

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
OCTOBER 4, 2026

CONGRATULATIONS: Matthew and Katie Brown Mixson were married yesterday.

SICK: Please continue to remember those for whom we have been praying.

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; Lizzie Pleasants—heart; 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); **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

"THE OLD PATHS ... THE GOOD WAY"

from Meditations of My Heart

"Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein" (Jeremiah 6:16)

This is a bittersweet passage - sweet because it provided guidance and goodness; bitter because God's people refused both. By standing, seeing, asking and walking, they could find the good way and obtain rest for their weary souls. But, they flatly refused (Jeremiah 18:5). How sad!

In the days prior to maps and GPS systems, one would need to inquire of those who knew the territory and the route he should take. Likewise, one who seeks God's Way must inquire of those who know it. It is not to be found through the ways and means of men (Matthew 15:9). Rather, it is obtained through finding and walking in *"the old paths"* (Psalm 119:105) and *"the good way"* (Matthew 11:28-29). Then, one must also walk therein (James 4:17).

“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 took a concubine from Bethlehemjudah?

Last week’s question: Who stole Micah’s idols?

Last week’s answer: Five men of the tribe of Dan (Judges 18:16-18)

SERMONS: A.M.: *“Tell Me the Story of Jesus,”* Part 64: “The Lord of Those Servants Cometh” (Matthew 25:14-30).

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

DAILY BIBLE READING (October 5-11):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Zechariah	3-6	7-10	11-14	Nehemiah		1-3	4-6
			Ezra	5-7	8-10		

READ SCRIPTURE (OCTOBER): Rafaele Barber (Matthew 25:29,30)

(NOVEMBER): Ali’i Barber

PRESIDE OVER LORD’S SUPPER (OCTOBER): Ali’i Barber

(NOVEMBER): Levi Howell

ASSIST ON LORD’S SUPPER (OCTOBER): Keegan Arrington and Levi Howell

(NOVEMBER): Gavin Arrington and Conor Cates

CLEAN BUILDING (OCTOBER): Melinda Haas and April Kinney

(NOVEMBER): Shelly Cates and Maggie Cooper

PREPARE COMMUNION (OCTOBER): The Masseys

(NOVEMBER): Suzanne Brown and Katie Mixson

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

October 4 Cody Hadley **October 11** Jacob Kennedy

October 18 Rafaele Barber **October 25** Dan Cates

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

Sun A: October 4 Ray Stanford **October 11** Ali’i Barber

Sun P: October 4 Jacob Kennedy **October 11** Ray Stanford

Wed: October 7 Levi Howell **October 14** Dan Cates

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.

Youth Devotional after evening services.

Today through Tuesday (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.

Saturday (October 10)

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

Ladies Class at 11:00 A.M.

Next week (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.

November 3

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WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!