

SICK IN THE COMMUNITY...

Anna Garner was taken to the ER on Saturday morning due to some numbness in her face & had a CT scan, & all tests came back good, & is now back home doing ok. Prayers.  
Danny & Norma Jean Bailey have both been to the doctor for shots & feeling some better.  
Lonnie Melton (Larry Melton's brother) had some good results from tests last week.  
Geraldine Stover had heart valve surgery on Monday & is back at Signature in Cookeville. Prayers.  
Judy England is now home from the hospital & weak, but doing ok. Prayers.  
Carlie Reeder had a cardiologist check up Wednesday, & wore a heart monitor for 24 hours. Prayers.  
Jeramie Reeder will do physical therapy & will go back to TOA in Nashville in 6 weeks. Prayers.  
Mary Bell (Shaney Kennedy's mother) went to the lung doctor last week & will have a CT scan & return back to the lung doctor in 2 months. Prayers.  
Christy Fox has asked for prayers.

\*Keven Reeder responded on Sunday and asked for prayers of the Church!

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

Mark Houser is not doing well due to his cancer spreading & has been given 2 to 8 weeks. Prayers.  
Sarah Davidson had cancer to return. Prayers.  
Patricia Reagan has stage 4 cancer. Prayers.  
Amy Vaughn (42 yr. old) diagnosed with cancer. Prayers.  
Karla Waldon has a pituitary tumor & will most likely have surgery. Prayers.  
Dawson Warren (7 yr. old) has Hodgkins lymphoma. Prayers.  
Melva Nunnery (Doris Mullins' sister) has been diagnosed with ALS. 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

\*Special prayers for all the families suffering from disasters such as flooding, etc.

“Blessed be the God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.” 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

**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   | Kim Reagan       |
| Anita Beason       | Chris Conner      | Sheila Tedford | Richard Newman   |
| Ann Alfred         | Elaina Conner     | Rex Tompkins   | Missie Richardt  |
| Melva Nunnery      | Ben Walker        | Kenneth Conner | Kristin Robinson |
| Roger Bybee        | Francis Knight    | Amy Vaughn     | James Nelson     |
| Julie Poston       | Amy Shope         | Glenn Riley    | David England    |
| Mary Bell          | Mark Houser       | Theresa Riley  | Jerry Kennedy    |
| Randall Richardson | Buddy Ledbetter   | Todd Upton     | Conner Stokes    |
| Mary Fossey        | Steve Winstead    | Toni Smith     | Cathy Stover     |
| Lonnie Melton      | Charles Smith     | Wesley Newton  | Shirley Riley    |
| Veola Hammock      | Geraldine Stover  | Sarah Davidson | Craig Story      |
| Christy Richardson | Karla Waldon      | Evan Hayes     | Christy Fox      |
| Randal Risher      | Jessie Parrott    | Kenneth Harvey |                  |

\*Your assistance in keeping the Prayer List up to date is greatly appreciated. You can notify Donna or Keven Reeder of any names that can be removed. Thank you!

July 20th, 2025

Sympathy and Prayers  
extended to the family  
and friends of:  
Betty Wells &  
Mike Sullivan



| THE LORD'S WORK                        |  |                           |  |
|----------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| Wednesday Night, July 23rd 6:30p.m.    |  |                           |  |
| <u>SONG LEADER</u>                     |  | <u>FIRST PRAYER</u>       |  |
| LOGAN RAMSEY                           |  | TEDDY DAILEY              |  |
| Sunday Morning, at July 27th 10:00a.m. |  |                           |  |
| <u>SONG LEADER</u>                     |  | <u>PRAYER</u>             |  |
| LARRY MELTON                           |  | LOGAN RAMSEY              |  |
| Preaching today: Mark Garner           |  |                           |  |
| Sunday Morning, July 27th at 11:00a.m. |  |                           |  |
| <u>ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>                   |  | <u>SONG LEADER</u>        |  |
| MASON RAMSEY                           |  | TEDDY DAILEY              |  |
| <u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>               |  | <u>LORD'S TABLE-SERVE</u> |  |
| LANCE CRAWFORD                         |  | SCOTT GUNNELS             |  |
| LORD'S SUPPER                          |  | EMMITT GUNNELS            |  |
| SCRIPTURE READING                      |  | CLOSING PRAYER            |  |
| Sunday Evening, July 27th at 6:00p.m.  |  |                           |  |
| <u>SONG LEADER</u>                     |  | <u>FIRST PRAYER</u>       |  |
| MASON RAMSEY                           |  | COY JOHNSON               |  |

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Tara Mullins & Shirley Riley on July 20th.  
Addison Bray on July 23rd.  
Mark Garrett on July 24th.  
Baylor White on July 25th.  
Raeleigh Thrasher on July 26th.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. & Mrs. Mark Garrett on July 21st.

Drawn away

What can we learn from two of Paul’s associates, Mark and Demas? Paul writes, “*Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, Luke, my fellow workers*” ([Philemon 23-24 NASB](#); see [Colossians 4:10, 14](#)). Later Paul mentions both Mark and Demas again, but note the change: “. . . *Demas, having loved this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica . . . . Pick up Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for service*” ([II Timothy 4:10-11](#)).

Mark’s Recovery and Demas’ Desertion

Years before, Mark had deeply disappointed Paul because he returned home instead of continuing on their missionary journey. On the next trip, Paul refused to take him along because he “*had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not gone with them to the work*” ([Acts 15:38](#); see 12:25; 13:5, 13). But now Paul recognizes the positive change in Mark. He who had been a disappointment has become “*useful to me for service.*” Both Mark and Demas left him in the lurch. While Mark overcame his instability, the last we hear of Demas is his tragic apostasy. He left because he “*loved this present world.*”

What We Can Learn from Them

Sitting perhaps on the same pew are two Christians. At one time, Brother A could not be depended on to do his part, but that’s behind him now. Nearby, Brother B participates in the singing and bows his head for the prayers, but his heart is leaning increasingly toward the world. It won’t be long until he leaves the Lord and His church—another of Satan’s statistics. Demas’ defection should give us pause to examine our own hearts for any indications of misplaced affections drawing us away from the living God ([II Corinthians 13:5](#); [James 4:4](#); [I John 2:15-17](#)). On the other hand, if we have fallen short in our Christian walk, we can take a cue from Mark and become once again “*useful... for service.*”

Upcoming Church Events...

Nursing Home Visitation Sunday, Aug. 3rd @ 2:00p.m.

Ladies Card Fellowship on Thursday, Sept. 18th at 6:00p.m. with finger foods.

| Attendance for last week... |    |
|-----------------------------|----|
| Sunday A.M. Bible Study     | 70 |
| Sunday A.M. Worship         | 82 |
| Sunday P.M.                 | 55 |
| Wed. Bible Study            | 55 |

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“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

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.

Members Expected...

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

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