



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

As we have been studying the Book of Esther, we have seen how God works setting up situations, incidents, and events in our lives. As we study Esther 6, we want to pay special attention to how God worked, even in the seemingly insignificant things, putting the pieces in place to fulfill His plan for His people. You may recall that when we left our story an evil man named Haman, the second in command of the Persian kingdom, had returned home after having dinner with the king and queen. As he returned home, Haman crossed paths with Mordecai who had repeatedly refused to honor Haman by bowing to him. Haman returned home in a rage, and at the suggestion of his family and friends had gallows raised with plans to get the king's permission the next morning to hang Mordecai that day. No doubt Haman slept well that night with the sounds of vengeance, the hammers and saws constructing the gallows outside his window, but not everyone slept so soundly that night. In the palace someone is awake (Esther 6:1-3).

Verse 1 begins with the words "That night." What night? The very night Haman decided to have Mordecai killed the next day. It was not the night before, not the night after, but that night the king could not sleep. Sometimes God's workings are not so much what He does, but when He does things. We are not told why, but that night of all

nights the king could not sleep. The king could have done many things to try to settle his mind and find rest. He could have asked for singers, musicians, the company of the queen, food, or drink, but that night the king asked for the book of the chronicles of his kingship to be brought in and read to him. This was a record of king's 12-year reign up to that point. While it would have contained some interesting records, for the most part the chronicles of a king's reign were a mind-numbing list of monotonous daily happenings around the palace involving the king. I imagine it would have been like listening to someone read a phone book or dictionary.

On the 2nd day of the first month in the 7th year of the reign of King Ahasuerus, Azar gave the king 12 pieces of silver. On the 3rd day of the first month in the 7th year of the reign of King Ahasuerus, the king decreed that the palace doors be replaced. On the 4th day of the first month in the 7th year of the reign of King Ahasuerus, the king sentenced Gaspar to death for treason. On the 5th day of the first month in the 7th year of the reign of King Ahasuerus... You get the idea. Imagine the torture of being the servant who had to sit up all night reading this to the king. On and on it goes. On the 6th day of the first month of the 7th year of the reign of King Ahasuerus... I can picture the kings eyelids getting heavier and heavier as the servant's monotone voice drones on and on until

finally the king hears something like this, "On the 12th day of the 5th month in the 7th year of the reign of King Ahasuerus, Mordecai the Jew of Sushan rendered service to the king by revealing an assassination plot thus saving the king's life and his kingdom." On the 13th day of the 5th month...

I imagine the king being snapped from his drowsiness and asking, "What did you just say?" "On the 13th day of the...", his servant began again. "No," says the king, "Before that, something about an assassination plot." Again, the servant read, "On the 12th day of 5th month in the 7th year of the reign of King Ahasuerus, Mordecai the Jew of Sushan rendered service to the king by revealing an assassination plot thus saving the king's life and his kingdom." "And how was this man, Mordecai, rewarded for his deed," asked the king. "Your majesty, there is no record of a reward," replied the servant. "Then something must be done to honor such a man," commands the king.

Of all the records the servant could have read from the king's 12-year reign, the one chosen that night contained the record of Mordecai uncovering the assassination plot. That was what was read to the king, on the night the king could not sleep, the night before Mordecai was to be executed. You cannot tell me that God was not directing all of this, and as soon as the king hears that nothing was done for Mordecai all those years ago, he begins working to make things right. Now watch God's timing again because it is perfect (Esther 6:4-6). Haman was up early the next morning headed to the palace. His mind was set on a mission; hanging Mordecai. Like everyone else, entering the inner court of the king without an invitation would be risking his life, so Haman goes to the outer court, making sure he is

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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

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE JANE PRAY, DECEASED SHELLEY PRAY GUIDRY, ADMINISTRATRIX PETITIONER VS. CIVIL ACTION NO.: 26-cv-13 (VD) UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE JANE PRAY, DECEASED, SHELLEY PRAY GUIDRY, ADMINISTRATRIX

SUMMONS IN RULE 81(D)(1)

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN AND BENEFICIARIES OF THE ESTATE OF ALICE JANE PRAY, DECEASED:

You have been made a defendant in the suit filed in this Court by Shelley Pray Guidry, Plaintiff, seeking unknown heirs at law, next of kin and beneficiaries of the Estate of Alice Jane Pray, Deceased.

TAKE NOTICE that a trial will be held in the above styled and numbered action to which you are a defendant on Monday, the 8th day of June 2026, at 9 o'clock a.m., at the County Courthouse in the City of Grenada in Grenada County, Mississippi.

The action against you is one described by Rule 81(d)(1), MRCP, which is triable 30 days after completion of service of process in any manner other than by publication, or 30 days after the first publication where process is by publication.

Your response must be mailed or delivered not later than thirty days after the 30th day of April 2026, which is the date of the first publication of this summons. If your response is not so mailed or delivered, a judgment by default will be entered against you for the money or other relief demanded in the Complaint.

You must also file the original of your response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward.

In any event, however, YOU SHOULD APPEAR IN COURT IN PERSON ON THE DATE, TIME AND AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED ABOVE to defend the action. Failure to appear may result in a judgment against you.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this the 20th day of April 2026.

DONALD GRAY
CHANCERY CLERK OF
YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STEVEN EDWIN SHAW, DECEASED NO: 26-CV-01
SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

The heirs at law of Steven Edwin Shaw, deceased AND TO: The heirs at law of Mary Shaw, deceased You have been made respondents in the suit filed in this Court by Letitia Thompson, petitioner, seeking a determination of heirs and for authority to sell real property of the late Steven Edwin Shaw. Respondent other than you in this action is Jasper Alexander Ray.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the petition filed against you in this action at 9 o'clock A.M. on the 8th day of June, 2026, in the courtroom of the Grenada County Courthouse at Grenada, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court, this 27th day of April, 2026.

DONALD GRAY
CHANCERY CLERK OF
YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

BY: /s/ Maranda Buford D. C.

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