

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
JUNE 4, 2023

**SICK:** **Maggie Cooper** is recovering well from her recent c-section. **Pablo Horna**, Panamanian missionary whom we support, had successful surgery for his squamous cell carcinoma on Friday; he is very optimistic. **Sharon Spears**, wife of a friend of **Carl Hounshell** in Indiana, recently had a brain aneurism.

**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; **Dena 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; **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 XXXVII: Haggai

At just thirty-eight verses, the prophecy of Haggai is the second shortest book in the Old Testament; however, it is a book packed with both history and prophecy, and it is a book which produced results [Ezra wrote, "And the elders of the Jews builded, and they prospered through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded, and finished *it*, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, ..." (Ezra 6:14)]! The book falls about sixteen years after Cyrus' allowance of the Jews in 536 B.C. to return to their homeland to rebuild their temple (Ezra 1:1-4). The problem was that the Jews had *only* returned to their ancestral home and laid the foundation of the temple (Ezra 3:10); they had allowed the temple, and for that matter their service to God, to take a back seat to their own concerns. This problems is shown plainly in Haggai 1:2-4: "Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come, the time that the LORD'S house should be built. Then came the word of the LORD by Haggai the prophet, saying, *Is it* time for you, O ye, to dwell in your cieled houses, and this house *lie* waste?" The Jews lately returned from captivity needed to "consider [their] ways" (Hag. 1:5,7). Because they had not given the Lord and His temple due attention, God had punished them (Hag. 1:9-11; 2:17). If they would rebuild the temple, they would be blessed (Hag. 1:8; 2:5-9). Ultimately, the Jews under Zerubbabel, a type of Christ (Hag. 2:23), obeyed God and the temple was rebuilt in just 4 years (Ezra 6:15-18).

Who was Haggai? Actually not much more is known of him than that he was a prophet. He was apparently born in one of the areas to which Babylonian captives had been deported. No age is given for Haggai, but it is revealed that he prophesied during the reign of Darius I Hystaspes the Great; specifically 520/519 B.C. for the events of the book date from "the second year of Darius" who reigned in Persia 521-486 B.C. and they cover just three months (Hag. 1:1,15; 2:10). Other than that all that is known is to whom he prophesied: "Then the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that *were* in Judah and Jerusalem in the name of the God of Israel, *even* unto them" (Ezra 5:1); he must, then, have lived in or around Jerusalem and prophesied there. According to James Strong, Haggai's name means "festive"; perhaps that is more indicative of what heeding his prophesy would mean than about the prophet himself. The purpose of the prophecy has already been established: Haggai was revealing the need for the Jews to get busy doing the Lord's will rather than their own if they were to receive blessings from him (Hag. 1:8)! (*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: 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.: *Obeying God from the Heart Versus Just Going through the Motions*  
P.M.: *What God Is and Is Not*

### DAILY BIBLE READING (June 5-11):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Proverbs</b>	15-18-19-21	22-24	25-28	29-31			
<b>Ecclesiastes</b>					1-3	4-6	

**READ SCRIPTURE (JUNE):** Lawayne House (Please see Billy Bland)

*(JULY): Gavin Arrington*

**PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JUNE):** Thomas Massey

*(JULY): Lawayne House*

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JUNE):** Gavin Arrington and Savion Rayson

*(JULY): Paul Brown and Wesley Haas*

**CLEAN BUILDING (JUNE):** Tabatha Clayton

*(JULY): Melinda Haas and April Kinney*

**PREPARE COMMUNION (JUNE):** Maggie Cooper and Reese Kinney

*(JULY): Tabatha Clayton*

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods.

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

This week through Wednesday (June 4-7)

We will host our **Gospel Meeting** with Billy Bland preaching. Flyers are available in the foyer.

Next Sunday (June 11-15)

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

Next Monday (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.

July 22

**Youth day** here at Independence. Flyers are in the foyer.