

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
MARCH 12 & 19, 2023

**REJOICE:** Jaydon Lord was baptized Sunday afternoon.

**SICK:** Carolyn Stanford is in room 507 at Methodist University receiving comfort care; please continue to keep Ray and the rest of the family in your prayers. Janice Bailey had another serious seizure last weekend; please continue to pray for the Arringtons. Wanda Jackson had surgery to have a cancerous spot removed early this week. April Kinney is facing an upcoming surgery, March 21. Mary Ray has been suffering with health and discouragement. Karter Shamblin will have surgery to remove his tonsils and adenoids and to put tubes in on April 18. 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; Denae Miller (occasional visitor)—recovering from surgeries; 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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**Services:** Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 4:45 p.m. (pew-packers), 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.

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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

(Continued from last week) Amos prophesied to Israel (Amos 1:1; 7:9-13,16-17), for the four-fold purpose of warning them that judgment was imminent (Amos 2:6-16), showing that they had brought it upon themselves (Amos 2:11,12), urging repentance (Amos 5:4,6,8,14; 8:12), and assuring that a better future awaited (Amos 9:11-15).

The key words of the book are "captivity"/"captive," "evil," and "seek." The two forms of "captivity" are used nine and four times, respectively, representing Israel's captivity (Amos 7:11,17) specifically "beyond Damascus" (Amos 5:27), the captivities of Israel's neighbors, their roles in Israel's captivity, and, ultimately, Israel's being brought again from captivity (Amos 9:14). "Evil" appears seven times; the word for evil may represent moral evil or merely bad as it does in Amos 3:6, "... shall there be evil in a city, and the LORD hath not done *it*?" "Seek," found six times, is used for seeking God (Amos 5:4,6,8) "not Bethel" (Amos 5:5) and "good, and not evil"; it is also used to show that there comes a time when it is too late to seek the Lord (Amos 8:11,12, "Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*."). The key phrase is "For three transgressions ... and for four"; found eight times--all in the first two chapters, the phrase demonstrates the complete deserving of punishment of Damascus (Amos 1:3), Gaza (Amos 1:6), Tyrus (Amos 1:9), Edom (Amos 1:11), Ammon (Amos 1:13), Moab (Amos 2:1), Judah (Amos 2:4), and Israel (Amos 2:6).

The key verse expresses God's anger at Israel's not walking with Him (Amos 3:3, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"). The key passage, Amos 5:14-15, concerns loving and choosing good and hating and not choosing evil so that Israel might have life and experience the Lord's graciousness. The key chapters are the ones concerning the judgment of the nations (Amos 1,2). (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 was Paul in Rome before he "called the chief of the Jews together"?

Last week's question: Who was "the chief man of" Melita?

Last week's answer: Publius (Acts 28:7)

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**SERMONS:** A.M.: Who Jesus Is to Us (1 Corinthians 1:23,24)

P.M.: *Turning Points* : Chapter 5: Give Us a King, Part 1

*Savion Rayson will be preaching and teaching on the 19th*

### DAILY BIBLE READING (March 13-26):

		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
13th-19th	<b>Joshua</b>	7-9	10-12	13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24	
20th-26th	<b>Judges</b>	5-8	9-12	13-15	16-18	21-25		1-4
						<b>Judges</b>		
						<b>Ruth</b>	1-4	
						<b>1 Samuel</b>		1-3

**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):**

Tonight (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.

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### WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!