

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
JUNE 15, 2025

SYMPATHY: **Brianna Thompson** passed away on June 5th; her service will be at C.O. Pate on July 12th at 3 p.m. with a visitation at 2 p.m. Let us continue to pray for her family, especially **Kennadee**. Also, remember the family of **Ralph and Lala Schultz** and the church in Honolulu where he served as an elder—they were killed in a car accident in Iowa.

SICK: Lawayne House is recovering from a fall which left him very sore. **Stu Tuttle** will have a procedure on Thursday. **Allene** (facing thyroid surgery) and **Paul** (cancer) **Baldwin** continue to face serious health problems. **Joe Campbell** (**Karen Tuttle's** father) has been struggling with his health even more than **Karen** had been made aware. **Chris Cook's** father tore his Achilles Tendon this past week. **Ashlyn Hooper** (niece of **Shelly Cates**) is having some pregnancy complications; she is to be induced this month. **Matthew Mixson's** grandmother was hospitalized this past week with blood pressure problems. **Bobby Stewart** is doing therapy knee replacement surgery.

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**); **Stephanie Vick**—Lyme Disease; and **Jerry Worthington** (neighbor of **Carl Hounshell**)—physical and emotional difficulties.

CANCER: **Paul Baldwin**—pancreatic; **Alicia Busby** (from the community); **Andy Cates** (**Dan Cates**’ brother)—CLL leukemia; **Tish Clarke** (wife of the MSOP director)—melanoma; **Gary Darnell** (**Ella Darnell**’s son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; **Hans Harms** (step-father of **Karen Tuttle**)—kidney; **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 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) and Ruth House (Lawayne House's mother who is at home).

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]
Memphis School of Preaching (Chris Cook and Tony Solaita)
Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)
Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)
Four Seas Bible College, Singapore***

***Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]
Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)
Tennessee Children's Home, West
Justin and Megan Evergreen (Japan, 2026)
Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)***

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

“THE GIFT OF GOD”

Daniel F. Cates

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: (Ephesians 2:8)

Salvation "is the gift of God." What a wonderful thought!

God so favored man that He offered man salvation. So, He gave His Son (John 3:16), sending Jesus to earth to redeem man (Romans 3:24). That redemption, freely given, is not earned by man; rather, it is received by man who, through faith in that grace, works good works (Ephesians 2:10) of obedience (Philippians 2:12).

Freely given and universally given are not the same; freely given and given without responsibility on the receiver's part are not the same. Salvation is a gift for those who would desire to be God's adopted children (Ephesians 1:5) and who would accept the gift in obedience (Romans 6:16,17).

“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: God “before ordained” that Christians should walk in what?
Last week’s question: How was the inheriting of Canaan by the tribes, border-wise, determined?

Last week’s answer: By the casting of lots (Numbers 34:13)

SERMONS: A.M.: Chris Cook will preach this morning.
P.M.: We will not meet this evening due to MSOP graduation.

DAILY BIBLE READING (June 16-22):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
1 Kings	5-7	8-10	11-13	14-16	17-19	20-22	
					2 Kings		1-3

READ SCRIPTURE (JUNE): Cameron Hadley (Please see Chris Cook)
(JULY): Tony Solaita

PRESIDE OVER LORD’S SUPPER (JUNE): Lawayne House
(JULY): Dylan Cooper

ASSIST ON LORD’S SUPPER (JUNE): Wesley Haas and Carson Kinney
(JULY): Gavin Arrington and Keegan Arrington

CLEAN BUILDING (JUNE): Tabatha Clayton
(JULY): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

PREPARE COMMUNION (JUNE): Melinda Haas and April Kinney
(JULY): Tabatha Clayton

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

June 15	MSOP Graduation	June 22	Ali’i Barber
June 29	Cameron Hadley	July 6	Dan Cates

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:

S: June 15	MSOP Graduation	June 22	Dan Cates
W: June 18	Conor Cates	June 25	Tony Solaita

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today

Memphis School of Preaching **graduation** for Chris Cook and his family, Blake Haas and his family, and Jacob Kennedy. We will not meet this evening so that those wanting to attend Forest Hill may do so.

Sardis Lake Christian Camp session 2 begins.

Next week (June 23-25)

Looxahoma **Vacation Bible School** at 6:00 nightly.

Next Saturday (June 28)

Southaven **Vacation Bible School** from 9:00-Noon on *The Name of Jesus*.

July 9-11

Nesbit **Vacation Bible School** at 7:00 nightly on *My God is So Big, So Strong, and So Mighty*.

July 19

Youth day here at Independence.

July 20-24

Gospel meeting at Crockett with John Hall preaching.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!