

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
MAY 21, 2023

**CONGRATS:** Dylan and Maggie Cooper are celebrating the birth of Travis Mason this past Wednesday, the 24th. He was 8 lb. and 2 oz.

**WELCOME:** Stu and Karen Tuggle expressed their desire to place membership with us on Wednesday night. They are traveling this weekend, so let us pray for their safe trip. Their information is inside the bulletin.

**SICK:** Maggie Cooper is recovering from a c-section. Syble Embrey has been diagnosed with Covid. Shelby Peyton had a recent round of vertigo. Pablo Horna, Panamanian missionary whom we support, has been diagnosed with squamous cell carcinoma and will see an oncologist in Panama City tomorrow.

**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 (wife of the MSOP director)—melanoma; Gary Darnell (Ella Darnell's son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; Pablo Horna (missionary)—carcinoma; 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:** Orelia Ferguson (home), Annette Cates (Dan Cates' mother who is in a care center in Pensacola, FL), Lorraine Hounshell (home), Ruth House (Lawayne House's mother who is at home), Edward Watkins (brother of Shelby Peyton's sister-in-law who is under hospice care).

**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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**Services:** Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 4:45 p.m. (pew-packers), 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.

**Ministers:** Every Christian

**Elders:** Dan Cates (662-560-8045)  
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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 XXXVI: Zephaniah

(Continued from last week) Zephaniah prophesied to Judah apparently from Judah during Josiah's time--so in the late 600s B.C.--as time for Judah was drawing to a close. Considering that Josiah ushered in a brief period of reform in 622 B.C. (2 Kin. 23:23), then this book likely preceded that date; in fact, it is conceivable, perhaps even likely, that Zephaniah's prophecy helped to spur Josiah's reform (2 Kin. 23:3). The purpose of Zephaniah was to warn that Judah (Zep. 1:4) [because of worship of false gods (Zep. 1:2-6)] and other nations (Zep. 2:4-15; 3:6) were due for utter desolation.

The key words of the book are "woe" (found twice; once against the Philistines, and once against Jerusalem), "judgment" (found twice, both in connection with God's justice; once regarding man's doing it, once regarding God's), and "jealousy" (found twice, describing God's devouring fire; on God's jealousy compare Exodus 34:14). The key phrase is "the day of the Lord" (which occurs twice in that form and four times with the addition of "'s sacrifice/wrath/anger"; in each case representing a judgment). The key verse of Zephaniah is Zephaniah 1:7, which [reminiscent of Habakkuk 2:20] calls for silence. The key passages of the book are Zephaniah 2:1-3, which provides hope in the face of destruction for those who will seek the Lord; and Zephaniah 3:9-20, which anticipates the restoration of Judah. The key chapter is Zephaniah 1 which had anticipated Judah's judgment.

Here are some of the lessons from this great book: first, one must not look like the world around him (Zep. 1:8); second, indifference is dangerous (Zep. 1:12); third, the mighty cry at the "day of the Lord" [which name fits any day of judgment] (Zep. 1:14); fourth, money cannot buy deliverance from Divine wrath (Zep. 1:18); fifth, God will forgive one who repents before destruction (Zep. 2:1-3); sixth, the Lord is capable of being terrible to His enemies (Zep. 2:11); seventh, all nations are amenable to God (Zep. 3:8); and, eighth, God desires unity (Zep. 3:9).

*"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 "are a law unto themselves"?

Last week's question: What did David say was not in the "dry and thirsty land"?

Last week's answer: Water (Psalm 63:1)

SERMONS: A.M.: *The Devil's Playlist* (Matthew 15:8)

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 2: Born into the Family

### DAILY BIBLE READING (May 29-June 4):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Psalms</b>	145-147	148-150					
<b>1 Kings</b>			1-4				
<b>Proverbs</b>				1-3	4-7	8-11	12-14

**READ SCRIPTURE (MAY):** Thomas Massey (Colossians 3:17)

(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.

### TUTTLE INFORMATION:

151 C. Williams Dr.	Stu: 901-606-1771	May 23
Coldwater, MS 38618	Karen: 901-570-1396	November 23

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

Allene Baldwin	June 21	Melinda Haas	June 30
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**UPCOMING EVENTS (For particular details, check the bulletin board for flyers):**

Next week (June 4-7)

We will host our **Gospel Meeting** with Billy Bland preaching. Flyers are available in the foyer. Thyatira and Forest Hill both have **Vacation Bible Schools** at this time; while we cannot attend those, we can pray for their success! Thyatira actually begins their **VBS** Sunday at 6:00 P.M.

June 11-15

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

June 12-14

**Vacation Bible School** at Looxahoma.

June 18

**Youth Devotional** after evening services.

June 18-24

**Sardis Lake Christian Camp** second session.

June 30

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