

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
MARCH 22, 2026

SYMPATHY: A.J. Spina's grandmother, **Barbara Norton**, passed away on Friday. Let us pray for A.J. and he family.

SICK: **Ella Cobb**, **Peggy House**, and **Thomas Swindoll** were sick this past week. **Tabatha Clayton** had a root canal this past week. **Maggie Cooper** will have gall bladder surgery on April 6th. **Karen Tuttle** did not have much progress from her recent doctor's visit for diverticulitis; she is awaiting contact with a general surgeon. **Robbie Cliett**, neighbor of the **Cates**, had successful knee replacement surgery on March 19th; he has begin physical therapy.

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.
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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

"A LAMP UNTO MY FEET"

from Meditations of My Heart

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Psalm 119:105)

In sin, men "grope in the dark without light" (Job 12:25), stumble, and fall. No wonder that darkness brings danger, fear, and death.

The Word of God shines as "a lamp unto my feet," and makes possible our being "delivered... from the power of darkness," and "translated... into the kingdom of his dear Son" (Colossians 1:13).

The light that shines upon our path is from God, for, "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). Walking in that light, we have fellowship with Christ, and with all those in Christ (1 John 1:7-10), and rejoice that: "The darkness is past, and the true light now shineth" (1 John 2:8).

"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 left-handed judge?

Last week's question: Who was "the son of Nun"?

Last week's answer: Joshua (Judges 2:8)

SERMONS: A.M.: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," Part 52: "God Is Not the God of the Dead, but of the Living" (Matthew 22:23-33; Mark 12:18-27; Luke 20:27-40).

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

DAILY BIBLE READING (March 23-29):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Judges	16-18	19-21					
Ruth		1-4					
1 Samuel			1-3	4-7	8-10	11-13	

READ SCRIPTURE (MARCH): Carson Kinney (Mark 12:26,27)

(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:

March 22 Jacob Kennedy March 29 **Cody Hadley**

April 4 **Cameron Hadley** April 11 **Ali'i Barber**

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

Sun A: March 22 Tony Solaita March 29 **Cameron Hadley**

Sun P: March 22 Dylan Cooper March 29 **Carson Kinney**

Wed: March 25 Cody Hadley April 1 **Levi Howell**

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

UPCOMING EVENTS:

This Saturday (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*.

Next week (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!