

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
SEPTEMBER 20 & 27, 2026

SICK: Allene Baldwin, Katie Brown and Grayson Hadley (Covid), Shelly Cates (sciatica), Melinda Haas, April Kinney, Karen Tuttle (seizure and fall), and Audrey Vick (allergies) were not feeling well this past week. Sheila Massey will have a root canal on September 22nd. Syble Embrey’s son-in-law, Michael Parnell, recently had a pacemaker installed; he has been having some difficulty with it.

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’ 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’ 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); 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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The Informer



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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

"LOVE ... DO GOOD ..."
from *Meditations of My Heart*

"But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;" (Matthew 5:44)

Set in contrast to what they had "*heard*" (Matthew 543), the Lord issued words that were and are difficult to follow. It is easy enough to have affection for and do good to those who have affection for and do good to us (Luke 6:32-33).

The true character of Christianity, however, is to follow the Lord's example (1 Peter 2:21-24), and have love (*agape*) for and do good to those who will likely never repeat the same to us in kind (Romans 12:20-21). It is this attitude alone and this exclusive course that fulfills "*the royal law*" (James 2:8) and acquires for one a "*blessing*" of inheritance (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: Who stole Micah’s idols?
Last week’s question: Whom did Paul want to fulfill his joy?
Last week’s answer: The Philippians (Philippians 2:2)

SERMONS: 20th A.M.: *Rafaele Barber* will be preaching this morning.
27th A.M.: *Jacob Kennedy* will preach.
20th P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 9: Judges.
27th P.M.: *Jacob* or *Rafe* will teach.

DAILY BIBLE READING (September 21-October 4):

		Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
21st-27th	Ezekiel	34-36	37-39	40-42	43-45	46-48		
					Daniel		1-3	4-6
28th-4th	Daniel	7-9	10-12					
		Esther	1-3	4-7	8-10			
					Ezra	1-4		
					Haggai		1,2	
					Zechariah		1,2	

READ SCRIPTURE (SEPTEMBER): **Jacob Kennedy (20th: Please see Rafe; 27th: Please see yourself)**

(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 20</i>	<i>Ali’i Barber</i>	<i>September 27</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>
<i>October 4</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>	<i>October 11</i>	<i>Jacob Kennedy</i>

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

<i>Sun A: September 20</i>	<i>Keegan Arrington</i>	<i>September 27</i>	<i>Jacob Kennedy</i>
		<i>October 4</i>	<i>Ray Stanford</i>
<i>Sun P: September 20</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>	<i>September 27</i>	<i>Conor Cates</i>
		<i>October 4</i>	<i>Jacob Kennedy</i>
<i>Wed: September 23</i>	<i>Jacob Kennedy</i>	<i>September 30</i>	<i>Keegan Arrington</i>
		<i>October 7</i>	<i>Levi Howell</i>

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

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

Cody Hadley	October 4	Bethany Barber	October 6
Wesley Haas	October 6	Wanda Jackson	October 9
Thomas Swindoll	October 9	Paislei Hadley	October 19

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Today
Prayer Meeting and **Pew-packer Class** at 4:30.
Youth Devotional after evening services.

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.