

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST  
AUGUST 17 & 24, 2025

**SYMPATHY:** Maxine Cooper, Dylan Cooper’s and Shelby Hadley’s grandmother, passed away on August 12th.

**SICK:** Suzanne Brown will have a procedure on August 28th. Karen Tuttle was back in the hospital with a lot of pain midweek. Allene (facing thyroid surgery) and Paul (cancer) Baldwin; Paul is undergoing weekly treatments. Dale Hensley, Paul Brown’s aunt, fell August 12th and broke both legs above the knee.

**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; 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:** 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]	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)
Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts	

# “THOU ART ... THOU SHALT”

Daniel F. Cates

*Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble;  
thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance (Psalm  
32:7)*

The shelter and preservation of which David spoke was not for all—in fact, even he had been outside of the range of the songs of deliverance because of iniquity (Psalm 32:3,4). Once David had changed his heart and turned back to God (Psalm 32:4), he was again blessed (Psalm 32:1,2); that is, David had forgiveness and his sin was covered and the Lord no longer imputed iniquity to him.

While forgiveness is not for all, "every one that is godly" (all those who are already in a covenant relationship with God as David was) may pray to God for forgiveness when he has sinned and again find safety and the songs of deliverance compassing him about.

*“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: When did David's bones wax "old through [his] roaring all the day long”?

Last week’s question: What mountain was known by the Sidonians as Sirion and the Amorites as Shenir?

Last week’s answer: Mount Hermon (Deuteronomy 3:9)

**SERMONS:** 17th A.M.: *"Tell Me the Story of Jesus,"* Part 38: *“What Do We?”* (John 11:45-12:11).

24th A.M.: <i>Rafaele Barber</i> will preach this morning							
P.M.: As in <i>a Foreign Land</i> , Part 7: Deuteronomy.							
<b>DAILY BIBLE READING (August 18-September 31):</b>							
		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat. Sun.
18th-24th	<b>Jeremiah</b>	43-46	47-49	50-52	<b>Lamentations 1-5</b>		
		<b>1 Chronicles</b>			1-3	4-6	7-9
25th-31st	<b>1 Chronicles</b>	10-13	14-16	17-19	20-23	24-26	27-29
		<b>2 Chronicles</b>			1-3		

**READ SCRIPTURE (AUGUST): Rafaele Barber**

(SEPTEMBER): *Cody Hadley*

**PRESIDE OVER LORD’S SUPPER (AUGUST): Tony Solaita**

(SEPTEMBER): *Rafaele Barber*

**ASSIST ON LORD’S SUPPER (AUGUST): Ali’i Barber and Eryx Galeai**

(SEPTEMBER): *Conor Cates and Levi Howell*

**CLEAN BUILDING (AUGUST): Thomas and Sheila Massey**

(SEPTEMBER): *Maggie Cates and Shelby Hadley*

**PREPARE COMMUNION (AUGUST): Kim Arrington**

(SEPTEMBER): *Shelly Cates*

**UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:**

<i>August 17</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>	<i>August 24</i>	<i>Levi Howell</i>
<i>August 31</i>	<i>Rafaele Barber</i>	<i>September 7</i>	<i>Tony Solaita</i>

**UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT AND WEDNESDAY NIGHT SINGING ROTATION:**

<i>Sun: August 17</i>	<i>Conor Cates</i>	<i>August 24</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>
<i>Wed: August 20</i>	<i>Keegan Arrington</i>	<i>August 27</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned goods.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:**

Mary Ray	September 3	Lawayne House	September 7
Sheila Massey	September 9	Conor Cates	September 11
April Kinney	September 14	Bill Burford	September 17
Naiatea Barber	September 27		

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

August 17	<b>Youth devotional</b> after evening services.
August 31	<b>Fifth Sunday potluck</b> after evening services.

**WELCOME VISITORS!**

We are honored to have you with us today!