

SICK IN THE COMMUNITY...

Judy England had 2 more falls at the Nursing home in Cookeville. Prayers.
Norma Jean Bailey was sick last week.
Shaney Kennedy was not feeling well last week.
Liam, Riley, Cody, Rachel Langford were sick last week & are improving.
Anna Short has pneumonia & has been put on stronger antibiotics. Prayers.
Patty Cole has been in the Nashville Hospital & got good results from her heart tests with no blockages & got to go home. Prayers.
Shirley Riley goes back to the lung doctor on August 28th. Prayers.
Faustina Lartey (Kris Lartey's mother) has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers.

EXTENDED SICKNESS: (has been the sick list for some time now)...

Steve Martin has been taking treatments. Prayers.
Jogenna McDonald will be undergoing another round of chemo & asks for prayers.
Mary Bell (Shaney Kennedy's mother) has been diagnosed with lymphoma. Prayers.
Bill Burks (Joyce Wakefield's nephew) has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers.
Tammie Ford will do radiation for lung cancer. Prayers.
Dodd Scott has stage 4 liver cancer. Prayers.
Karie Mainord has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers.
John Maxfield has a cancerous tumor in the stomach. Prayers.
Mary Jackson has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers.

*Special prayers for all the people we have mentioned & know God is in control!

"Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.
The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." Joshua 1:9

Prayer List (Those who have an extended illness, injury, or has asked for prayers)

Dawson Warren	Betty Winningham	Robert Leach	Joyce Wakefield
Scott Mullins	Carolyn Winingham	Danny Bailey	Richard Newman
Anita Beason	Dodd Scott	Sheila Tedford	Kristin Robinson
Ann Alfred	Francis Knight	Amy Kennedy	James Nelson
Mary Bell	Saralee Cross	Shirley Riley	David England
Jennifer Bell	Buddy Ledbetter	Sarah Davidson	Jerry Kennedy
Randall Richardson	Billy Joe Sells	Evan Hayes	Conner Stokes
Lonnie Melton	Jogenna McDonald	Terry Webb	Bill Burks
Veola Hammock	Avery Weber	Judy England	Pauletta Brady
John Maxfield	Roger Harvey	Jade Hicks	Selma Davis
Steve Martin	Roy Dailey	Tammie Ford	Sharon Pittman
Anna Short		James Lightsey	Wynn Wilson
		Karie Mainord	Faustina Lartey

August 16, 2026

Sympathy extended to the family and friends of:

Edie Williams & Randy Chaffin



for Sarah & Steven Webb on Sunday, August 23rd at 2:00p.m. at Free Communion.

Sarah is registered at Babylist.com & could use size 3 diapers. Sarah also wanted to thank everyone for providing the shower!

THE LORD'S WORK

Wednesday Night, Aug. 19th @ 6:30p.m.

<u>SONG LEADER</u>		<u>FIRST PRAYER</u>	<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u>
KEVEN REEDER		LOGAN RAMSEY	STEVE MARTIN
Sunday Morning, Aug. 23rd @ 10:00a.m.			
<u>SONG LEADER</u>		<u>PRAYER</u>	
AUSTIN ARCHER		JAMES WILSON	
Preacher on Sunday: Mark Garner			
Sunday Morning, Aug. 23rd @ 11:00a.m.			
<u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>	<u>SONG LEADER</u>	<u>FIRST PRAYER</u>	
TEDDY DAILEY	LOGAN RAMSEY	TANNER LACY	
<u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>	<u>LORD'S TABLE-SERVE</u>	<u>LORD'S TABLE-ASSIST</u>	
WESTON PARROTT	MASON RAMSEY BLAKE MCCORMICK	MAC JOHNSON GAGE COLEMAN	
<u>LORD'S SUPPER</u> <u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>	KANDEN COLEMAN	<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u>	MASON RAMSEY
Sunday Evening, Aug. 23rd @ 6:00p.m.			
<u>SONG LEADER</u>	<u>FIRST PRAYER</u>	<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u>	
MASON RAMSEY	TEDDY DAILEY	MARK GARRETT	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Stacy Johnson, Gage Coleman, Cooper Dale Lacy, & Tulson Nolen on Aug. 17th.
Cindy Hinson, Marla Dailey, Cynthia Harvey on Aug. 18th.
Nancy Smith on Aug. 20th.
Kanessa Winningham on Aug. 21st.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Roach on Aug. 19th.

