

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
APRIL 23, 2023

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** and **Baileys**. **Karter Shamblin** will have surgery to remove his tonsils and adenoids and to put tubes in on May 2nd.

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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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 XXXIII: Micah

At times it may be difficult to establish authorship, date, and subject for books of the Bible--especially ones of those labeled Minor Prophets; such is not the case with the book of Micah. That prophecy begins, "The word of the LORD that came to Micah the Morasthite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, *and* Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem" (Mic. 1:1). There one sees the author: Micah, the date: Between 740 B.C. and 687 B.C., and the subject: "Concerning Samaria and Jerusalem." The basics of Micah and his prophecy were also mentioned in Jeremiah 26:18, which reads, "Micah the Morasthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah, and spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Zion shall be plowed *like* a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest" [the quote is of Micah 3:12; interestingly, Hezekiah repented at the prophesying of Micah (Jer. 26:19)].

Micah was a Morasthite, that is, he was from Moresheth, also called Moreshethgath, which was apparently in western Judah (Mic. 1:1,14). The name Micah means "Who is like Jah?" It is a form of the names Michael and Michaiiah. Interestingly, Micah asks, "Who *is* a God like unto thee, ...?" in Micah 7:18; none but God "pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage" and "he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth *in* mercy." Micah's background is unknown, but his awareness of harvest may indicate an agricultural background; he wrote, "Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: *there is* no cluster to eat: my soul desired the firstripe fruit" (Mic. 7:1).

The date of the book is given in general terms, with Micah's prophesying in the days of Judah's Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah. Jotham reigned from 740-736 B.C., Ahaz from 736-716 B.C., and Hezekiah from 716-687 B.C.; accordingly, Micah prophesied for some period between 740 B.C. and 687 B.C.; more specifically, beginning no later than 736 B.C. and concluding no earlier than 716 B.C. As some prophecies of the book concerned Samaria [capital of Israel], those prophetic passages were necessarily penned pre-721 B.C., at which time Israel fell to the Assyrians.

Micah 1:1 did indicate that both Israel and Judah, represented by their capitals Samaria and Jerusalem, were the subject (and, therefore, audience) of Micah's prophecy. As part of a two-fold purpose for the book, Micah wrote to address the capitals of God's

divided kingdoms (and, therefore, the kingdoms themselves) regarding their positions as sinful before righteous God. The other aspect of his purpose was to prophesy concerning the future kingdom (Mic. 4:1-7) and to picture the coming Christ (Mic. 5:2-4). (*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: Of what was the prodigal son "no more worthy"?

Last week's question: To whom was Paul debtor?

Last week's answer: "Both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise, and to the unwise" (Romans 1:14)

SERMONS: A.M.: "Into a Far Country" (Luke 15:13)

P.M.: *Turning Points* : Chapter 10: The Story of Jesus

DAILY BIBLE READING (April 24-30):

Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat. Sun.

Psalms 40-42 43-45 46-48 49-51 52-54 55-57 58-60

READ SCRIPTURE (APRIL): Dylan Cooper (Psalm 1:1,2)

(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):

Tuesday (April 25)

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

Saturday (April 29)

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

The ladies of the congregation are invited to a **baby shower** for Maggie Cooper. It begins at 2:00 p.m.

June 4-7

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

July 22

Youth day here at Independence.