



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

As we near the end of our study through the Book of Esther, I am grateful for what the Lord has been teaching me. I often preach and teach through books of the Bible. I do that for several reasons, but primarily because it is the best way for us to gain a thorough knowledge and understanding of the history, context, instruction, and message of each book. It never fails that when we come to the end of studying a book of the Bible I realize there was so much more there for us that we could have covered, and the Book of Esther is no different. There is plenty in the Book of Esther that we have not focused on or maybe only mentioned in passing, so as our study comes to an end next week, I hope you will take some time to read and study through it again for yourself.

If you have been keeping up with this study, at this point you are familiar with the events recorded in the Book of Esther, but for those who are not, let me quickly review how we got to where we are this week in chapter 8. The setting was around 470 B.C. in the Persian capital city of Shushan. Persia was the superpower empire that controlled the middle east from Egypt to India across Asia minor into the northern regions of Greece. King Ahasuerus, also known as King Xerxes, ruled the land. Esther, a young Jewish girl was chosen as his queen. Shortly after that, the king promoted a vicious

and evil man named Haman to his second in command. The king gave Haman his signet ring, in essence turning over the administration of the kingdom to Haman. Enraged because one of the king's officials, a Jew named Mordecai, would not kneel to him, Haman deceived the king into signing a decree that on a certain day people throughout the kingdom were to kill all the Jews. Though it is not directly stated, the implication was that the Jews would not be allowed to defend themselves. Haman could not wait until that day for Mordecai to die, so he built a gallows 75 feet high and planned to get the king's permission to hang Mordecai from it. But God had other plans, and what Haman did not know was that Queen Esther was a Jew and her cousin, and adoptive father was none other than Mordecai. With Mordecai's encouragement and urging, Queen Esther admitted to King Ahasuerus that she was a Jew and exposed Haman's plan against her people. Last week we learned Esther revealed all this at a banquet she prepared for Haman and the king. Upon hearing what Esther had to say, the king became enraged and went out into the courtyard, no doubt to take a minute to cool his head and decide what he would do about Haman's deceit and lies, but that decision was made easy for him when he returned to find Haman laying across the queen's couch begging her for mercy. Acting inappropriately towards the queen

was punishable by death, so the king immediately had Haman taken out and hung on the gallows that Haman had built for Mordecai. That is where we pick up our account in chapter 8.

It was common for the estate of condemned criminals to become property of the king to do with as he wished, and upon Haman's death, the king gave Haman's estate to Esther. At that time, Esther brought Mordecai before the king and told the king how she was related to Mordecai, so King Ahasuerus promoted Mordecai to the position formerly held by Haman; second in command of all the kingdom; the bearer of the king's signet ring with the authority to act on behalf of the king. Esther also set Mordecai over her new estate. Things seemed to have been set right. The evil Haman was put to death. Mordecai received his rightful recognition and promotion. Queen Esther found renewed favor with the king, but one problem remained Esther 8:1-2).

According to the law of the Medes and Persians, no decree issued by the king could be revoked or changed, so despite Haman's death the decree to kill the Jews that Haman had issued in the king's name remained in effect. The date was still set and drawing near for the Jewish people throughout the kingdom to be exterminated, so Esther again risked her life by going into the King's presence without an invitation. We do not know why Esther waited a while before asking the king to do something to spare the Jews. Maybe she just figured the king would take it upon himself to right the wrong. Whatever the reason for the king's inaction on the matter, Esther fell at the feet of the king and made her plea. Her plea was simple and personal, "Something must be done to save my people; a new decree must be issued to counteract the decree (Cont'd on page 9)

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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
Publish by: April 30, May 7 and 14, 2026 **BY: /s/ Annie Harris, DC DEPUTY CLERK.**

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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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