

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
APRIL 30, 2023

SYMPATHY: **Misty Davis** (friend of the **Claytons**) passed away on Wednesday night. **Kathy Melder** (mother-in-law of the **Houses'** son **Jared**) passed away last weekend.

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)

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 XXXIII: Micah

(Continued from last week) The key words of the book are "hear" (used nine times usually as a call for the endangered to heed God, but also used to show God's not listening to the unrighteous or God's hearing the righteous) and "judge"/"judgment" (found four times in each form; twice representing human judges [one of those times apparently Messianic (Mic. 5:1; Mat. 26:67)]; once corrupt judging, once God's judging, and four times representing justice). The key passages are Micah 6:8, showing what God requires of man, and Micah 7:18, the aforementioned play on Micah's name.

There are numerous lessons in the book; here are just a sampling: first, the Lord Himself witnesses against the wicked (Mic. 1:2); second, God's people can become His enemies (Mic. 2:8); third, some will listen only to the one who is obviously wrong (Mic. 2:11); fourth, all nations are amenable to God (Mic. 5:15); fifth, one cannot charge God with wrong (Mic. 6:1-3); sixth, God does not desire even the best sacrifices if they are not accompanied by sincere obedience (Mic. 6:6-8); seventh, one should trust in the Lord, not in man (Mic. 7:5-7); and, eighth, God wants to restore the penitent (Mic. 7:18-19).

Part XXXIV: Nahum

Jonah's prophecy saved Nineveh, for at his preaching the king of Assyria proclaimed, "Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water: But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their hands. Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not? And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not" (Jon. 3:7-10). That was written perhaps as late as the early to middle 700s B.C. Their repentance was not permanent, however, for around a century later Nineveh would again be the subject of prophecy and shortly thereafter (612 B.C.) would be destroyed at the hand of the Babylonians, Medes, and Scythians. The fall of Nineveh, capital of Assyria, is the subject of Nahum's prophecy.

Nahum was a prophet from Elkosh (Nah. 1:1), the exact location of which is unknown. Some have suggested that Elkosh was in Galilee, others in southern Judea, and still others would suggest a northern Mesopotamian location east of the Tigris. Of these, the

Mesopotamian location seems least likely. Some have even suggested that Elkoshite is a reference to Nahum's lineage not his location, those this, too, seems unlikely. Given that there is simply not enough textual information regarding such a location or family and that most of the theories are based on tradition or conjecture, the exact origin of Nahum is not overly important and is not worthy of dogmatism. (*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: Where is Isaiah 2:1-3 repeated?

Last week's question: Of what was the prodigal son "no more worthy"?

Last week's answer: To be called his father's son (Luke 15:21)

SERMONS: A.M.: "Sanctify Me apart from Thy Truth" (John 17:17)

P.M.: *Turning Points* : Chapter 11: The Church

DAILY BIBLE READING (May 1-7):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Psalms	61-63	64-66	67-69	70-72	73-75	76-78	79-81

READ SCRIPTURE (APRIL): Dylan Cooper (Psalm 19:7-9)

(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: Canned goods.

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Dan Cates	May 2	Dylan Cooper	May 6
Katie Brown	May 12	Paula Harrison	May 27
Noah Massey	May 29	Mason Cooper	tbd

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

May 5

Summer Area Wide Devo at Olive Branch at 6:30 P.M.

May 7-10

Gospel Meeting at Nesbit with Brian Braswell preaching on *Strengthening Our Grip*.

June 4-7

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