

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MARCH 26, 2023

WELCOME: Recently, **Mary Ruth Brown** placed her membership with us; we certainly welcome her! Her contact information is in the bulletin.

PRAYERS REQUESTED: The **Houses** have an important court date coming up on Thursday.

SICK: **Janice Bailey** continues to be in need of our prayers; let us also continue to pray for the Arringtons. **April Kinney** is recovering from surgery at the Haas's house. **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; **Addiae 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's** 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's** 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's** 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's** 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's**), **Orelia Ferguson** (home), **Annette Cates** (**Dan Cates's** 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

(Continued from last week) Though one of the "Minor Prophets," Amos--like the others of this portion of Scripture--contains many great lessons including these: first, all nations are amenable to God (Amos 1-2); second, mothers and their unborn are separate beings (Amos 1:13); third, those whom God has blessed should not take His blessings for granted (Amos 3:1-2); fourth, one wishing to walk with God must agree with Him (Amos 3:3); fifth, one must be prepared for judgment (Amos 4:12; cf. Mat. 24:44,46); sixth, one cannot escape from judgment (Amos 5:19); seventh, without the proper attitude; service, sacrifice, and giving are unacceptable and unaccepted (Amos 5:21-24); eighth, complacency and misplaced trust are dooming (Amos 6:1); ninth, none are greater than God (Amos 6:8; Heb. 6:13); tenth, there is a standard of uprightness (Amos 7:7-8); eleventh, the righteous will face opposition (Amos 7:13) and false accusations (Amos 7:12); twelfth, the defense of the righteous is God (Amos 7:15); thirteenth, there will come a time when it is too late to obey (Amos 8:11-12); fourteenth, one cannot hide from God (Amos 9:1-4); fifteenth, people of God can so sin as to fall (Amos 9:10).

Part XXXI: Obadiah

Not many popularly know much, if anything, about the Edomites; in fact, though they were important Biblically, many Bible students would be equally ignorant of them. This in spite of their being descendants of Abraham and Isaac via Esau (Gen. 36:8). Ignorant in spite of their importance when the children of Israel desired to enter the Promised Land (Num. 20:14-21). Ignorant in spite of their role in Babylon's destruction of Judah (Eze. 35:5; Amos 1:11). Ignorant in spite of their being the forerunners of the New Testament's King Herod the Great the Idumaeon [Edom's Greek name] (Josephus, *Antiquities of the Jews*, XIV.x.iii.1; xii.2; xv.14; XV.vi.7, XIV.xiii.1; *Wars of the Jews*, I.xx.1-3; et al). In spite of her receiving some attention in nineteen Old Testament books (Gen., Exo., Num., Deu., 1 & 2 Sam., 1 & 2 Kin., 1 & 2 Chr., Psa., Isa., Jer., Lam., Eze., Joel, Amos, Oba., and Mal.). Above all, this ignorance is in spite of the attention give to Edom in the prophetic book specifically focusing upon her, Obadiah. (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: Unto what did Paul tell the Romans he was separated?

Last week's question: How long was Paul in Rome before he "called the chief of the Jews together"?

Last week's answer: Three days (Acts 28:17)

SERMONS: A.M.: Turning Points (Acts 3:19)

P.M.: *Turning Points* : Chapter 7: The Glory Departs

DAILY BIBLE READING (March 27-April 2):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1 Samuel	4-7	8-10	11-13	14-16	17-20	21-24	25-28

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*

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

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Gavin Arrington	April 5	Kaylie Hadley	April 6
Luke Massey	April 7	Mary West	April 14
Carl Hounshell	April 20		

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

Today through Thursday (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.

Next Sunday evening (April 2)

Jackie Feng of **Save Asian Souls** will be here to tell us about that work.

Next week (April 2-5)

Southaven hosts a Gospel meeting with Steve Higginbotham preaching. Times include 7:00 Monday through Wednesday nights.

April 16

Youth devotional after evening services.