

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
OCTOBER 18, 2026

SICK: **Conor Cates** was fighting a sore throat and sinus problems this past week. **Shelly Cates**’ sciatica has been bothering her the last couple of weeks. **Melinda Haas** has been struggling with her hip. **Wesley Haas** is recovering from a procedure on his hand. **April Kinney** has been dealing with a headache and nausea. **Sheila Massey** continues to be dealing with her Bell’s Palsy. **Mary Ray** continues to have problems with dizziness. **Ray Stanford** has been struggling with back and stomach problems. **Karen Tuttle** will see the cardiologist November 20th. **Tabatha Clayton**’s husband, **Jeff**, was dehydrated and suffering from an intestine infection midweek. **Ronnie Gootam** and his family are sore after an automobile accident this past week.

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**’ 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; **Chasity 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); **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]	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

"AGREED"
from *Meditations of My Heart*

"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3)

The courageous southern prophet castigated a number of nations; none more severely than his brethren and neighbors to the north (Israel). God's love for them demanded His punishment of them (Amos 3:2; cf. Deuteronomy 7:6-8).

In the passage cited, God, through Amos, asked a rhetorical question which echoes through the centuries, and provides us with a warning lest waywardness characterize us as it did them.

Indeed, no one can claim to *"walk together"* with God while at the same time living in disagreement with His Word, Will and Way.

Oh! But, to the contrary, how glorious it is to walk with Him in agreement to Him! (Psalm 119:105; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 1 John 1:7).
“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 was "knit together as one man" against Gibeah?
Last week’s question: At Final Judgment, who will be at Jesus' right and left hands, respectively?

Last week’s answer: The Sheep and Goats (Matthew 25:33)

SERMONS: A.M.: *Rafaele Barber will be preaching this morning.*
P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 9: Judges.

DAILY BIBLE READING (October 19-25):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Matthew	16-19	20-22	23-25	26-28			
Mark				1-3	4-6	7-9	

READ SCRIPTURE (OCTOBER): Rafaele Barber (Please see yourself)
(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:

<i>October 18</i>	<i>Rafaele Barber</i>	<i>October 25</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>
<i>November 1</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>	<i>November 8</i>	<i>Ali’i Barber</i>

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

<i>Sun A: October 18</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>	<i>October 25</i>	<i>Rafaele Barber</i>
<i>Sun P: October 18</i>	<i>Ali’i Barber</i>	<i>October 25</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>
<i>Wed: October 21</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>	<i>October 28</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</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.
Youth Devotional after evening services.
Gospel meeting at Coldwater with Jamie Long preaching—they meet at 12:30 this afternoon and 7:00 Monday through Wednesday.
Gospel meeting at Nesbit with Anthony Flunder preaching; times include 7:00 Monday through Wednesday nights.

November 3

Tennessee Children’s Home truck will be here. A list of their needs is in the foyer.

November 14

Ladies Class at 10:00 A.M.

November 24

Pre-Thanksgiving **mid-week** singing service.

November 29

Fifth Sunday **potluck**.

WELCOME VISITORS!