

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
APRIL 16, 2023

SYMPATHY: Very sadly, **Mario** and **Kim Arrington** lost their nephew **Ethan Bailey** on Thursday night.

PRAYERS: The **Houses** have a new court date which has been set for July 24th-26th.

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. **Karen Tuttle** has been struggling with diverticulitis. **Sadie Leeton** (daughter of a cousin of **Katie Brown**) is recovering from having two teeth broken. **Ian Walker** (cousin of **Reese** and **Carson Kinney**) is recovering from surgery.

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)

Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)

Jamie Long (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)

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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 XXXII: Jonah

(Continued from last week) While the Ninevites were the subject of the prophecy, the prophecy against Assyria is really only a circumstance of the book itself. The book was likely intended for Israel in general to show Jonah's attempt to escape his responsibility and his unwelcome success (both of which would highlight the problems of Jewish unfaithfulness and prejudices) and to contrast with that the great long-suffering and mercy of God--which would run out sooner for Israel (721 B.C.) than for Nineveh (612 B.C.) and its nation Assyria (609 B.C.).

The key word of the book is "turn," found four times in two forms all between Jonah 3:8 and 10; Assyrian would need to turn so perhaps God would turn and indeed Nineveh turned--one will not the presence of "repent" and "repented" as synonymous terms in the same text. The key phrase of the book is Jonah's simple prophecy to Assyria, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown" (Jon. 3:4). The key verse is Jonah 2:7 in which Jonah "remembered the Lord." The key passage is Jonah 3:9,10 where there is hope for and realization of mercy. The key chapters are Jonah 2 which records Jonah's prayer and Jonah 3 which records Nineveh's repentance, but truly it is hard not to consider each of the chapters key!

There are many lessons; here are just a few: first, God can dictate to kingdoms (Jon. 1:2; cf Rom. 13:1; Dan. 4:32); second, one's sins can cause others to suffer (Jon. 1:12); third, "salvation is of the Lord" (Jon. 2:9; cf Acts 4:12); fourth, God can change His mind (Jon. 3:10); fifth, some regret even the goodness of God (Jon. 4:2).

One side note: Some have viewed the account of Jonah as merely allegory, that is figurative; however, Jesus' reference to Jonah was spoken as a reference to a real person in the same way that Job was referred to as only a historical person would have been (Eze. 14:14,20; Jam. 5:11).

"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: To whom was Paul debtor?

Last week's question: Who asked, "If a man die, shall he live again?"

Last week's answer: Job (Job 14:14)

SERMONS: A.M.: Savion Rayson will preach this morning.

P.M.: *Turning Points* : Chapter 9: Second Temple Judaism

DAILY BIBLE READING (April 17-23):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Psalms	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30	31-33	34-36	37-39

READ SCRIPTURE (APRIL): Dylan Cooper (Please see Savion)

(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):

Tonight (April 16)

Youth devotional after evening services.

April 25

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

April 29

The Southaven congregation will have a **ladies day** beginning at 8:45 a.m. Tish Clarke will be speaking to the ladies.

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. Once you have filled out a card, please hand it to one of the members.