

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
MAY 10, 2026

CONGRATS: Meredith Kaye Hadley (daughter of Cameron and Shelby) was born early Thursday morning weighing 8lb. 4oz. Congrats to them and to Grayson on his new baby sister!

SICK: Allene Baldwin is at home now. Shelly Cates had some dental work early in the week. Maggie Cooper continues recovering slowly from her gall bladder surgery. Carl Hounshell is near the end of his pulmonary rehab. Danielle Childers (FFA friend of the Browns) received second degree burns on both hands midweek during a service project.

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

"FEAR YE NOT"
from *Meditations of My Heart*

"And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever" (Exodus 14:13)

If we were in control of the universe, we would surely make it so everyday would be sunshine and happiness with no pain, threats, or danger. We are not in control, but an all knowing, all powerful, everywhere present God is.

When Moses stood on the shores of the Red Sea, hopeless and helpless, he turned to God. When the Assyrians surrounded Jerusalem, King Hezekiah led a city wide prayer and repentance as they pled with God for salvation. The result was turned into a song we call Psalm 46: *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble... Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us."* Facing fears and dangers? Fear not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.

"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: What tribe was upset after the defeat of Oreb and Zeeb?

Last week's question: How many men were originally in Gideon's force before twenty-two thousand turned back?

Last week's answer: Thirty-two thousand (Judges 7:3)

SERMONS: A.M.: Rafaele Barber will be preaching this morning.

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

DAILY BIBLE READING (May 11-17):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Psalms	91-93	94-96	97-99	100-102	103-105	106-108	109-111

READ SCRIPTURE (MAY): Tony Solaita (Please see Rafaele Barber)

(JUNE): *Stu Tuttle*

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (MAY): Ray Stanford

(JUNE): *Lawayne House*

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (MAY): Wesley Haas and Carson Kinney

(JUNE): *Ali'i Barber and Levi Howell*

CLEAN BUILDING (MAY): Reese Kinney

(JUNE): *Tabatha Clayton*

PREPARE COMMUNION (MAY): Kim Arrington

(JUNE): *Melinda Haas and April Kinney*

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

May 10	Carson Kinney	May 17	Dan Cates
May 24	Tony Solaita	May 31	Jacob Kennedy

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

Sun A: May 10	Dan Cates	May 17	Dylan Cooper
Sun P: May 10	Ali'i Barber	May 17	Ray Stanford
Wed: May 13	Dan Cates	May 20	Cody Hadley

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

HOUSING NEED: **Jacob Kennedy** is looking for a place to live when he starts working with us; if you know of rental property, please let him or Dan know.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday (May 16)

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

Next Sunday (May 17)

Youth Devotional after evening services.

May 23

Young Adult Event at New Albany from 5-8 P.M. Kids are welcome.

May 31

5th Sunday Potluck after evening services.

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*. We will have a potluck between services and then will have an afternoon service rather than an evening one.

June 21

MSOP graduation at Forest Hill. We will not meet that evening so any who want can support Rafaele Barber (who will officially graduate mid-school year), Jacob Kennedy, Tony Solaita, and the other grads.

June 29-July 1

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