

In our **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY** readings this week we encounter two of the minor prophets, AMOS (from yesterday & today's reading) & MICAH (from Tuesday's reading). They are minor only in length because both pack a major message.

In the days of Uzziah & Jeroboam II, God called a lowly shepherd from Tekoa, near Bethlehem in Judah, to prophesy against several nations, but principally against Israel (Northern Kingdom). Amos comes to Israel in the north at a time when Jeroboam's great military successes have brought prosperity, selfishness, greed, & immorality. Amos rebukes both Israel and Judah for the meaningless of their worship. He calls for daily ethical conduct and cries out against people who are only going through the motions of worship.

As Amos went mainly to the people of the north, so the prophet Micah comes to the people of the south, Judah and the message is basically the same as Amos: God does not appreciate empty worship from those whose lives are morally & ethically bankrupt. God seeks righteous thoughts and deeds, done so for the benefit of blessing others. This is also very similar to Micah's contemporary major prophet, Isaiah. In fact, their writings are similar in content as both ministered during the same basic time period.

Micah does excel in predictions of future events. For example, Micah predicts the fall of Samaria, the invasion of Judah by Sennacherib, the fall of Jerusalem, the destruction of the temple, the exile in Babylon, the return from captivity, and the birth of the Messiah in Bethlehem. That's a lot of predictions.

As you pick up your daily BSME lessons, don't forget to look at the GREEN TRAYS because they always contain BONUS information that will make your BSME study better. Don't overlook this valuable resource.

How important is **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY**? Here's what one person recently said about BSME: "My husband and I are cheering each other on in BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY as this will be the first time for either of us to completely read the Bible from cover to cover. Thanks!"

Don't forget to pick up your study guides. If you prefer, you can receive the study guides every Monday by email. Just let me know and I will have your email address added to the email group list.

If you don't have a daily Bible reading program, you need **BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY**. There are so many options on how to use BSME, from 7-minutes per day and on up. **What amount of your time will you give God this week?**

Now, as I close out all my online Bible classes, it is our hope, it is our wish, it is our prayer that we all live for Jesus 24/7...may God bless YOU!



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10:15 AM Order of Worship	6:00 PM Order of Worship
Welcome.....Jonathan Bonde Song Leader.....Thomas Livingston	Welcome.....Jonathan Bonde Song Leader.....Thomas Livingston
<i>R#121 - "Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing"</i> <i>R#543 - "Wonderful Words of Life"</i>	<i>R#8 - "Let Every Heart Rejoice and Sing"</i> <i>R#701 - "My Jesus, I Love Thee"</i>
Prayer.....Calvin Gordon	Prayer.....Will Livingston
<i>R#337 - "Hallelujah, What a Savior"</i>	<i>SC - "How Deep the Father's Love"</i>
COMMUNION Scripture Reading & Prayer Tim Wiemer / Thomas Livingston	COMMUNION Scripture Reading & Prayer Tim Wiemer / Thomas Livingston
<i>R#650 - "Send the Light"</i>	<i>R#641 - "The Ninety and Nine"</i>
Scripture Reading.....Bryce Ellis Sermon.....Michael Cox	Scripture Reading.....Bryce Ellis Sermon.....Willie Bagwell
'To Judge or NOT to Judge?' Matthew 7:1	'The Faith of Martha' John 11:25
<i>R#927 - "Why Keep Jesus Waiting?"</i> <i>R#967 - "This World Is Not My Home"</i> <i>B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"</i>	<i>B#674 - "There's a Great Day Coming"</i> <i>R#412 - "Jesus, Hold My Hand"</i> <i>B#387 - "Lead Me to Some Soul Today"</i>
Prayer.....Bob Cole	Prayer.....Bob Cole

- 9AM Adult Bible Classes:**
Auditorium
Michael Cox
- Room#118
Old Testament History
-Andy McCormick
- Room#112/Library
First Principles
-Danny Griffith
- MPB-1st floor
Young Professionals
- Tim Togami

- Children's 9AM BIBLE CLASSES:**
MPB-2nd floor:
9th - 12th
Josh Romo
- Room#113: 5th -8th
Will Livingston
- Room#114: 1st -4th
Stephanie Johnson
- Room#108: 4yrs -K
Martha Dean
- Room#107: 3yrs
April Bonde/Keri Powell
- Room#104: 1-2 yrs
Kerry McCormick
Hannah Landrum
- Room#106: 3-18 mo.
Cradle Roll
Angela Livingston



Our Record: 7/5/2025	JULY ELDERS / DEACONS
9:00 AM Bible Class.....78	Bob Cole
10:15 AM Worship.....197	Rick Palmer
PM Worship.....83	
Wednesday Bible Class.....71	BAPTISMAL ASSISTANTS:
Contribution.....\$9,254.04	Angie Drennon
	Kim Nickolson

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Welcomes You!

