes relative to the "Major Prophets" [rather than due to any inferiority content wise], there are some exceptions to the rule; for instance, the "major" prophecies of Daniel and Lamentations are twelve and five chapters, respectively, while the prophecies of Hosea and Zechariah (fourteen chapters) are yet considered "minor." Amos at nine chapters falls a little shorter than these two and Daniel, but is longer than Lamentations; in no wise, however, is it of any less value than any of the other Biblical books! It is a Divinely inspired book which poignantly and accurately foretold Israel's fall and the sinfulness which hastened it while giving hope for an assured future revival--and it is loaded with lessons for God's people today or in any other age.

Amos was not some classically trained prophet [he had not studied under some prophet like Elijah, and certainly had not presumptuously acted as something he was not]; he had been "among the herdmen of Tekoa" (Amos 1:1) "a gatherer of sycomore fruit" who was not even "a prophet's son" (Amos 7:14); he was a prophet nonetheless, though, for "the LORD said unto [him-DFC], Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. ... Prophecy not against Israel, and drop not *thy word* against the house of Isaac" (Amos 7:15,16). Among his prophecy was the book at hand (Amos 1:1; 7:8; 8:2). He was from Tekoa, south of Bethlehem, but may have prophesied in Jerusalem (Amos 1:2) and Bethel (Amos 7:13), though those references could merely represent the source and object of his prophecy. Of his personal nature, nothing else is revealed in Scripture,

Amos prophesied in the mid-700s B.C. , for he prophesied in the days of Judah's Uzziah (767-740 B.C.) and Israel's Jeroboam II (782-753 B.C.); the earthquake mentioned with these in Amos 1:1 likely refers to the one mentioned which was mentioned also by Zechariah (14:4-5, "... ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: ...") and, extra-biblically, by Josephus (*Antiquities of the Jews*, IX.x.4) who wrote, "While Uzziah was in this state, ... In the mean time a great earthquake shook the ground and a rent was made in the temple, and the bright rays of the sun shone through it, and fell upon the king's face, insomuch that the leprosy seized upon him immediately. And before the city, at a place called Eroge, half the mountain broke off from the rest on the west, and rolled itself four furlongs, and stood still at the east mountain, till the roads, as well as the king's gardens, were spoiled by the obstruction." (*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: Who was "the chief man of" Melita?

Last week's question: On what island was Paul shipwrecked?

Last week's answer: Melita/Malta (Acts 28:1)

SERMONS:

 What Money Cannot Buy (1 Timothy 6:9,10)

Turning Points : Chapter 4: The Giving of the Law

DAILY BIBLE READING (March 6-12):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Deuteronomy	20-22	23-25	26-28	29-31	32-34		
Joshua						1-3	4-6

READ SCRIPTURE (MARCH): Savion Rayson (1 Tim. 6:9,10)

(APRIL): Dylan Cooper

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH): Dylan Cooper

(APRIL): Savion Rayson

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH): Gavin Arrington and Paul Brown

(APRIL): Sonny Stewart and Conor Cates

CLEAN BUILDING (MARCH): Tabatha Clayton

(APRIL): Suzanne and Katie Brown

PREPARE COMMUNION (MARCH): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

(APRIL): Shelly Cates

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):

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.