

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
APRIL 6, 2025

**SICK:** Syble Embrey is undergoing knee therapy. 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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**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 (Chris Cook and Tony Solaita)  
Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)  
Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)  
Four Seas Bible College, Singapore

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]  
Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)  
Tennessee Children's Home, West  
School of Biblical Studies (Jos, Nigeria)  
Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

*Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts*

## “SONGS IN THE NIGHT,” Part 2

Mike McDaniel

*(Continued from last week)* **(1) GOD GIVES SONGS IN THE NIGHT**

Two passages within the Psalms teach this thought. Psalm 42:8 says, “Yet the Lord will command his lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.” God’s lovingkindness supports us. Because of His lovingkindness in the daytime, we are able to sing at night in the difficult times. We can praise him in the darkest of nights, even in unfavorable circumstances. Psalm 77:6 states, “I call to remembrance my song in the night: I commune with mine own heart: and my spirit made diligent search.” He remembers the previous times when he sang in the night even in distress and in remembering, finds hope! F. B. Meyer thought that the “song in the night” was probably the equivalent of glorying in tribulation in the New Testament. As Paul said in 2 Corinthians 7:4, “I am filled with comfort, I am exceeding joyful in all our tribulation.”

A third passage seems to allude to it as well. We read in Psalm 119:55-56, “Thy statutes have been my songs in the house of my pilgrimage. I have remembered thy name, O LORD, in the night, and have kept thy law. This I had, because I kept thy precepts.” Psalm 119 has one major focus: the word of God. It uses various synonyms to describe the Word, but almost every verse is about the Bible. To the psalmist, the Word provides his hope, assurance, comfort and light. He says, thy statutes have been my songs, and I have remembered thy name in the night. The psalmist found himself in a dark place, night surrounds him. Yet God gave the psalmist a song in the night. It is said that during World War I, it became impossible to import beautiful singing canaries from Germany. People still wanted these singing canaries but they could not longer get them from the Harz Mountains in Germany. A dealer in New York decided to start a system of training canaries to sing. He had bird songs put on records, and these proved of value. But one day he made a real discovery which led to success. He found that if he covered the cages with thick cloths, completely shutting out the light, the birds learned their song. It wasn’t until their world became completely dark that the canaries really learned to sing. God sometimes teaches his children to sing in darkness. *(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: Why did the rich young ruler leave Jesus "very sorrowful"?

Last week’s question: Who were Sihon and Og?

Last week’s answer: Sihon was king of the Amorites and Og was king of Bashan (Numbers 21:21,33)

**SERMONS:** A.M.: *“Tell Me the Story of Jesus”* (John 20:30-31), Part 30: “Who Then Can Be Saved?” (Luke 18:1-34)

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

### **DAILY BIBLE READING (April 7-13):**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>2 Samuel</b>	13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24			
<b>Psalms</b>					1-3	4-6	7-9

### **READ SCRIPTURE (APRIL): Levi Howell (Luke 18:24,25)**

*(MAY): Gavin Arrington*

### **PRESIDE OVER LORD’S SUPPER (APRIL): Cody Hadley**

*(MAY): Thomas Massey*

### **ASSIST ON LORD’S SUPPER (APRIL): Conor Cates and Eryx Galeai**

*(MAY): Paul Brown and Chris Cook*

### **CLEAN BUILDING (APRIL): Thomas and Sheila Massey**

*(MAY): Maggie Cooper and Shelby Hadley*

### **PREPARE COMMUNION (APRIL): Suzanne and Katie Brown**

*(MAY): Maggie Cooper, Shelby Hadley, and Reese Kinney*

### **UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:**

<i>April 6</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>	<i>April 13</i>	<i>Levi Howell</i>
<i>April 20</i>	<i>Eryx Galeai</i>	<i>April 27</i>	<i>Tony Solaita</i>

### **UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:**

<i>Sun: April 6</i>	<i>Conor Cates</i>	<i>April 13</i>	<i>Thomas Massey</i>
<i>Wed: April 9</i>	<i>Levi Howell</i>	<i>April 16</i>	<i>Tony Solaita</i>

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

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Friday (April 11)

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

April 13-15

**Gospel meeting** on evangelism at Collierville with Rob Whitaker 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 19

**Super Fun Saturday** with egg hunt at Oak Grove in Harmontown at 11 A.M.