

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
JUNE 25, 2023

**SICK:** **Cody Hadley** has been dealing with a lot of discomfort and pain from kidney stones. **Conor Cates, Shelly Cates, Wesley Haas, April Kinney,** and **Mary Ray** were dealing with various ailments this past week. **Karen Tuttle** will have an appointment July 18th regarding hole on her heart. **Pablo Horna**, Panamanian missionary whom we support, received a great report; he will not have to be seen again until November 14th.

**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); **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; **Laykan Rutherford** (cousin of **Shelly Cates**); 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*

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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

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## Part XXXVIII: Zechariah

(Continued from last week) The key passage, alluded to earlier, is the Messianic Zechariah 6:12,13, "And speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh the LORD of hosts, saying, Behold the man whose name *is* The BRANCH; and he shall grow up out of his place, and he shall build the temple of the LORD: Even he shall build the temple of the LORD; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and he shall be a priest upon his throne: and the counsel of peace shall be between them both." The key chapter is Zechariah 8 which is filled with the Lord's speaking.

The lessons of Zechariah include these: first, God will turn to those who turn to Him (Zec. 1:3); second, God uses standards (Zec. 1:16; 2:1-2; 4:10); third, God's people are the apple of His eye (Zec. 2:8); fourth, God's Word comes by His Spirit (Zec. 4:6; cf. 1 Cor. 2:9-13); and, fifth, true strength is in the Lord (Zec. 10:12). What a rich book; surely *only* in its length a "minor" prophecy--and even there a misnomer!

## Part XXXIX: Malachi

As the Old Testament drew to a close, a final prophetic chapter--to use the term accommodatively--was penned. This does not mean that Malachi was the final book of the Old Testament (though it *may* have been), only that it was the final prophetic book, for Nehemiah and Ezra were penned about the same time. It was written by Malachi. There is nothing known of Malachi from a personal standpoint, and his the meaning of his name has caused some to doubt that there was actually a person *named* Malachi serving as the author of this prophecy. "Malachi" which is given in Malachi 1:1 is a form of the Hebrew word "messenger" which is found in Malachi 3:1; the difference is *malaki* ( מלאכי ) as compared to *malak* ( מלאך ). First, whether Malachi was the prophet's actual name is of no consequence to understanding the book today and neither was it when the prophecy was penned; second, most names in Scripture, arguably, have significant meanings, so God could have inspired one with this specific name to write the book; third, as none of the other prophetic books were written anonymously, it would be out of the norm to have the final one be written anonymously. For the purpose of this study, Malachi will be assumed to be a personal name. (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: What messenger was prophesied in Malachi 3:1?

Last week's question: Where is "the unity of the Spirit" kept?

Last week's answer: "In the bond of peace" (Ephesians 4:3)

**SERMONS:** A.M.: *Our One God* (Ephesians 4:6)

P.M.: *The Beginning of Our Confidence*: Chapter 5: What Will Others Think?

### DAILY BIBLE READING (June 26-July 2):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Joel</b>	1-3	<b>Amos</b>	1-3	4-6	7-9		
<b>2 Kings</b>		14:21-25	14:26-29			15-17	
<b>Jonah</b>	1-4					<b>Hosea</b>	1-4

**READ SCRIPTURE (JUNE):** Lawayne House (Ephesians 4:4-6)

(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.

### JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Paul Baldwin	July 8	Ella Darnell	July 10
Mary Ruth Brown	July 19	Carson Kinney	July 19
Kim Arrington	July 21	Sonny Stewart	July 28

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

This week

**Foundations** at the Memphis School of Preaching.

Friday night

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

July 16

**Youth Devotional** after evening services.

July 22

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

July 23-27

The Crockett Church of Christ will hold their **Gospel meeting** which will have various speakers.