Of the increase of
His government & peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David
& over His kingdom,
To order it & establish it
with judgment & justice
From that time forward,
even forever.

The zeal of the LORD of
hosts will perform this.

Isaiah 9.7 NKJV

Taking a Day at a Time

[Note from Josh: This is an excerpt from brother Bob Spurlin's book, *Tackling Life's Troubles*.]

This writer has preached the gospel for thirty years and served churches in five different states, while being privileged to preach in evangelistic meetings in nine different states across the U.S. Presently I am a 54 year-old man, diagnosed with multiple sclerosis since April of 1995. I am house bound and confined to bed, totally dependent on family members to wait on me day and night. When the doctors announced that it was a debilitating disease, imagining my life changing so dramatically caused great anxiety. For one to be active and engaged in such a demanding schedule, and suddenly have his life turned upside down was a shock. Being reduced to a family member unable to accomplish the simplest of tasks was a humbling and at times humiliating experience. . . .

People have often asked how do you cope with such a confining existence. The answer is, "Taking one day at a time," without trying to think about tomorrow or next week. Taking one day at a time, is after all, the only thing we have and should not think about tomorrow (James 4:13-15). This is the problem many have when dealing with adversity. Following my diagnosis at Mayo Clinic, it was four days later when our daughter, Bethany Ann - 16, suffered a fatal automobile accident.

We were devastated with such an unbelievable hurt that defied words that we could not speak. My wife and I were in days of shock, followed by disbelief, denial, and blame, while pursuing peaks and valleys of coping with such a loss. We found ourselves acknowledging we have made the adjustment, only to be crushed farther. People are all different, having divergent timetables in making the adjustment at such a loss. My wife took a week off following the death of our daughter and then returned to her teaching position at Barkley Bridge Elementary.

Faith in God is the only sustaining power that allows one to overcome diversity of any kind. This writer has drawn strength especially from patriarchs like Abraham, Job, Joseph, and others who could look above and know that God was in control of His universe. Giving up was not part of my agenda, although days of depression were difficult to manage. Paul's immortal words gave me great strength, "If God be for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31). We must all seize life in whatever form and refuse to complain, but take advantage of whatever opportunities come our way.

During the close of my third year of convalescence, although keeping a positive attitude, it was becoming more difficult to handle the depression and stress of confinement. This writer can say with certainty that during this time of confinement, my prayer life had become richer, deeper, and more intense than at any previous time of my Christian pilgrimage (2 Cor 4:16-18). Though the outward man was decaying, yet the inward man was being renewed day by day and kept me strong.

Whatever our circumstance in life, to overcome the hardship and tribulations of life we must seek God. Paul wrote, "When we were with you, we told you before that we should suffer tribulation; even as it came to pass and ye know." Paul was confident that troubles would come. Should we expect any less? The secret is accepting them, so that we may use them as a stepping stone to enhance our spiritual growth. This writer wishes you well and prays for peace and blessed assurance as we overcome this temporary trial during this life. Our Lord will be with us every step of the way, so we must live close to Him. Godspeed to all my suffering friends and brethren, and "take a day at a time."

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UPCOMING EVENTS

(As a courtesy for hosts please RSVP on LightPost Calendar)

TODAY!!! SUNDAY, JULY 12

- ♦ FELLOWSHIP POT-LUCK / PICNIC FOODS! • 11:30AM • MPB • Bring Fried Chicken, Pulled Pork, Meat Loaf, Mac-n-Cheese, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Desserts & Drinks

TUESDAY, JULY 14

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

- ♦ BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY) • 10AM • Room #118

TUESDAY, JULY 21

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

- ♦ BSME (BIBLE STUDY MADE EASY) • 10AM • Room #118

THURSDAY, JULY 23

- ♦ SENIOR MOMENTS – FELLOWSHIP GAME DAY! • 1-5PM • MPB • Bring Favorite Games & Snacks to Share!

