

# INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST

## MARCH 15, 2026

**SYMPATHY:** Tony Solaita's aunt passed away in California. Please pray for the family and for Tony and Doanne as they travel.

**SICK:** Suzanne Brown, Maggie Cooper, Thomas Massey, Ray Stanford were dealing with health issues this week. Robbie Cliett, neighbor of the Cates, will have knee replacement surgery on March 19th.

**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); Hugh Brewer (Bill Burford's nephew)—bladder; 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; Jim Jackson (elder at Coldwater)—colon; 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

# "AWAKE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS"

from *Meditations of My Heart*

*"Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God:  
I speak this to your shame" (1 Corinthians 15:34)*

Choices have consequences, and we, like the Corinthian Christians, have the ability to control the choices we make. If we choose, we can seek the knowledge of God, turn from sin, and awake to righteousness.

Interestingly, the Holy Spirit chose a word, translated "*awake*," that means to return to one's sober mind after drunkenness. Living in sin is likened unto the folly and stupor of intoxication. Sober minded people seek the knowledge of God, realize the eternal dangers associated with sin, and choose to do right (1 John 3:7).

Not to do so is "*to your shame*," both now and forever more.

*"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: Who was "the son of Nun"?

Last week's question: Who forced the tribe of Dan "into the mountain"?

Last week's answer: The Amorites (Judges 1:34)

**SERMONS:** A.M.: *Rafaele Barber will preach this morning.*

P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land, Part 9: Judges.*

## DAILY BIBLE READING (March 16-22):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Joshua</b>	16-18	19-21	22-24				
		<b>Judges</b>		1-4	5-8	9-12	13-15

**READ SCRIPTURE (MARCH): Carson Kinney (Please see Rafaele Barber)**

(APRIL): *Ray Stanford*

**PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH): Rafaele Barber**

(APRIL): *Dylan Cooper*

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH): Conor Cates and Eryx Galeai**

(APRIL): *Thomas Massey and Stu Tuttle*

**CLEAN BUILDING (MARCH): Melinda Haas and April Kinney**

(APRIL): *Shelly Cates and Maggie Cooper*

**PREPARE COMMUNION (MARCH): Tabatha Clayton**

(APRIL): *Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown*

## UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

<b>March 15</b>	<b>Carson Kinney</b>	<b>March 22</b>	<b>Jacob Kennedy</b>
<b>March 29</b>	<b>Cody Hadley</b>	<b>April 4</b>	<b>Cameron Hadley</b>

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

<b>Sun A: March 15</b>	<b>Dylan Cooper</b>	<b>March 22</b>	<b>Tony Solaita</b>
<b>Sun P: March 15</b>	<b>Cody Hadley</b>	<b>March 22</b>	<b>Dylan Cooper</b>
<b>Wed: March 18</b>	<b>Keegan Arrington</b>	<b>March 25</b>	<b>Cody Hadley</b>

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tonight (March 15)

**Youth Devotional** after evening services.

March 28

**Youth Day** at the Forest Hill Church of Christ from 9:30 A.M. to 2:00+ P.M.  
The theme is *The Lord Has Made a Way for Young Christians.*

March 29-April 2

**Fifth Sunday Potluck** after evening services Sunday night.

**MSOP Lectures** on "*I Know the Lord Will Make a Way.*" We have been asked to *provide 25 cakes* for Monday, March 30th. Please have the cakes here by Sunday evening.

April 19

**Youth Devotional** at Katie Brown's house. All are invited.

April 25

**Ladies Day** at Southaven with Celine Sparks speaking. It is scheduled from 9 through lunch.

May 5

The **Tennessee Children's Home** truck will be here.

June 1-3

**VBS** at Forest Hill at 7:00 nightly. The theme is *Great Escapes: God Rescues His People.*

June 7-10

**Gospel meeting** with Kaleb Hall preaching.

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!