

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
SEPTEMBER 6, 2026

SYMPATHY: Recently **Terry Stanford** and **Nora Woods** passed away. The former was the grandfather of a young man who visited with the **Claytons**; the latter was the grandmother of **Tabatha Clayton's** great-nieces.

SICK: Rachael Shankle has been sick; she is now scheduled to learn more from her infusion on September 15th. **Gavin** and **Mario Arrington** and **Mason Cooper** and **Sheila Massey** and **Stu Tuttle** were under the weather this past week. **Patricia McClure's** brother, **Ralph Darnell** had a second cataract surgery on Thursday. **Anna Johnson**, the **Blands'** daughter, Had successful surgery this past Monday.

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; 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; 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; Debbie Sandidge (Syble Embrey’s daughter)—Alpha Gal Disease; Thomas Swindoll—sleep problems; 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's** 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; **Chastity Farrow**—needing a double lung transplant ; **Hans Harms** (step-father of **Karen Tuttle**)—kidney; **Jim Jackson** (elder at Coldwater)—colon; **Anna Johnson** (member at Coldwater)—Stage 1 breast; **David Jones** (**Shelly Cates's** 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's** friend); **Lizzie Pleasants**; **Kristy Skinner** (friend of **Tabatha Clayton**)—colon; **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).

SERVING: **Cameron Hadley** (Marines), stationed in North Carolina. 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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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 (Rafaele Barber)

Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)

Tri-Cities School of Preaching (David B. Jones)

Four Seas Bible College, Singapore

Bear Valley Bible Institute (Denver, CO)

Pablo Horna (Panama) [Overseeing funds]

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

Justin and Megan Evergarden (Japan, 2026)

Save Asian Souls (Providing physical and spiritual aid)

Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

"BE YE KIND"
from *Meditations of My Heart*

"And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" (Ephesians 4:32)

Kindness characterizes Deity, even toward those who care not for Him (Psalm 145:9; Luke 6:35). Kindness is a quality of love (1 Corinthians 13:10). It is a quality which must characterize God's people (Romans 12:10). It is one of the "*Christian Graces*" (2 Peter 1:7).

Kindness is herein qualified with the word "*tenderhearted*" and the phrase "*forgiving one another.*" "*Forgiving one another*" is qualified even further with the statement "*even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.*" Jesus taught forgiveness in the model prayer and in His sermon (Matthew 6:12, 14-15). Kindness, tenderheartedness and forgiveness must characterize God's people (Colossians 3:12,13; 1 Peter 3:8, 9).

“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: Which of the wise and foolish virgins slept while the bridegroom delayed?

Last week’s question: How many foxes did Samson catch?

Last week’s answer: Three hundred (Judges 15:4)

SERMONS: A.M.: “*Tell Me the Story of Jesus,*” Part 63: “While the Bridegroom Tarried” (Matthew 25:1-13)

P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 9: Judges.

DAILY BIBLE READING (September 7-13):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
2 Chronicles	23-25	26-29	30-32	33-36			
			Ezekiel		1-3	4-7	8-11

READ SCRIPTURE (SEPTEMBER): Jacob Kennedy (Matthew 25:1-5)

(OCTOBER): *Rafaele Barber*

PRESIDE OVER LORD’S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER): Thomas Massey

(OCTOBER): *Ali’i Barber*

ASSIST ON LORD’S SUPPER (SEPTEMBER): Wesley Haas and Carson Kinney

(OCTOBER): *Keegan Arrington and Levi Howell*

CLEAN BUILDING (SEPTEMBER): The Masseys

(OCTOBER): *Melinda Haas and April Kinney*

PREPARE COMMUNION (SEPTEMBER): Tabatha Clayton

(OCTOBER): *The Masseys*

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

<i>September 6</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>	<i>September 13</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>
<i>September 20</i>	<i>Ali’i Barber</i>	<i>September 27</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>

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

<i>Sun A: September 6</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>	<i>September 13</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>
<i>Sun P: September 6</i>	<i>Keegan Arrington</i>	<i>September 13</i>	<i>Levi Howell</i>
<i>Wed: September 9</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>	<i>September 16</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>

PANTRY NEEDS: The children’s home truck will be here on November 3rd; a list of their needs is in the foyer.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today

Prayer Meeting and Pew-packer Class at 4:30.

Saturday (September 12)

Ladies Class at 11:00 A.M.

Ladies Day at Looxahoma with Natasha Bennett on the theme *Linked by Grace*. They start at 9:00 A.M.

September 27-30

There will be a **Gospel meeting** at Thyatira with various speakers. Times include 7:00 Monday through Wednesday nights.

There will be a **Gospel meeting** at the Hwy. 77 congregation in Marion, AR. Dan Cates will be preaching on “*Come, and Let Us Go*” (*Isaiah 2:3*).

October 4-6

Gospel meeting at the Courtland congregation. There will be various speakers. Times include 1:30 Sunday and 7:00 Monday and Tuesday nights.

October 10

Youth Day at Looxahoma from 9:30-2:30.

Ladies Class at 11:00 A.M.

October 11-14

Gospel meeting at Looxahoma with Jonathan Burns speaking.

October 18-21

Gospel meeting at Coldwater with Jamie Long preaching.

Gospel meeting at Nesbit with Anthony Flunder preaching; times include 7:00. Monday through Wednesday nights.