

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 30, 2025

SICK: Kennadee Arrington, Shelly Cates, Wesley Haas, Katelynn Shamblin, and Karen Tuttle were having health difficulties this past week. Allene (facing thyroid surgery) and Paul (cancer) Baldwin continue to face serious health problems.

PROTRACTED: Brandi Beavers—fibromyalgia; Scooter Birmingham (friend of Destiny Clayton); Brian Brown (Paul Brown's nephew)—epilepsy; Lauren Brown (niece of Paul Brown)—heart; Suzanne Brown—arthritis; Shelly Cates—fibromyalgia; T.J. Clarke (former instructor at MSOP)—spinal injury; Shelby Cooper—facing mitral valve prolapse surgery between eight months and two years from now; 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's Disease; Cody Hadley—Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever; Kaylie Hadley—UCTD; Paula Harrison—Meniere's Disease; Wanda Jackson—a-fib; Monica La Rock (granddaughter of Orelia Ferguson and mother of Noah); Garrett Lentz (son of a co-worker of Cody Hadley)—seizures; 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); Anthony Stacks (nephew-in-law of Allene Baldwin and Syble Embrey)—strokes and Alzheimers, respectively; and Jerry Worthington (neighbor of the Hounshells)—physical and emotional difficulties.

CANCER: Paul Baldwin—pancreatic; Alicia Busby (from the community); Tish Clarke (wife of the MSOP director)—melanoma; Gary Darnell (Ella Darnell's son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; David Jones (Shelly Cates' father)—leukemia; Sara Kiestler (an FHU student)—Hodgkin's; Wade Loggins (member of congregation in Elkmont, AL); Dorothy Mosher (wife of an MSOP instructor); Carol Ogelsby (family of Sonny Stewart and the Browns)—stomach; Priscilla Patterson (mother of a friend of Dan Cates)—breast; Tommy Pierce (the Browns' friend); John Riley (member of the church who lives in this community)—lung; 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: Orelia Ferguson (home), Ruth House (Lawayne House's mother who is at home), and Karen Tuttle's two uncles who are both in hospice care in Indiana.

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]

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

Memphis School of Preaching (Chris Cook and Tony Solaita)

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

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

School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)

Four Seas Bible College, Singapore

Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

“SONGS IN THE NIGHT,” Part 1

Mike McDaniel

Recently Taylor Swift announced that she is releasing a new album on October 21st [This was a chapel sermon delivered at MSOP on September 8, 2022-DFC]. The album is called “Midnights,” which she describes as a “collection of music written in the middle of the night, a journey through terrors and sweet dreams.”

Her announcement reminded me of passages where God is said to give songs in the night. This thought is also included in one of our old great hymns called “Redeemed” (#544). The song enumerates some of the blessings available to those who have redemption in Christ. The third stanza says, “I know I shall see in his beauty the king in whose law I delight, who lovingly guardeth my footsteps, *And giveth me songs in the night.*” Then the chorus says, “Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; redeemed, redeemed, His child and forever, I am.” The hope of the redeemed is that when Christ comes we shall see Him as He is (1 Jn. 3:1-2). Until then, we look to Him to guard or keep our footsteps (1 Pet. 1:3-5). And as we do, He gives us songs in the night. *(To be continued next week)*

“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 were Sihon and Og?

Last week’s question: Who had supplied "that which was lacking" on Corinth's part?

Last week’s answer: Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaicus (1 Corinthians 16:17)

SERMONS: A.M.: *"Tell Me the Story of Jesus"* (John 20:30-31), Part 29: "Where Are the Nine?" (Luke 17:11-19)

P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 6: Numbers.

DAILY BIBLE READING (March 31-April 6):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1 Samuel	17-20	21-24	25-28	29-31			
2 Samuel				1-4	5-8	9-12	

READ SCRIPTURE (MARCH): Keegan Arrington (Luke 17:15,16)

(APRIL): Levi Howell

PRESIDE OVER LORD’S SUPPER (MARCH): Ray Stanford

(APRIL): Cody Hadley

ASSIST ON LORD’S SUPPER (MARCH): Gavin Arrington and Levi Howell

(APRIL): Conor Cates and Eryx Galeai

CLEAN BUILDING (MARCH): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

(APRIL): Thomas and Sheila Massey

PREPARE COMMUNION (MARCH): Shelly Cates

(APRIL): Suzanne and Katie Brown

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

March 30	Cameron Hadley	April 6	Dylan Cooper
April 13	Levi Howell	April 20	Eryx Galeai

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

Sun: March 30	Cameron Hadley	April 6	Conor Cates
Wed: April 2	Conor Cates	April 9	Levi Howell

PANTRY NEEDS: The Tennessee Children’s Home truck will be here April 29th. In the foyer, there is a list of their needs.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Gavin Arrington	April 5	Kaylie Hadley	April 6
Carl Hounshell	April 20		

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today (March 30)

Tonight we will have our **potluck** after evening services.

Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship begins. We have been asked to provide 25 cakes for tomorrow.

This weekend (April 4-6)

Olive Branch is hosting a **youth retreat** at Sardis Lake Christian Camp. It is for 6th grade through college ages. The cost is \$45. Jared Rhodes is organizing it. Please see Dan or Maggie for more details.

April 11

Area wide youth devotional at the new Southaven building at 6:30 P.M. with Brandon Blackwell speaking.

April 13-17

Gospel meeting at Southaven with Cliff Goodwin preaching. Times include 1:00 p.m. Sunday and 7:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday nights.

April 26

Ladies day at Southaven from 9:00 a.m. through lunch.

April 29

The **Tennessee Children’s Home** truck will be here to collect supplies. In the foyer there is a list of their needs. They also ask if families can donate \$25 or more for perishable items.

June 1-4

Gospel meeting here at Independence with David Jones preaching.

July 19

Youth day here at Independence.