TUESDAY, JULY 28

- ♦ TUESDAY LADIES' VISITATION • 11:30AM • Bring your lunch!



Rob Whitacre



Nicole Whitacre

TRAINING THE
SAVED TO REACH
THE LOST



Rejoice! We have a new sister in Christ!
Tailyn Harris was Baptized on Thursday, June 9th
for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
& added to the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:12)

Prayer Requests

SYMPATHIES EXTENDED TO

- ⇒ Vicki Cole & Family, her brother-in-law, Jim Haught passed away on Thursday, 7/9. He is survived by his wife Diane & 4 children & their families. (Diane is Vicki's sister in Paragould)
- ⇒ Festus Ugbade & Family, his oldest sister, Grace Ugbade passed away in late June

MEMBERS

Phyllis Allen • Tyler Baker • Bill Cooley
 Nancy Dunn • Bob Garner • Calvin Gordon
 Jean Kazimier • Walton/Elaine Kyle
 Scott/Carla March • Ricky/Zandra Mendenhall
 Glenda Pannell • Karen Pate • Leslie Pate
 Stuart Reeves • Freddie Sharpe • Neva Tharp
 Ann White

- ♦ Davis, Mary – 7/7 procedure @AR Heart Hosp., Bryant, was successful, stent placed in right leg
- ♦ Dunn, Nancy – Total hip replacement 7/13 in Little Rock, also still receiving eye injections
- ♦ Sudmeyer, Patty – home w/2 compressed, fractured vertebrae in lower back. Dr's have prescribed pain medication & lots of time & rest for healing
- ♦ Osborne, Demetrius – Motorcycle accident, home now w/bad road rash on arms & stomach
- ♦ Ugbade, Festus – home now w/heart monitor

SHUT-INS

Craig Archer • Mike/Shirley Baka • Henry Cook
 Pauline Crenshaw • LaVonne Depew
 Ola Freibolt • Debbie Frenzel • Marcelle Green
 Billie Gregory • Lorene Mount
 Charles/Virginia Parker • David Pendleberry
 Wes Poole • Barbara Reding • Judy Walters
 Linda Woepfel

- ♦ Cook, Henry – Will soon be moving to Country Club Village across from Nat. Park Hosp.
- ♦ Freibolt, Ola – leg is better but now has a carcinoma on her forehead
- ♦ Frenzel, Debbie – will see bone specialist 7/14 w/possible surgery on 7/15

ALL MILITARY & FIRST RESPONDERS

- * Edwards, Eric (Navy) aboard USS New Orleans, Bahrain, Iran
- * Schuler, Tommy (Army) Fort Johnson, LA
- * Schuler, Tracy (Navy) Lemoore Naval Air Station, Lemoore, CA
- * Spellings, Randy (Army Nat'l Guard) Jackson, TN
- * Tombs, Levi (AF) Home now
- * Vincent, Tyler (VF) Garland County
- * Wethington, "A.J" Anthony (AF) Whitman AFB, MO
- * Wells, Andrew & Madison-GCPD/HSPD

FAMILY & FRIENDS

Charlee Gordon • Jim Haught • Gloria Miller
 Avery Pozarek • John/Marsha Pruett
 Don Rutherford • Wanda Smith • Bob Troutman
 Harrel Walters • Kay Ward

- ♦ Apple, Randy (Linda Hudson's 49 yr. old son) In Searcy hospital w/CHF & pneumonia. Dr. says it's very serious

BATTILING CANCER

Jennifer Baker • JL Bice • Jim Blagg
 Allen Constant • Jack Haywood • Terry Horne
 Kirsten James • Jeff Janus • Sandy Land Brenda
 Lavender • Deborah Long
 Daryl Macon • Delorious Tolleson
 Bettie Lou White • Frankie White

- ♦ Harris, Jerry (Karin Grisham's cousin) finally accepted into MD Anderson in Houston. Trying experimental treatment for stage 4 pancreatic cancer

MISSIONS (Matthew 28:18-20)

- ❖ Kakinada, India-Ronnie Gootam
- ❖ Nigeria -Chad Wagner
- ❖ Pacific Islands -Randy English