

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
JULY 26 AND AUGUST 2, 2026

SICK: Allene Baldwin has not been doing very well; she has re-begun therapy. Reese Kinney had her wisdom teeth removed this past week. Rachael Shankle had her iron infusion and has not been feeling well. The Vicks were have both been under the weather. Karen Tuttle will have surgery on her arm on August 10th—she is also dealing with a tick bite which might have caused Alpha-gal syndrome.

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; Christy Farrow (cousin of Tabatha Clayton)—cystic fibrosis; 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; Jason House—chronic emesis; Scott Ingram (of GBN); Wanda Jackson—a-fib; Monica La Rock (granddaughter of the Fergusons); 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); Bobby Stewart—retinal vein occlusion; 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; Elly Bowden (infant child of a friend of Kim Arrington)—behind eyes; Andy Cates (Dan Cates’ brother)—CLL leukemia; Tish Clarke (wife of the MSOP director)—melanoma; 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; Dosson Omedeo (1 year old from Looxahoma)—All B-Cell Acute leukemia; 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) 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) 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

"BLESSED ARE THEY"
from *Meditations of My Heart*

"But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it" (Luke 11:28)

As a nation, we are a people who believe in the right of every person to "*life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness*." The problem arises when we begin to define the best way to achieve that elusive goal of happiness. Jesus defines it for us.

Real happiness is one that meets with God's approval. And that is realized when one "*hears the word of God and keeps it*."

Many things in life can bring one a measure of joy, but the highest joy is realized when we have the assurance that God is pleased with us. That joy can only be ours by hearing His word and obeying it.

"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 coins did the poor widow cast into the treasury?
Last week's question: What tribe was Manoah (and, therefore, Samson) from?
Last week's answer: Dan (Judges 13:2)

SERMONS: 26th A.M.: "*Tell Me the Story of Jesus*," Part 60: "This Poor Widow Hath Cast More in" (Mark 12:41-44; Luke 21:1-4).
2nd A.M.: "*Tell Me the Story of Jesus*," Part 61: "It Is Near, Even at the Doors" (Matthew 24:1-35; Mark 13:1-31; Luke 21:5-36).
P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 9: Judges.

DAILY BIBLE READING (July 27-August 9):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
27th-2nd	Isaiah 61-63	64-66		2 Kings		20,21	
		Micah	1-4	5-7	Zephaniah	1-3	
			Nahum		1-3		
3rd-9th	Habakkuk	1-3					
	2 Kings	22-25					
	Obadiah	1					
	Jeremiah	1,2	3-5	6-8	9-12	13-16	

READ SCRIPTURE (JULY): Levi Howell (Luke 21:1-4)

(AUGUST): Cody Hadley (Matthew 24:15,16)
PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (JULY): Stu Tuttle
(AUGUST): Jacob Kennedy
ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (JULY): Gavin Arrington and Keegan Arrington
(AUGUST): Paul Brown and Conor Cates
CLEAN BUILDING (JULY): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown
(AUGUST): Kim Arrington
PREPARE COMMUNION (JULY): Patricia McClure
(AUGUST): Shelly Cates and Maggie Cooper
UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

July 26	Ali'i Barber	August 2	Carson Kinney
August 9	Dan Cates	August 16	Cody Hadley
UPCOMING SUNDAY A.M. & P.M. & WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:			
Sun A: July 26	Ali'i Barber	August 2	Rafaele Barber
		August 9	Dan Cates
Sun P: July 26	Conor Cates	August 2	Ali'i Barber
		August 9	Ray Stanford
Wed: July 29	Keegan Arrington	August 5	Dan Cates
		August 12	Levi Howell

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.
MISSING ITEMS: If any items are missing from your pew, they may be on the desk in the library. Everything in the auditorium was moved before the youth day.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

Keegan Arrington	August 3	Thomas Massey	August 27
Danny Teasler	August 30		

UPCOMING EVENTS:

August 2
Youth Evening at Southaven at 6:00 P.M. Blake Haas will be speaking.
August 8
Patricia McClure will host a wedding shower for Katie Brown at the McClure's house. It will start at 11:00 A.M. Katie is registered at Amazon, Mimi's, and Target.
Area-wide Youth Day at New Albany from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. It is billed for youth and young adults.
September 12
Ladies Day at Looxahoma with Natasha Bennett on the theme *Linked by Grace*.