



**Coffeeville First Baptist Church**  
By **Craig Baker, Pastor**

As dawn approaches, the full moon of Passover bathes Jerusalem, that ancient city of David, along with the mountains, valleys, hills, and plains surrounding it with the soft glow of its light. Last week we learned that earlier in the night the agony of Jesus had passed. The betrayer had come. The time was upon Him. Jesus had turned His face with resilience towards the cross. It was His destiny, but the night was far from over.

look at him. She is sure she has seen him before, so she follows him to the place in the courtyard where the soldiers and servants have built a fire to warm themselves on this cool night. She continues to ponder the man's identity until it finally comes to her. As if she has come to some great revelation she excitedly blurts out, "You also were with Jesus of Galilee." The man cannot believe his ears. How could this servant girl have recognized him? Perhaps he has been hiding his face with a cloak or scarf. Regardless, he is found out. He must do something. For what will they do to the man who cut off the ear of one of the soldiers? The words came almost without thinking. "I do not know what you are saying." His words pierce his heart. It is as if the words did not come from his lips. He is stunned by what he has just said and walks away for a moment.

As he approaches the gateway off to the side of the courtyard, he is shocked when another young girl standing nearby recognizes him and shouts for all to hear, "This fellow also was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again, his quick reply caught him off guard as if the words were not his own. "I do not know the Man!" His minds swirls with emotions and dizzying thoughts of disbelief at what he has done. To not raise suspicions, he returns to the fire. He must find a way out of here, but he dares not leave too

quickly for fleeing at the words of a young girl would be a sign of his guilt. Off to the side of the courtyard some have gathered debating the identity of this stranger. After a few moments, their minds made up, they approach him, questioning and accusing, "Surely you also are one of them, for your speech betrays you."

His Galilean accent has given him away. His mind races. What will he do? If he admits he is one of the twelve, they will surely drag him before the council to stand accused and condemned alongside Jesus? What will he do? They impatiently demand an answer to their inquiry. Cursing and swearing, he shouts, "I do not know the Man!" As those words roll off his tongue, the night falls silent. Off in the distance the faint sound of a rooster crowing can be heard. In that moment time stands still for this stranger in the courtyard, known to us as Peter, had just a few hours earlier so boldly and proudly declared, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble." "Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You!" A flood of emotions overtakes Peter. Shame, guilt, pity, and anger assault him as he recalls the words Jesus had spoken to him earlier in the night. "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times."

Peter must get away from this place. He can take no more, so he goes out. Perhaps he returns the Mount of Olives because it was there he had last experienced peace and solitude as he and the others slept. As the night begins to fade into dawn, if you listen closely, you can hear a sound piercing through the lingering darkness. It is (Cont'd. on page 14)



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### IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
KENNETH CARVAN, DECEASED  
NO: 26-CV-19PL  
SUZANNE THOMAS, PETITIONER

#### SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF YALOBUSHA  
TO: THE HEIRS AT LAW OF KENNETH CARVAN, DECEASED

You have been made a Respondent in the Petition To Determine Heirs filed in this Court by Suzanne Thomas, on behalf of the Heirs of Kenneth Carvan, seeking an Order adjudicating Suzanne Thomas and Brandon Carvan as the sole heirs at law of Kenneth Carvan.

Other Respondents in this action are: NONE.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday the 6th day of May, 2026, in the courtroom of the PanolabCounty Chancery Court, at the Panola County Courthouse located at 151 Public Square, Batesville, MS, and in the case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition To Determine Heirs of Kenneth Carvan. Youbare not required to file an answer or other pleadings but you may do so if you desire. If youvdesire to file an answer, you must mail the original of same to the Chancery Clerk of Yalobusha County, Mississippi, and a copy thereof to Thomas Womble Jr. at the address listed below before the above listed hearing date.

ISSUED under my hand and the seal of said Court this 23rd day of March, 2026.

**Donald Gray**  
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Yalobusha County Chancery Clerk  
Coffeeville, MS 38922

BY: /s/ Annie Harris, D. C.

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Level: intermediate

#### Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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