



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

Esther 6:14 tells us, "While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs came and hastened to bring Haman to the banquet which Esther had prepared." When I read that verse, I cannot help but picture Haman sitting in his house with his wife and close friends sitting around listening to him whine and complaining about how terrible and humiliating it was to have to honor Mordecai throughout the city when suddenly there was a knock at the door and the king's eunuchs barge in and rush Haman away. Perhaps in his misery, Haman had forgotten about his dinner date with the king and queen. The fact that the eunuch's hastened him away would certainly give that indication. How much worse could his day get? Now he's at risk of dishonoring the king and queen by being late for their banquet.

sweat broke out across her brow, and a lump swelled in her throat as she prepared to answer the king. She extends the necessary courtesies to the king then pleads for her life and the life of her people. She points out the severity of the king's decree against her people. She says, "We will be killed, destroyed, annihilated."

She also points out that no matter how much money the enemy offered to pay it would never compensate for the loss the kingdom would suffer from the death of her people. Although Esther did not specifically mention the king's decree against the Jews, surely, they all knew what Esther was talking about, but from the king's reaction that doesn't appear to have been the case. You may recall that when Haman tricked the king into signing the decree against the Jews, Haman never told the king that it was the Jews he was talking about killing. Haman just said it was a certain group of people, so the king demanded to know who would dare threaten the life of his queen and her people. (Esther 7:1-5).

When the king returned, enraged, confused, and influenced by alcohol, he saw his queen lying on her couch, not alone, but with Haman. The king said, "Will he also assault the queen while I am in the house?" The king was possibly saying two things with this statement, to Haman he was saying, "How dare you try to force yourself on the queen," and to his servants the king was saying, "Are you just going to stand there and do nothing while he molests the queen?" One of the king's servants informed the king that Haman had prepared a gallows at his house and suggested that the king have Haman hung on his own gallows. He king agreed, and Haman was executed for his actions.

So, Haman rushed through the streets into the palace where the king was waiting.

Perhaps part of the reason the king could not sleep the night before was because so many thoughts were running through his head about what could possibly be so important that the queen would go through all this trouble. It seems that shortly after arriving at the banquet the king again asked Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request, up to half the kingdom? It shall be done!" I imagine Esther's heart began to race,

that you could not think straight? I imagine that was how the king felt. His mind was racing, what was he going to do? How could Haman have made such a fool of him? How could he let himself be tricked into signing the death warrant of his own Queen? All this was just too much. The king was about to explode, so he stepped into the palace garden to get a handle on his rage and the situation. While the king was out, Haman did the only thing he could do. He begged the queen to spare his life, but in his desperation, possibly even in a state of shock at his situation, Haman acted even more foolishly. He fell across the couch where the queen was reclining (Esther 7:7).

Let me ask you, "What enemies do you have in your life?" You may immediately say that you do not have any enemies. Our problem is we often think of our enemies in terms of the people who seek ill will and harm towards us, those who are trying to bring

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Haman finally received the full portion of what was coming to him. With the help of her king, Esther faced her enemy and found victory over him.

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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 20th day of April 2026.

**DONALD GRAY**  
**CHANCERY CLERK OF**  
**YALOBUSHA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
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**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
**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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