

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
APRIL 9, 2023

SICK: **Janice Bailey** continues to be in need of our prayers having suffered more seizures; let us also continue to pray for the **Arringtons**. **Allene Baldwin** is recovering from some dental work. **April Kinney** has been making good progress in her recovery. **Karter Shamblin** will have surgery to remove his tonsils and adenoids and to put tubes in on April 18. **Sadie Leeton** (daughter of a cousin of **Katie Brown**) is recovering from having two teeth broken.

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; **Erica Swindoll** (the **Massey**'s daughter)—high risk pregnancy; and **Jerry Worthington** (neighbor of the **Hounshells**)—physical and emotional difficulties.

CANCER: **Neil Bennett** (friend of **Dan Cates**)—thyroid; **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)

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Jamie Long (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)

Warm Heart Missions (Roger Chambers)

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

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Tennessee Children's Home, West

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

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Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

INTRODUCTION TO THE BIBLE

Daniel F. Cates

Part XXXII: Jonah

Few books excite children's imaginations more than the prophecy of Jonah. Far more than some children's fairy tale, though, the book of Jonah is a historical book about a prejudiced, ethnocentric prophet whose commission was to preach to a nation recognized secularly for her great and terrible cruelty. The commission was rejected and the prophet fled; interestingly, the only times the words "flee" and "presence" are in the same verse are in Jonah 1:3 and Psalm 139:7, the latter of which reads, "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" This book is one which not only gives account of the prophet's flight but also of his eventual greatly effective message to Nineveh and also of his disappointment that God's mercy should be shown to such a people.

There is no reason to think that Jonah was not the author of the book which contains his prophecy; in fact, the book begins, "Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying," (Jon. 1:1). A good bit is known of Jonah (especially from Jonah 1:1 and 2 Kings 14:25): first, he was an inspired prophet; second, he was the son of Amittai; third, he was from Gathhepher in Zebulun (Jos. 19:10,13); fourth, he prophesied about [and most would say in the time of] Jeroboam (II) the son of Joash of Israel (2 Kin. 14:23), sometime, therefore, between 782 and 753 B.C.--likely nearer the beginning of that period; fifth, he prophesied about Nineveh, capital of Assyria; sixth, he served as a type, obviously inferior, of Christ (Mat. 12:38-41; Luke 11:29,30,31; cf Mat. 16:1-4); seventh, while he was wholly ethnocentric (Jon. 3:5,10; 4:1) and wholly stubborn (Jon. 4:9) and apparently unafraid of forsaking God's commission if it meant that the wicked were punished (Jon. 1:1,2; 4:2,3), Jonah was [relatively] selfless (Jon. 1:12) and [inconsistently] penitent (Jon. 2:4,7,9) and obedient (Jon. 1:3; 3:1-9). Jonah's writing this book may reveal that he had acknowledged his sin and its folly; this writer views the book as a confession.

Jonah likely wrote from his home of Gathhepher, but it is possible that he wrote from Nineveh. It would be interesting to know if and how he remained in Nineveh after her repentance. Given that he prophesied of Jeroboam II's restoring

"the coast of Israel" (2 Kin. 14:25), it might be assumed that this prophecy was written in the early to mid 700s B.C.--perhaps a bit before, but certainly not after. (*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 asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

Last week's question: What two men passed by the man the Samaritan helped?

Last week's answer: A priest and a Levite (Luke 10:31,32)

SERMONS: A.M.: The Lamb Standing from the Foundation (Rev. 5:6)

P.M.: *Turning Points* : Chapter 8: Return from Captivity

DAILY BIBLE READING (April 10-16):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
2 Samuel	22-24						
Psalms	1-3	4-6	7-9	10-12	13-15	16-18	

READ SCRIPTURE (APRIL): Dylan Cooper (Psalm 16:9-11)

(MAY): *Thomas Massey*

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (APRIL): Savion Rayson

(MAY): *Cody Hadley*

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (APRIL): Sonny Stewart and Conor Cates

(MAY): *Dylan Cooper and Ray Stanford*

CLEAN BUILDING (APRIL): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

(MAY): *Thomas and Sheila Massey*

PREPARE COMMUNION (APRIL): Shelly Cates

(MAY): *Suzanne and Katie Brown*

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

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

Next Sunday night (April 16)

Youth devotional after evening services.

April 25

A truck from the **Tennessee Children's Home** will be here.

June 4-7

We will host our **Gospel meeting** with Billy Bland preaching.

July 23

The Crockett Church of Christ begins their **Gospel meeting** which will have various speakers.

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.