

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST
DECEMBER 7, 2025

SICK: Carl Hounshell’s shingles are both internal and external; he had a nerve block on Friday. Karen Tuttle was in the ER again on Wednesday; she cut her index finger and required seven stitches. Tabatha Clayton and Ella Darnell also have been sick this week. Scott Ingram (of the Gospel Broadcasting Network) is facing serious health problems.

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; Robert Davis—Stage 4 prostate; 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); 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: Mary Ruth Brown (home), 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)
Bear Valley Bible Institute (Denver, CO)	Other one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

"THE WAY"
from Meditations of My Heart

"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6)

When Jesus said, *"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me,"* He was proclaiming simply and powerfully the exclusive nature of the Christian religion.

The sacrifice of Jesus' life for our sins was a profound and singular act of God's love (1 Peter 1:18-19).

To say that there are other ways to God in addition to the way of Christ is to diminish the power of the death of Jesus on His cross. The religion of Christ is not one among many acceptable ways to approach God and to get to Heaven. His way is the only way.

“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: What two Israelite leaders were credited with victories associated with the initial conquest of the Promised Land?

Last week’s question: What Israelites fought Jabin and his allies at Lake Merom?

Last week’s answer: “Joshua, and all the people of war” (Joshua 11:1-7)

SERMONS: A.M.: Tony Solaita will be preaching this morning.
P.M.: As in a Foreign Land, Part 8: Joshua.

DAILY BIBLE READING (December 8-14):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Ephesians	4-6						
Philippians		1-4					
Colossians			1-4				
Hebrews				1-4	5-7	8-10	11-13

READ SCRIPTURE (DECEMBER): Dylan Cooper (Please see Tony)
(JANUARY): Lawayne House

PRESIDE OVER LORD’S SUPPER (DECEMBER): Cody Hadley
(JANUARY): Dan Cates

ASSIST ON LORD’S SUPPER (DECEMBER): Wesley Haas and Carson Kinney
(JANUARY): Levi Howell and Ali’i Barber

CLEAN BUILDING (DECEMBER): Tabatha Clayton
(JANUARY): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

PREPARE COMMUNION (DECEMBER): Patricia McClure
(JANUARY): Shelly Cates and Maggie Cooper

UPCOMING SUNDAY NIGHT DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE:

<i>December 7</i>	<i>Ali’i Barber</i>	<i>December 14</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>
<i>December 21</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>	<i>December 28</i>	<i>Dan Cates</i>

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

<i>Sun A: December 7</i>	<i>Dylan Cooper</i>	<i>December 14</i>	<i>Cody Hadley</i>
<i>Sun P: December 7</i>	<i>Levi Howell</i>	<i>December 14</i>	<i>Ali’i Barber</i>
<i>Wed: December 10</i>	<i>Carson Kinney</i>	<i>December 17</i>	<i>Levi Howell</i>

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tonight (December 7)
 - Youth devotional** after evening services at the Cates’ house.
- December 21
 - Christmas party** for the young people after evening services.
- December 31

New Years lock-in at the Collierville church of Christ. Justin Evergarden (the missionary to Japan is organizing it; he can be reached at 931-303-2018).

WELCOME VISITORS!

We are honored to have you with us today!