Knoxville Zoo Trip

When: Sat., Sept. 12th
More details are available by contacting Ruth Wilson.

You can notify Donna or Keven Reeder of any names that can be removed. Thank you!

Out of all the regrets we may have in life, I can guarantee that when the trumpet sounds and our name is called up yonder, we will not regret a second spent in Bible class. The church lives and dies by its Bible classes. We have probably heard, “as the pulpit goes, so goes the church.” That carries a lot of truth. Dr. Roger Shepherd at Amridge University also suggests, “as the Sunday school goes, so goes the church.” Imagine standing before the judgment seat of Christ and having to explain why sports, homework, and Netflix were more important than Bible class. It is a sad reality that congregations around the world, ours not excluded, often lose almost half of their membership between Sunday morning and Wednesday night. It is true that the elders have the authority to require attendance at Bible class, for they have the responsibility to care for and guide your soul (Heb. 13:7, 17). It is true that we are commanded not to forsake the assembly (Heb. 10:25). However, I also want to look at this issue from a positive light and suggest some of the incredible benefits of attending Bible class.

Bible Class Helps Us Grow As Christians

You can only get so much from sermons. Sermons are intentionally designed to be heard by Christians and non-Christians alike. Therefore, diving into the deeper waters of study is generally avoided during these times. We cannot stay babies forever. We must move from the milk of the word to the meat (1 Pet. 2:2, Heb. 5:12-6:3). Bible classes provide opportunities for people to learn and grow on their level. Bible classes can take the time to dissect the depth of God’s word that generally cannot and should not be done in a sermon.

Bible Class Is Encouraging

Have you ever been tired from a long day at work? You have to rush home, get the kids fed, get the house in order, and finally sit down in your chair only to realize it is 6:30 on a Wednesday night. Your head is pounding, your shoulders are tense, and you think, “I just can’t do it tonight.” Then decide to go anyway. Did you leave service regretting that decision? Probably not. It is so encouraging to fellowship with Christians, to hear God’s word opened and applied, to sing songs to God that praise Him and nourish our own souls (Col. 3:16, Heb. 10:24-25, Acts 2:42, 1 The. 5:11). It is also encouraging for the teacher when you come to class. It is very discouraging to spend time and effort preparing to teach, only to have an empty room and the occasional “watching” on Facebook live, which encourages no one.

Bible Class Gives Glory To God

The Bible teaches that when one is speaking and ministering as God’s oracle, God is glorified (1 Pet. 4:11). The Bible is the way God has chosen to reveal Himself to mankind (Psa. 19:7-11). When we study the Bible, we are not learning about ancient nations and wars; we are learning about God! Let’s all read Psalm 119 this week and be amazed at the psalmist's attitude toward God’s word. I seriously doubt you could keep the author of Psalm 119 away from Bible class.

May we all recommit ourselves to having the precious attitude of David as he said, “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD” (Psa. 122:1). If at all possible, let's be encouraged and be an encouragement; let's go to Bible class.

Upcoming Church Events...

- Ladies Card Fellowship Thursday, Aug. 20th @ 6pm
- Nursing Home Visitation on Sept. 6th @ 2pm
- Men’s Bible Study on Tuesday, Sept. 1st @ 6pm with food provided.
- Ladies Bible Study on Thursday, Sept. 10th @ 6pm at the Free Communion Building.

Attendance last week...	
<u>Sunday A.M.</u>	82
<u>Sunday Worship</u>	99
<u>Sunday Night</u>	64
<u>Wednesday Night</u>	63

Free Communion Church of Christ

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(3 Miles off Hwy. 111 on Willow Grove Rd.)



“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”
John 4:23-24 NKJV

Elders:
Roger Harvey
Larry Melton
Jack Parrott
Keven Reeder

Church Meeting Times:

Sunday Bible Study	10:00a.m.
Sunday Worship	11:00a.m.
Sunday Night	6:00p.m.
Wednesday Night	6:30p.m.

Deacons:
Teddy Dailey
Mark Garrett
Logan Ramsey
Mason Ramsey
Donald Wilson

Members Expected...

Visitors Welcome...

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” HEBREWS 10:25