

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
FEBRUARY 8, 2026

SYMPATHY: Sadly, over the last couple of weeks in which we have been preparing for, dealing with, and recovering from the ice storm, we have lost two of our beloved members. **Paul Baldwin** passed away on January 20th and **Ella Darnell** passed away February 2nd. Both of these fine Christians have left indelible marks on this congregation and will be greatly missed! **Matthew Paschall**, a student at MSOP and SLCC friend of some here, passed away after a seizure and fall on the ice resulting in an unrecoverable head injury—he was just 29. **Matthew Mixon** (friend of **Katie Brown**) lost his grandmother who lived in Birmingham, Alabama.

CONGRATS: **Jacob Kennedy** graduated with the equivalent of a Master's degree in Apologetics from the MSOP Graduate Program a couple of weeks ago. We are very proud of him and his fine work; he is now in the Leadership Program.

SICK: Too many to name without accidentally leaving some out have been sick over the past three weeks with various ailments; we rejoice that most are staring to feel better. **Carl Hounshell** has not yet been able to reschedule his nerve block; Lord willing, he will be able to soon! **Karen Tuttle's** son, **Robert**, has had complications due to his diverticulitis; they are determining whether he will need surgery.

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: **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** (**Patricia McClure's** brother)—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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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

"OBEY MY VOICE"

from Meditations of My Heart

"But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you" (Jeremiah 7:23)

The loving Creator knows what men need to be happy. For it to "be well" with us, we must hearken to Him.

Previously, God told Israel, "Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess" (Deuteronomy 5:33).

Obedying God will change the very course of our lives, and secure for us life eternal. If we follow God's way, it will "be well" with us now, we will reach the Heavenly home some day, and each step of our journey will be filled with joy.

"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 was the name of the witness that nearly brought war among the eastern and western tribes?

Last week's question: How many Old Testament books provided the information for setting up the Refuge Cities?

Last week's answer: Three (Numbers [chapter 35], Deuteronomy [chapters 4 and 19], and Joshua [chapter 20])

SERMONS: A.M.: Tony Solaita will preach this morning.

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

DAILY BIBLE READING (February 9-15):

Mon. Tues. Wed. Thur. Fri. Sat. Sun.

Leviticus 1-4 5-7 8-10 11-13 14-16 17-19 20-23

READ SCRIPTURE (FEBRUARY): Cameron Hadley (Please see Tony)

(MARCH): Carson Kinney

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (FEBRUARY): Tony Solaita

(MARCH): Rafaele Barber

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (FEBRUARY): Gavin Arrington and Keegan Arrington

(MARCH): Conor Cates and Eric Galeai

CLEAN BUILDING (FEBRUARY): Kim Arrington

(MARCH): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

PREPARE COMMUNION (FEBRUARY): Reese Kinney

(MARCH): Tabatha Clayton

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

February 8 Rafaele Barber

February 15 Tony Solaita

February 22 Ali'i Barber

March 1 Dylan Cooper

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

Sun A: February 8 Conor Cates

February 15 Keegan Arrington

Sun P: February 8 Keegan Arrington

February 15 Levi Howell

Wed: February 11 Carson Kinney

February 18 Levi Howell

PANTRY NEEDS: The Tennessee Children's Home truck will be here May 5th. A list of their needs is in the foyer.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS:

Eryx Galeai February 13

Kennadee Arrington

February 17

Joey Hadley February 18

UPCOMING EVENTS:

February 20-22

"Standing in the Gap" lecturership at Nesbit on *The Tabernacle: A Study of Types and Antitypes.*

February 22

Baby Shower for Shelby Hadley at 3:00 P.M. at the building. Shelby is registered at Target and Amazon.

May 5

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!