



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

Throughout the Bible we are told of people who faced defining moments in their lives, moments when they had to make a choice of whether they were going to obey God. When we left Esther in chapter 4, we had come to a defining moment in her life. An evil man named Haman, who the king had appointed second in command of all the kingdom, had conned the king into signing a decree that on a certain day everyone was to take up arms and kill all the Jews living in the Persian kingdom. After the king made the decree, Esther's cousin Mordecai, who caused it all with his refusal to bow to Haman, came every day to cry and wail at the walls of the palace. We do not know how many days Mordecai came wailing at the palace walls before it was brought to Queen Esther's attention, but when Esther found out what Mordecai was doing, she sent word for him to straighten up and act appropriately for his position as one of the king's officials. Mordecai replied by telling Esther what the king had decreed against the Jews and that she must do something to stop it. As queen she must go to the king and ask him to reverse his decision and save her people. Esther replied, "But Mordecai, do you not know that even the queen can be killed for approaching the king uninvited, and it's been a while since the king has asked to see me?" Mordecai responded, "Yet, who knows whether

you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Could it be that this was the very reason Esther was chosen to be queen? Certainly, Esther was at a defining moment in her life. She had a decision to make that was a matter of life and death in her life. An evil man named Haman, who the king had appointed second in command of all the kingdom, had conned the king into signing a decree that on a certain day everyone was to take up arms and kill all the Jews living in the Persian kingdom. After the king made the decree, Esther's cousin Mordecai, who caused it all with his refusal to bow to Haman, came every day to cry and wail at the walls of the palace. We do not know how many days Mordecai came wailing at the palace walls before it was brought to Queen Esther's attention, but when Esther found out what Mordecai was doing, she sent word for him to straighten up and act appropriately for his position as one of the king's officials. Mordecai replied by telling Esther what the king had decreed against the Jews and that she must do something to stop it. As queen she must go to the king and ask him to reverse his decision and save her people. Esther replied, "But Mordecai, do you not know that even the queen can be killed for approaching the king uninvited, and it's been a while since the king has asked to see me?" Mordecai responded, "Yet, who knows whether

would either be life or death. In verses 2-3 the Bible tells us that when the king saw Queen Esther standing in the court, he was pleased with her and held out her the golden scepter that was in his hand which was a sign of acceptance. Surprised by an unplanned visit from his queen, the king no doubt knew the matter must have been of great importance. The king said to her, "What do you wish? What is your request? It shall be given to you, up to half the kingdom." The king certainly was not willing to give up half his kingdom and did not expect Esther to ask for it, but this was the king's way of saying, "I will give you whatever you want within reason." At this point, most of us would have just blurted it out, "Haman is a wicked, lying man who tricked you. Your decree says all the Jews are going to die and what you don't know is that includes me too. I'm a Jew. You have to stop this," but Esther was a wise woman who was guided by the Lord. She knew better than to just make accusations against the king's top official in the presence of the king's court. Instead, she invited the king to a banquet and asked that Haman come as well. At the banquet she would reveal her request. If you remember from chapter one, King Ahasuerus was rather fond of banquets, so the king replied, "Bring Haman quickly, that he may do as Esther has said." Once at the banquet, verses 6-8 tell us that the king again asked Esther for her request. What could be so important that she would go through all this trouble. Esther replies, "You and Haman come to another banquet that I have prepared for tomorrow. That's when I will tell you what I want." It is here that the focus of chapter 5 shifts from Esther to Haman (Esther 5:9-14). We would say this is where the plot thickens. We are told (Cont'd on page 11)



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**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF 1ST DISTRICT YALOBUSHA

WHEREAS, default has occurred in the performance of the covenants, terms and conditions of a Deed of Trust dated September 24, 2014, executed by JACKIE LYNN SPEARMAN conveying certain real property therein described to W. STEWART ROBISON, as Trustee, for GREEN TREE SERVICING LLC, Original Beneficiary, to secure the indebtedness therein described, as same appears of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of 1st District Yalobusha County, Mississippi filed and recorded October 9, 2014, in Deed Book 20141, Page 2521; and

WHEREAS, the beneficial interest of said Deed of Trust was transferred and assigned to U.S. Bank, N.A., as Trustee, successor in interest to Wachovia Bank, National Association, as Trustee, for Mid-State Trust XI; and

