

# INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST

## JANUARY 4, 2026

**PRAYERS:** The Houses' next court date is April 8th.

**CONGRATS:** Caitlin Jirron (niece of **Dan Cates**) had her son **J.J.** on Wednesday morning. He was 7lb, 4oz, and 19 1/2" and is doing well. Caitlin, though, had some difficulty. Both were able to come home Friday night.

**SICK:** **Carl Hounshell** is continuing to improve; he will need to have an MRI before he can have a nerve block. **Maggie Cooper** and **Mary Ray** have been sick this week.

**PROTRACTED:** **Allene Baldwin**—thyroid; **Brandi Beavers**—fibromyalgia; **Scooter Birmingham** (friend of **Destiny Clayton**); **Suzanne Brown**—arthritis; **Shelly Cates**—fibromyalgia; **T.J. Clarke** (former instructor at MSOP)—spinal injury; **Janet Daniel** (sister of **Melinda Haas**)—lupus; **Martha Clayton** (Tabatha Clayton's mother-in-law)—congestive heart failure; **Ella Cobb**, granddaughter of the **Houses**—seizures; **Elizabeth Ferguson** (wife of former preacher here)—dementia; **Jimmy Ferguson** (former preacher here)—heart rhythm; **Melinda Haas**—Lyme Disease; **Cody Hadley**—Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever; **Kaylie Hadley**—UCTD; **Shelby Hadley**—facing mitral valve prolapse surgery between eight months and two years from now; **Paula Harrison**—Meniere's Disease; **Scott Ingram** (of GBN); **Wanda Jackson**—a-fib; **Monica La Rock** (granddaughter of **Orelia Ferguson**); **Garrett Lentz** (son of a co-worker of **Cody Hadley**)—seizures; **Brandon McNeil** (son of **Karen Tuttle**)—alpha gal disease; **Betty Mayes** (mother of **Brittany Buchanan**)—aneurisms and kidney problems; **Becky Munns** (Tabatha Clayton's aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; **Shelby Peyton**—knee; **Mary Ray**—dizziness; **Brett Rutherford** (Dan Cates' friend)—MS; **Francis Wallace** (friend of **Mary Ray**); **Stephanie Vick**—Lyme Disease; and **Jerry Worthington** (neighbor of **Carl Hounshell**)—physical and emotional difficulties.

**CANCER:** **Paul Baldwin**—pancreatic; **Alicia Busby** (from the community); **Andy Cates** (Dan Cates' brother)—CLL leukemia; **Tish Clarke** (wife of the MSOP director)—melanoma; **Jill Curry** (Carl Hounshell's grandson, Adam Carlson's mother-in-law)—uterine; **Gary Darnell** (Ella Darnell's son)—CLL leukemia as well as diabetes; **Robert Davis**—Stage 4 prostate; **Hans Harms** (step-father of Karen Tuttle)—kidney; **David Jones** (Shelly Cates' father)—DPLL leukemia; **Sara Kiestler** (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; **Wade Loggins** (member of congregation in Elkmont, AL); **Dorothy Mosher** (wife of an MSOP instructor); **Carol Oglesby** (family of the Browns)—stomach; **Priscilla Patterson** (mother of a friend of Dan Cates)—breast; **Tommy Pierce** (the Browns' friend); **Laykan Rutherford** (cousin of Shelly Cates); **Dale van der Wood** (neighbor of **Carl Hounshell**)—lymphoma; and **Tabby Waters** (Tabatha Clayton's sister-in-law)—leukemia.

**SHUT-IN:** **Mary Ruth Brown** (home), **Orelia Ferguson** (home) and **Ruth House** (Lawayne House's mother who is at home).

**SERVING:** **Cameron Hadley** (Marines), now stationed locally; and **Jason House** (Marines), out west. Also, please continue to pray for **Kyle Embrey** (**Syble Embrey**'s grandson—policeman) and all other military [especially who are going or remain abroad] and for all those in authority that we might live "quiet and peaceable" lives (1 Timothy 2:1,2).

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**Services:** *Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 4:45 p.m. (pew-packers), 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.*

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**Missions** [*the latest reports from these works are on the bulletin board in the foyer*]

*Kakinada, India [Providing Bibles and Overseeing Funds]*

*Memphis School of Preaching (Rafaele Barber and Tony Solaita)*

*Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)*

*Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)*

*Four Seas Bible College, Singapore*

*Bear Valley Bible Institute (Denver, CO)*

*Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]*

*Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)*

*Tennessee Children's Home, West*

*Justin and Megan Evergarden (Japan, 2026)*

*Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)*

*Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts*

# "THE LORD KNOWETH"

## from *Meditations of My Heart*

*"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:" (Second Peter 2:9)*

These inspired words from Peter remind us of what Paul said in 1 Corinthians 10:13. God promised there to make for us a way to escape temptation.

Peter's teaching is a little different. His subject is deliverance for the godly and punishment for the unjust. Sometimes in life we wonder how it is that the "bad guys" seem to win. But they will not in the end.

God's judgment is certain and it is sure. Those who walk according to the flesh will deserve their punishment. Just so, the godly persons, the faithful Christians, can be sure of their deliverance.

*"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

*But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ:" (Ephesians 4:14,15)*

### BIBLE QUESTION:

This week's question: What is not against "the fruit of the Spirit"?

Last week's question: What did Paul use as a type, or pattern, of the relationship of Jesus and His church in Ephesians?

Last week's answer: The relationship of a husband and wife (Ephesians 5:22-33)

**SERMONS:** A.M.: *"Tell Me the Story of Jesus,"* Part 49: "The Head of the Corner"  
(Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12; Luke 20:9-19).

P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 8: Joshua.

### DAILY BIBLE READING (January 5-11):

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	
Genesis	12-15	16-19	20-22	23-26	27-29	30-32	33-36

**READ SCRIPTURE (JANUARY):** Lawayne House (Mark 12:9,10)  
(FEBRUARY): Cameron Hadley

**PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JANUARY):** Dan Cates  
(FEBRUARY): Tony Solaita

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JANUARY):** Levi Howell and Ali'i Barber  
(FEBRUARY): Gavin Arrington and Keegan Arrington

**CLEAN BUILDING (JANUARY):** Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown  
(FEBRUARY): Kim Arrington

**PREPARE COMMUNION (JANUARY):** Shelly Cates and Maggie Cooper  
(FEBRUARY): Reese Kinney

### UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

January 4	Jacob Kennedy	January 11	Cody Hadley
January 18	Tony Solaita	January 25	Rafaelle Barber

### UPCOMING SUNDAY A.M. & P.M. & WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

Sun A: January 4	Ali'i Barber	January 11	Dylan Cooper
Sun P: January 4	Carson Kinney	January 11	Jacob Kennedy
Wed: January 7	Ali'i Barber	January 14	Keegan Arrington

**MISSING GLOVE:** If you find a red glove, please give it to **Mary Ray**. She has misplaced one.

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods.

### JANUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Syble Embrey	January 4	Ella Cobb	January 7
Maggie Cooper	January 9	Levi Howell	January 9
Shelby Peyton	January 20	Karter Shamblin	January 30
Roland McClure	January 31		

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

January 17  
**Men's Day** at Looxahoma with Billy Bland speaking. It will be from 9:00-Noon.

### WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!