

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
AUGUST 31, 2025

SICK: Suzanne Brown’s procedure on Thursday went well. Karen Tuttle is slowly getting back to health. Dylan Cooper and Melinda Haas were both under the weather midweek. Allene (facing thyroid surgery) and Paul (cancer) Baldwin; Paul is undergoing weekly treatments. Myrna Lowery, Patricia McClure’s first cousin, broke her hip recently; she is under hospice care.

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); 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	

“WE HAVE PEACE”

Daniel F. Cates

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: (Romans 5:1)

The active faith demonstrated in the example of Abraham and perfected by the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus in Romans 4 is shown in the outset of Romans 5 as a justifying faith. Paul will go on to say that "we," Christians, are "now justified by his blood, [and] shall be saved from wrath through him" (Romans 5:9).

Why is that the case; how is that possible?

It is possible, because in that justification, justice itself is pacified. David said of the Lord, "Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face" (Psalm 89:14). For the Christian, all of the attributes of God are realized in and through Christ Jesus!

“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 did the blind man near Jericho call Jesus?

Last week’s question: When did David's bones wax "old through [his] roaring all the day long”?

Last week’s answer: When he “kept silence” (Psalm 32:3)

SERMONS: *"Tell Me the Story of Jesus,"* Part 39: *"Have Mercy on Me"* (Luke 18:35-43).
P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 7: Deuteronomy.

DAILY BIBLE READING (September 1-7):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
2 Chronicles	4-6	7-9	10-13	14-16	17-19	20-22	23-25

READ SCRIPTURE (AUGUST): **Rafaele Barber (Luke 18:40-42)**

(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 31</i>	<i>Tony Solaita</i>	<i>September 7</i>	<i>Levi Howell</i>
<i>September 14</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>	<i>September 21</i>	<i>Ali’i Barber</i>

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

<i>Sun A: August 31</i>	<i>Conor Cates</i>	<i>September 7</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>
<i>Sun P: August 31</i>	<i>Thomas Massey</i>	<i>September 7</i>	<i>Keegan Arrington</i>
<i>Wed: September 3</i>	<i>Conor Cates</i>	<i>September 10</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods. The Tennessee Children’s Home truck will be here November 4th.

SONG LEADING:

If you are interested in being added to the rotation for leading singing on Sunday mornings, please let Dan know.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tonight
Fifth Sunday potluck after evening services. The young people will go **bowling** at Strike Zone after the potluck.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!