

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
APRIL 26, 2026

**PRAYERS:** Tabatha Clayton requested the prayers of the congregation. We appreciate her love of the Lord and of the church and certainly want to pray for her as she faces daily pressures.

**SICK:** Allene Baldwin is in rehab in Senatobia—she received a good report on her hip and will be reevaluated over the next couple of days to possibly return home. Maggie Cooper is scheduled to have gall bladder surgery tomorrow. Carl Hounshell began ten weeks of pulmonary rehab this past Tuesday. Kim Arrington, Shelly Cates, and David and Audrey Vick were under the weather this past week. Abby Hoffman (friend of Katie Brown) will have surgery on Tuesday.

**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), deployed in an undisclosed location. 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 (Rafaele Barber 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)

Justin and Megan Evergarden (Japan, 2026)

Four Seas Bible College, Singapore

Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

Bear Valley Bible Institute (Denver, CO)

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

## "FOR THOU, LORD, ART ..."

from Meditations of My Heart

*"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee" (Psalm 86:5)*

We could never fully described the goodness and glory of our God. However, this did not stop the Psalmist from listing three things about the Lord that brought him great joy. (1) *He is good*. Jesus declared that He alone is good (Matthew 19:17), and James added that every good gift is from Him James 1:17). (2) *He is ready to forgive*. How many people do we know who simply do not want to forgive? God is known as the God of forgiveness. There must be a seeking of forgiveness on my part before there is the giving of forgiveness on His. (3) *He is plenteous in mercy*. God is always able to give to us that which we need. He is rich in mercy (Ephesians 2:4) and He is just as generous in pouring out His mercy upon us.

*"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: Whose altar of Baal did Gideon destroy?

Last week's question: Which sect of the Jews did Jesus ask, "Why Think Ye of Christ"?

Last week's answer: The Pharisees (Matthew 22:41,42)

**SERMONS:** A.M.: "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," Part 55: "We Would See Jesus" (John 12:20-26).

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

### DAILY BIBLE READING (April 27-May 3):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Psalms</b>	49-51	52-54	55-57	58-60	61-63	64-66	67-69

**READ SCRIPTURE (APRIL): Ray Stanford (John 12:26)**

(MAY): *Tony Solaita*

**PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (APRIL): Dylan Cooper**

(MAY): *Ray Stanford*

**ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (APRIL): Thomas Massey and Stu Tuttle**

(MAY): *Wesley Haas and Carson Kinney*

**CLEAN BUILDING (APRIL): Shelly Cates and Maggie Cooper**

(MAY): *Reese Kinney*

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

(MAY): *Kim Arrington*

### UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

**April 26** *Eryx Galeai* **May 3** *Dylan Cooper*

**May 10** *Carson Kinney* **May 17** *Dan Cates*

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

**Sun A: April 26** *Ali'i Barber* **May 3** *Rafaele Barber*

**Sun P: April 26** *Jacob Kennedy* **May 3** *Conor Cates*

**Wed: April 29** *Keegan Arrington* **May 6** *Carson Kinney*

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

### MAY BIRTHDAYS:

Dan Cates **May 2** *Dylan Cooper* **May 6**

Katie Brown **May 12** *Stu Tuttle* **May 23**

Mason Cooper **May 24** *Paula Harrison* **May 27**

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday (May 2)

**Ladies Day** at Olive Branch with Teresa Hampton speaking on *Come to the Garden*. They will begin at 8:30 A.M.

Next Week (May 3-6)

Nesbit will hold a **Gospel meeting** on *The Book God Breathed* with Keith A. Mosher, Sr., speaking. Times include 7:00 Monday and Tuesday nights.

May 5

The **Tennessee Children's Home** truck will be here.

May 16

**Ladies Day** at Collierville with Berta Kennedy speaking. They will start with some snacks at 8:45 A.M.

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. The theme is *He That Hath an Ear, Let Him Hear*.

June 29-July 1

**Vacation Bible School** at Looxahoma at 6:00 on Monday and Tuesday nights. The theme is *All Aboard VBS*.

July 18

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