

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
MAY 4, 2025

PRAYERS: Mary Ray asked for prayers as her blindness continues to increase and she faces the associated discouragement.

SYMPATHY: Jimmy Jones (husband of a friend of Kim Arrington) passed away after his recent accident.

SICK: Allene (facing thyroid surgery) and Paul (cancer) Baldwin continue to face serious health problems. Syble Embrey had a recent fall. Matthew Mixson (friend of Katie Brown) will have an appointment regarding swallowing difficulty on May 15th.

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 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); Savannah Leeton (cousin of Katie Brown)—celiac disease; 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; Stephanie Vick—Lyme Disease; 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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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 6

Mike McDaniel

(Continued from last week) The very stone, the Christ, which the Jews disallowed or rejected as of no useful purpose, has been made the very head of the corner. The "builders" of the Jewish religion, rejected the Christ, the chief cornerstone. Jesus applied this statement to them in the parable of the householder in Matthew 21:33-45. Later, Peter used this same illustration to convict those very Jews. "Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. *This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner.* Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:10-12). Thank God for the cornerstone of the church! They would reject Christ, but the Lord turned it into something marvelous!

What is the day mentioned in Psalm 118:24 when the psalmist says, “This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it”? While most apply that verse to any day God gives us life, in actuality that is referring to the first day of the week, the Lord's day, the day of Pentecost, when Christ was made the chief cornerstone of the church of Christ. When the Holy Spirit came, so did the power, and so did the church or kingdom. No wonder then that God made the first day of the week His day, the Lord's day, and we must rejoice and be glad in it! And so I wonder if part of this psalm may have been sung by the Lord and his disciples as they departed for his betrayal in Gethsemane. What it foretold was about to come to pass. Regardless, imagine our Lord singing when the cross was only a few hours away. God gave Him a song in the night, and it may have been a song about Him! *(To be concluded 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: Whom did Jesus tell that they were "from beneath"?
Last week’s question: What "door was opened" to Paul in Troas?

Last week’s answer: A door to Macedonia (Acts 16:8,9) and perhaps another (2 Corinthians 2:12,13)

SERMONS: A.M.: “Tell Me the Story of Jesus,” 32: “Before Abraham Was” (John 8:12-59).
P.M.: As in a Foreign Land, Part 6: Numbers.

DAILY BIBLE READING (May 5-11):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Psalms	73-75	76-78	79-81	82-84	85-87	88-90	91-92

READ SCRIPTURE (MAY): Gavin Arrington (John 8:30-32)

(JUNE): Cameron Hadley

PRESIDE OVER LORD’S SUPPER (MAY): Thomas Massey

(JUNE): Lawayne House

ASSIST ON LORD’S SUPPER (MAY): Paul Brown and Chris Cook

(JUNE): Wesley Haas and Carson Kinney

CLEAN BUILDING (MAY): Maggie Cooper and Shelby Hadley

(JUNE): Tabitha Clayton

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

(JUNE): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

May 4	Dylan Cooper	May 11	Eryx Galeai
May 18	Carson Kinney	May 25	Cody Hadley

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

Sun: May 4	Chris Cook	May 11	Keegan Arrington
Wed: May 7	Carson Kinney	May 14	Dylan Cooper

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- This week (May 4-7)
- Gospel meeting at Nesbit with Gage Coldwater speaking. Times include 7:00 P.M. Monday through Wednesday.
- May 18
- Youth devotional after evening services.
- June 1-4
- Gospel meeting here at Independence with David Jones preaching. Please pray for the success of Forest Hill’s Vacation Bible School which will run Monday through Wednesday nights.
- June 8-12
- Coldwater Vacation Bible School.
- July 19
- Youth day here at Independence.