

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 29, 2026

PRAYERS: The Houses' next court date in April 8th; let us keep Ella and the family in our prayers..

SICK: **Mary Ray** was sick this past week. **Maggie Cooper** will have gall bladder surgery on April 6th. **Mary Ruth Brown** fell and broke her femur; she has been hospitalized at Baptist Desoto. **Ralph Darnell** (**Patricia McClure's** brother) was hospitalized midweek with heart concerns; they have adjusted his medication. **Johnny Dortch** (**Katie Brown's** boss's husband) is in the hospital with numerous health problems. **Brenna Freeman** (**Karen Tuttle's** daughter-in-law) was injured severely (vertebrae artery dissection) by being squeezed between two horses. She is stable, but not out of danger.

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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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

"STUDY ... RIGHTLY DIVIDING"

from *Meditations of My Heart*

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15)

Few things of value come easily. Whether it be gold, diamonds, or oil, they must be unearthed at great effort. However great the effort, the reward far exceeds it. The same is true concerning the treasure that is the Word of God (Matthew 13:44-46). Those who put forth the effort to know the will of God have no need to fear Him, instead they can rejoice in knowing they have His approval.

The phrase "*rightly dividing*" literally means "*to cut straight.*" Those who put in the work to study it will be rewarded with the skill to correctly wield the "*sword of the Spirit*" (Ephesians 6:17). Those who do not give it the proper attention run the risk of perverting it to their own destruction (2 Peter 3:16).

"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: Where did "Jabin king of Canaan" reign?

Last week's question: Who was the left-handed judge?

Last week's answer: Ehud (Judges 3:15)

SERMONS: A.M.: "*Tell Me the Story of Jesus,*" Part 53: "Not Far from the Kingdom of God" (*Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34*).

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

DAILY BIBLE READING (March 30-April 5):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1 Samuel	14-16	17-20	21-24	25-28	29-31		
2 Samuel					1-4	5-8	

READ SCRIPTURE (MARCH): Carson Kinney (Matthew 22:37-40)

(APRIL): Ray Stanford

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH): Rafeale 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 29	Cody Hadley	April 5	Cameron Hadley
April 11	Ali'i Barber	April 18	Rafeale Barber

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

Sun A: March 29	Cameron Hadley	April 5	Conor Cates
Sun P: March 29	Carson Kinney	April 5	Keegan Arrington
Wed: April 1	Levi Howell	April 8	Dylan Cooper

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

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Kennison Barber	April 4	Gavin Arrington	April 5
Kaylie Hadley	April 6	Carl Hounshell	April 20

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today (March 29)

Fifth Sunday Potluck after evening services Sunday night.

MSOP Lectures on "*I Know the Lord Will Make a Way*" begin; they run through Thursday. We have been asked to **provide 25 cakes** for tomorrow, March 30th. Please have the cakes here by this evening.

April 14

Super Fun Saturday at the Oak Grove congregation's building.

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.

July 18

We will host our **Youth Day** on *The "I" in Modern Idolatry*