WHEREAS, Rubin Lublin, LLC has been appointed as Substitute Trustee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, as Substitute Trustee or his duly appointed agent, by virtue of the power, duty and authority vested and imposed upon said Substitute Trustee shall, on May 21, 2026 within the lawful hours of sale between 11:00AM and 4:00PM at the north door of the Courthouse proceed to sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds

ONLY, the following described property situated in 1st District Yalobusha County, Mississippi, to wit:

BEGIN AT A POINT LOCATED 869 FEET EAST AND 665 FEET SOUTH OF A BED RAIL REPRESENTING THE CENTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST AND RUN N 83 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 55 SECONDS E 167.39 FEET; THENCE S 12 DEGREES 48 MINUTES 33 SECONDS W 237.86 FEET; THENCE S 7 DEGREES 09 MINUTES 57 SECONDS EAST 106.52 FEET, TO THE NORTH RIGHT OF WAY OF A COUNTY ROAD; THENCE S 67 DEGREES 42 MINUTES 20 SECONDS W 87.57 FEET, ALONG THE RIGHT OF WAY; THENCE N 20 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 18 SECONDS W 133.98 FEET; THENCE NORTH 225.90 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING ONE ACRE, MORE OR LESS. LOCATED IN THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 25 NORTH RANGE 7 EAST OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: The street address of the property is believed to be **4787 CR 82, COFFEEVILLE, MS 38922**. In the event of any discrepancy between this street address and the legal description of the property, the legal description shall control.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee. The sale will be conducted subject (1) to confirmation that the sale is not prohibited under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code (2) to final confirmation and audit of the status of the loan with the holder of the Security Deed, and (3) purchaser's tendering to Rubin Lublin, LLC, anti-money laundering information as required pursuant to the FinCEN Real Estate Report Rule. Failure to provide information, could result in rescission of the sale.

THIS LAW FIRM IS ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Rubin Lublin, LLC  
3145 Avalon Ridge Place, Suite 100

**Living . . .**  
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**Grill pans**  
Grill pans bring the grilling experience right to your stovetop, creating those signature sear marks and caramelized edges. They're ideal for quick meals and smaller spaces, especially when outdoor grilling isn't an option. Use a light brush of oil and medium-high heat to cook vegetables, lean meats, or plant-based proteins while keeping cleanup simple and flavors bold. I like to start cooking on the stove to make marks on one side then put the whole pan in the oven to finish it unattended. It is a good idea to use a seasoned cast iron grill pan.

**Air fryers**  
Air fryers aren't traditional grills, but they can mimic that crisp, roasted texture with very little oil. They're excellent for cooking marinated proteins, vegetables, and even fruit, delivering a satisfying bite without deep frying. For heart health, they're a great tool to reduce added fats while still achieving a delicious, slightly charred finish.

**Broiler**  
The broiler is one of the most underrated "indoor grills," using high, direct heat from above to create a beautifully browned and slightly charred surface. It's perfect for quick cooking—think fish fillets, chicken breasts, or sliced vegetables. Keep a close eye while cooking to prevent burning, and use simple seasonings to highlight natural flavors without excess sodium.

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**Family & Friends Day**  
GUEST SPEAKER: PASTOR ERIC WILSON

Mt. Pleasant M.B. Church  
Pope, MS 38927

New Bethel M.B. Church  
Crowder, MS 38622

**Food Safety Certification Class: One Day June 3**

ServSafe Food Certification Class will be taught June 3, 2026, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The certification exam will begin around 4:00 p.m. and should be completed by 6 p.m. The class will be held at the Yalobusha County Extension Office in Coffeeville. Cost of the course is \$150. **The deadline to register is May 4, 2026.** Call Pamela Redwine at the Extension Office at 662-675-2730 for additional details and to register. When calling to sign up, please inform the office of any disabilities that might interfere with your opportunity to participate in this program. The MSU Extension provides educational opportunities to the public on an equal opportunity basis and will make every reasonable effort to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

**Bethlehem M. B. Church Anniversary**

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church will be celebrate the Church's 156th Anniversary on Sunday, April 26, 2026 along with the 11 o'clock morning worship service. Sunday School begins at 10:00 A.M.

Reverend Tekelvue (TK) Townsend, pastor of Pleasant Grove Church will be the guest speaker.

Lunch will be served following the morning worship service.

We are looking forward to your presence.  
Bethlehem Church family,  
Rev. Larry W. Ware,  
Pastor



**EARTH DAY**  
APRIL 22