

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
NOVEMBER 2, 2025

SYMPATHY: Chelsie Bailey (wife of Nolan Bailey) was tragically killed in a car accident on Wednesday. She leaves behind two children, Macie and Kyle. Please pray for all of that family. The funeral is at 2:00 this afternoon at Brantley-Phillips in Hernando. It will immediately follow a visitation which begins at noon. Margaret Edwards, half-sister of Carl Hounshell, passed away recently as well; she lived in Indiana.

SICK: Karen Tuttle had an MRI Friday; she should learn the results tomorrow. It appears that she is dealing with a torn meniscus.

PROTRACTED: Allene Baldwin—thyroid; 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; Jill Curry (Carl Hounshell’s grandson, Adam Carlson's mother-in-law)—uterine; 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)
BearValley Bible Institute (Denver, CO) Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

"HATH THE LORD AS GREAT DELIGHT?"

from *Meditations of My Heart*

"And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams" (First Samuel 15:22)

God had given commands to be followed. They were not followed. Yet, after the battle, they [Saul and his people-DFC] claimed to have performed the will of God. They said they intended to offer the animals which were not destroyed as sacrifices.

They learned, the hard way, of their actions being displeasing to God.

God's way is different than man's way (Isaiah 55:8,9). Many may think, reason, and decide what he feels is the best thing to do. Tragically, if it is not God's way--it will not please our Father in heaven. God demands full, complete, humble submission to His commands.

"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 Gospel accounts contain record of the "Triumphal Entry"?
Last week's question: After Jesus had spoken to Zacchaeus, what were the people expecting of the kingdom?

Last week's answer: Its immediate establishment (Luke 19:11)

SERMONS: A.M.: *"Tell Me the Story of Jesus,"* Part 44: "Hosanna" (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-11; Luke 19:28-40; John 12:12-19).
P.M.: *As in a Foreign Land*, Part 8: Joshua.

DAILY BIBLE READING (November 3-9):

Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Luke	22-24					

John	1-3	4-6	7-10	11-13	14-17	18-21
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READ SCRIPTURE (NOVEMBER): Thomas Massey (Mark 11:8-10)
(DECEMBER): To be determined

PRESIDE OVER LORD'S SUPPER (NOVEMBER): Cameron Hadley
(DECEMBER): To be determined

ASSIST ON LORD'S SUPPER (NOVEMBER): Keegan Arrington and Paul Brown
(DECEMBER): To be determined

CLEAN BUILDING (NOVEMBER): Melinda Haas and April Kinney
(DECEMBER): To be determined

PREPARE COMMUNION (NOVEMBER): Maggie Cooper, Shelby Hadley, and Reese Kinney
(DECEMBER): To be determined

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

November 2	Rafaele Barber	November 9	Tony Solaita
November 16	Carson Kinney	November 23	Ali'i Barber

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

Sun A: November 2	Carson Kinney	November 9	Conor Cares
Sun P: November 2	Cody Hadley	November 9	Thomas Massey
Wed: November 5	Keegan Arrington	November 12	Carson Kinney

PANTRY NEEDS: The Tennessee Children's Home truck will be here Tuesday; a list of their needs is in the foyer.

VOLUNTEERS FOR RESPONSIBILITIES:

There are two lists in the foyer. One is for anyone to sign up to prepare communion or clean the building for a month; the other is for men who are willing to participate in worship—some of the responsibilities are weekly, others are monthly. Please take an opportunity to sign for whatever you would be willing to do. The new order of responsibilities will begin in December.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

This evening
Halloween party for the children after evening services. Children are encouraged to change into their costumes before the party.

Tuesday (November 4)
The truck from the **Tennessee Children's Home** will be here.

November 25
Our **midweek service Thanksgiving week** will be Tuesday rather than Wednesday.

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!