

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
MAY 18, 2025

SICK: Melinda Haas, April Kinney, Mary Ray, and Stu Tuttle have been facing health difficulties this past week. Allene (facing thyroid surgery) and Paul (cancer) Baldwin continue to face serious health problems. Syble Embrey had a recent fall. Andy Cates (Dan’s brother) has been preliminarily diagnosed with CLL Leukemia; he should learn more tomorrow. Bobby Stewart will have knee replacement surgery May 27th.

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; 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; 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 Carl Hounshell)—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)	Justin and Megan Evergarden (Japan, 2026)
Four Seas Bible College, Singapore	Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)
Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts	

“NO GOD LIKE THEE”

Daniel F. Cates

“And said, O LORD God of Israel, *there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:*” (2 Chronicles 6:14)

Solomon, addressing God, expressed the exclusivity of God. No god, neither in heaven nor on earth, is like our God. Though men may bow to the sun, moon, and stars or may produce gods of wood, clay, or even stone; nothing worshipped is of the nature, quality, and character of the true and living God. God is the only rock and salvation (Psalm 62:2,6), and only in Him is safety (Psalm 4:8); therefore, only upon Him should a soul wait (Psalm 62:5). He is God alone (Psalm 86:10).

Solomon also expressed the dependability of God. God's merciful covenants and promises are sure and will be kept! Often in Scripture, covenant and mercy are companion thoughts. He is merciful (Psalm 103:17,18) and great and terrible (Nehemiah 1:5) and dreadful (Daniel 9:4), because He is the faithful God (Deuteronomy 7:9). Of David through whom the Messiah would come, the Lord said, "My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him" (Psalm 98:28).

In the one God, the righteous finds dependable mercy; in the same God, the unrighteous finds dependable terror (cf Romans 11:22).

“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: How long after the tenth plague did the Israelites begin the Exodus?
Last week’s question: What should Christians always bear "about in the body"?
Last week’s answer: “The dying of the Lord Jesus” (2 Corinthians 4:10)

SERMONS: A.M.: *Chris Cook will preach this morning.*
P.M.: As in a Foreign Land, Part 6: *Numbers.*

DAILY BIBLE READING (May 19-25):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Psalms	115-118	119	120-123	124-126	127-129	130-132	133-135
READ SCRIPTURE (MAY): Gavin Arrington (Please see Chris Cook)							
<i>(JUNE): Cameron Hadley</i>							
PRESIDE OVER LORD’S SUPPER (MAY): Thomas Massey							
<i>(JUNE): Lawayne House</i>							
ASSIST ON LORD’S SUPPER (MAY): Paul Brown and Chris Cook							
<i>(JUNE): Wesley Haas and Carson Kinney</i>							
CLEAN BUILDING (MAY): Maggie Cooper and Shelby Hadley							
<i>(JUNE): Tabitha Clayton</i>							
PREPARE COMMUNION (MAY): Maggie Cooper, Shelby Hadley, and Reese Kinney							
<i>(JUNE): Melinda Haas and April Kinney</i>							
UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:							
<i>May 18</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>			<i>May 25</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>		
<i>June 1</i>	<i>GOSPEL MEETING</i>			<i>June 8</i>	<i>Chris Cook</i>		
UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:							
<i>Sun: May 18</i>		<i>Cody Hadley</i>		<i>May 25</i>		<i>Carson Kinney</i>	
<i>Wed: May 21</i>		<i>Thomas Massey</i>		<i>May 28</i>		<i>Keegan Arrington</i>	
PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.							
UPCOMING EVENTS:							
Tonight							
Youth devotional after evening services.							
May 30-June 1							
Gospel meeting at Looxahoma with Caleb Rutherford preaching.							
May 31							
Fish Fry at 4:00 p.m. Please let Dan know if you have a fryer and are planning to attend.							
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 at 6:00 nightly on <i>Truth Hunters</i> .							
June 15							
Memphis School of Preaching graduation for Chris Cook and his family.							
July 19							
Youth day here at Independence.							

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!