

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
APRIL 13, 2025

**SICK:** Mason Cooper, Melinda Haas, April Kinney, and Mary Ray were struggling with health problems this past week. Syble Embrey is undergoing knee therapy. Allene (facing thyroid surgery) and Paul (cancer) Baldwin continue to face serious health problems. Savannah Leeton (cousin of Katie Brown) is dealing with sugar and blood pressure difficulties.

**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 Hadley—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]	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 3

Mike McDaniel

(Continued from last week) Another passage outside the Psalms which teaches that God gives songs in the night is Job 35:10. At this point in the book of Job, Elihu, had taken over the conversation with Job. He realized the failure of Job’s other friends to solve the problem. He thought he had a solution. Yet he failed to explain the cause of Job’s sufferings. He did say some good things, and his statement in Job 35:10 is one of them. “But none saith, Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night” (Job 35:10). Elihu says they are not crying with a faith that has God as His maker, the God who will respond with songs in the night. Out of the night of affliction, God can and will bring a blessing to the sufferers who look to Him for such. Only God is great enough to bring songs of blessing and joy out of such experiences. Brother George Dehoff wrote on this verse: “this is one of the loftiest passages in the Bible. This quest is not for one who ignores human needs, but, even in the midnight of sorrow, is able to put a song into the heart of man. That man should sing praises when in deep sorrow does not explain suffering, but it helps to overcome it.”

Where there is no way to lay the burdens down, is there some way to be assured while carrying them? When problems have to be faced, and suffering has to be endured, can we find such meaning to life, and such faith in God, as to be able to adjust to them and to persevere? Can we find some song to sing in the night of despair, pain, bereavement, loneliness, frustration, slander, ridicule, hopelessness, or rejection? Is there some way to be rejoice in the Lord even in such times? Nights like these can get mighty dark. It can seem as though the dawn will never come.

I believe Elihu hit a good note when he said, “God giveth songs in the night.” Despite our troubles, God can give songs of peace, contentment, assurance, and faith to help us. He can give us a good conscience, peace of mind, and help us to adjust to whatever life may demand. Here are two passages which are precious to me. “Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me” (Heb. 13:5-6). “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need” (Heb. 4:16). *(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: For Paul and the Corinthians, what "was not yea and nay"?

Last week’s question: Why did the rich young ruler leave Jesus "very sorrowful"?

Last week’s answer: “For he was very rich” (Luke 18:23)

**SERMONS:** A.M.: *Tony Solaita will be preaching this morning.*

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

### DAILY BIBLE READING (April 14-20):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Psalms</b>	10-12	13-15	16-18	19-21	22-24	25-27	28-30

**READ SCRIPTURE (APRIL):** Levi Howell (Please see Tony Solaita)

(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 13</i>	<i>Levi Howell</i>	<i>April 20</i>	<i>Eryx Galeai</i>
<i>April 27</i>	<i>Tony Solaita</i>	<i>May 4</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>

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

<i>Sun:</i>	<i>April 13</i>	<i>Thomas Massey</i>	<i>April 20</i>	<i>Ray Stanford</i>
<i>Wed:</i>	<i>April 16</i>	<i>Tony Solaita</i>	<i>April 23</i>	<i>Levi Howell</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:

Beginning today

**Gospel meeting** on evangelism at Collierville through Tuesday night.

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

Saturday (April 19)

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

Next Sunday night (April 20)

**Youth devotional** after evening services.

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.