

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MAY 7, 2023

SICK: **Tabatha Clayton** was sick last weekend. **Karter Shamblin's** surgery was successful, but he was in much discomfort afterward. **Shelby Cooper** (sister of **Dylan Cooper**) has been diagnosed with mitral valve prolapse.

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'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; **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'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 XXXIV: Nahum

(Continued from last week) What is interesting about Nahum, and perhaps significant, is the general agreement that Nahum's name has a positive connotation meaning "comforter," "consolation," "compassionate," or the like--for the subject of the prophecy, Nahum's message was hardly comforting; however, for Judah the message would be extremely comforting: The enemy will be defeated!

Nahum likely wrote from his home, Elkosh, but there is no reason to be dogmatic. He would have written in the mid to late 600s. The benchmarks would indicate that he did not write before 663 B.C., for the fall of Thebes, "populous No," which took place then at the hands of Assurbanipal, or Ashurbanipal, is spoken of as if already having taken place (Nah. 3:8); he also could not have written after 612 B.C. for Nineveh's fall was prophesied (Nah. 1:1; 2:8; 3:7) but not yet accomplished. As has been pointed out, Nineveh was the subject of Nahum's prophecy; however, and interestingly, both Nineveh (Nah. 3:8) and Judah (Nah. 1:15) are addressed in the second person, that is, as the recipients, or audience, of the book. The purpose was primarily for Nineveh, though, as Nahum wrote to warn Nineveh--who had left the penitent state shown at the preaching of Jonah--concerning impending Divine justice which would be complete and final.

The key words of the book are "wicked" (found three times), "fire" (found three times), and "devour" (found four times in a couple of forms, twice with "fire"). "Wicked" described those who would not be acquitted (Nah. 3:1), and a specific Assyrian--likely Sennacherib (Nah. 1:11; 2 Kings 18,19), and Assyria who would be "utterly cut off" (Nah. 1:15). "Fire" described the Lord's fury (Nah. 1:6) as well as the actual mode of Assyria's destruction (Nah. 3:13,15). "Devour" described the end of Assyria (Nah. 1:10; 2:13; 3:13,15). The key verses are Nahum 1:2 which shows the jealousy, vengeance, and fury of God, Nahum 1:7 which shows His goodness and protection, and Nahum 1:8 which shows the Lord's pursuing of His enemies. The key chapter is Nahum 2 in which the hunter, Assyria, becomes the hunted.

Among the many, pointed, sobering [for God's enemies] lessons are these: first, God avenges His mistreated people (Nah. 1:2); second, the wicked will not be saved in their wickedness (Nah. 1:3); third, no thing and no one can withstand God's fury (Nah. 1:4-6); fourth, "I am against thee" is not something one wants to hear from God (Nah. 2:13); fifth,

when God is against one, defeat is imminent (Nah. 3:5); and, sixth, God's enemy has neither hope nor defense (Nah. 3:19).

"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: Whom did Paul call "inexcusable"?

Last week's question: Where is Isaiah 2:1-3 repeated?

Last week's answer: Micah 4:1-3

SERMONS: A.M.: "House Rules" (Jeremiah 10:23)

P.M.: *Turning Points* : Chapter 12: The Return of the King

DAILY BIBLE READING (May 8-14):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Psalms	82-84	85-87	88-90	91-93	94-96	97-99	100-102

READ SCRIPTURE (MAY): Thomas Massey (Proverbs 30:5,6)

(JUNE): Lawayne House

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (MAY): Cody Hadley

(JUNE): Thomas Massey

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (MAY): Dylan Cooper and Ray Stanford

(JUNE): Gavin Arrington and Savion Rayson

CLEAN BUILDING (MAY): Thomas and Sheila Massey

(JUNE): Tabatha Clayton

PREPARE COMMUNION (MAY): Suzanne and Katie Brown

(JUNE): Maggie Cooper and Reese Kinney

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

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

Today (May 7-10)

Southaven will have a **homecoming** with B.J. Clarke preaching at 1 P.M.

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

May 19-21

Advanced Congregational Evangelism Training at Looxahoma.

June 4-7

We will host our **Gospel Meeting** with Billy Bland preaching. Thyatira and Forest Hill both have **Vacation Bible Schools** at this time; while we cannot attend those, we can pray for their success!

June 11-15

Vacation Bible School at Coldwater beginning at 6:30 nightly.

June 12-14

Vacation Bible School at Looxahoma.