

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST

DECEMBER 14, 2025

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The Informer

CONGRATS: **Katie Brown** earned her Masters degree; she graduated Friday.

SICK: **Ella Darnell** was hospitalized midweek after suffering light stroke. **Carl Hounshell** remains in great pain suffering from both internal and external shingles; his nerve block is scheduled for the 31st, but is contingent upon other things. **Conor Cates**, **Shelly Cates**, and **April Kinney** have been sick this week. **Scott Ingram** (of the Gospel Broadcasting Network) is facing serious health problems. **Rapaka Sudhakar** (father-in-law of **Ronnie Gootam**) has a blood clot in his brain following recent cataract surgery. **Bertha White** (mother of a co-worker of **Katie Brown**) is hospitalized with congestive heart failure and an enlarged heart.

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.

Ministers:

Every Christian

Elders:

Dan Cates (662-560-8045)
Carl Hounshell (812-653-2358)

Evangelists:

Dan Cates (662-560-8045; dsmccates@yahoo.com)
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Tony Solaita (808-208-3814; tsolaita39@gmail.com)

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 and Tony Solaita)

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

"A WAY THAT SEEMETH RIGHT"

from Meditations of My Heart

"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death" (Proverbs 14:12)

The idea of living for God as a "walk" is found throughout Scripture (1 John 1:5-10; 2 Corinthians 5:7).

In Proverbs 14:12 Solomon describes the two attitudes we can have toward God: We can fear Him or despise Him.

To fear in the Biblical sense is not be afraid of Him; it is to respect Him. The person who respects God walks in righteousness before Him. On the other hand, the man who loves perversity of necessity hates God. We choose everyday how we walk the way of this life; let it be uprightness before God.

“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 tribes’ inheritances were east of the Jordan??
Last week’s question: What two Israelite leaders were credited with victories associated with the initial conquest of the Promised Land?
Last week’s answer: Moses and Joshua (Joshua 12:6-7)

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

DAILY BIBLE READING (December 15-21):

| | Mon. | Tues. | Wed. | Thur. | Fri. | Sat. | Sun. |
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| Philemon | 1 | | | | | | |
| 1 Peter | 1,2 | 3-5 | | | | | |
| 2 Peter | | | 1-3 | | | | |
| 1 Timothy | | | | 1-3 | 4-6 | | |
| Titus | | | | | 1-3 | | |
| 2 Timothy | | | | | | 1-4 | |

READ SCRIPTURE (DECEMBER): Dylan Cooper (Please see Rafe)

(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:

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| <i>December 14</i> | <i>Dylan Cooper</i> | <i>December 21</i> | <i>Cody Hadley</i> |
| <i>December 28</i> | <i>Dan Cates</i> | <i>January 4</i> | <i>Jacob Kennedy</i> |

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

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| <i>Sun A: December 14</i> | <i>Cody Hadley</i> | <i>December 21</i> | <i>Carson Kinney</i> |
| <i>Sun P: December 14</i> | <i>Ali’i Barber</i> | <i>December 21</i> | <i>Dylan Cooper</i> |
| <i>Wed: December 17</i> | <i>Levi Howell</i> | <i>December 24</i> | <i>Dylan Cooper</i> |

PANTRY NEEDS: Canned goods.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Next Sunday night (December 21)
Christmas party for the young people after evening services.
December 31
New Year’s event 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!