

SICK IN THE COMMUNITY...

Paul Ledbetter got to go home on Friday and having some issues with speech. Prayers. Jeremy Reeder is now at home recovering & doing much better. Prayers. Liam Langford has been sick with cough & congestion & is doing much better. Carlie Reeder has been to the doctor for pneumonia & doing much better. Lance Crawford has been having some back pain issues. Prayers. Mary Bell is recovering from a UTI & E. coli & doing some better. Prayers. Scott Mullins is now in Gainesboro doing rehab after his surgeries. Prayers. Wanda White has a broken hip. Prayers. Jennifer Bell (Shaney Kennedy's sister in law) is waiting to be transported to a rehab facility. Jady Stang (Patricia Hammock's granddaughter) had a MRI on her foot Monday. Prayers. Johnnie Robbins (Tammy Dailey's mother) has been in the hospital due to a UTI & kidney failure & at last report is improving. Prayers.

Emma Coil responded on Sunday and asks for prayers of the congregation!

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

Billy Joe Sells has been diagnosed with bone marrow cancer. Prayers. Kim Reagan is now receiving hospice services. Prayers. Tate & Kaylah Sutton (Friends of Mark & Anna Garner) needs prayers as their unborn daughter's heart may require open heart surgery after birth around the end of November. Prayers. Cindy England is not doing well due to cancer that has returned. Prayers. Mary Fossey has had cancer to spread to her brain. 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

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	Kenneth Conner	Missie Richardt
Melva Nunnery	Ben Walker	Amy Vaughn	Kristin Robinson
Sarah Sutton	Francis Knight	Glenn Riley	James Nelson
Julie Poston	Amy Shope	Theresa Riley	David England
Mary Bell	Buddy Ledbetter	Toni Smith	Jerry Kennedy
Jennifer Bell	Geraldine Stover	Wesley Newton	Conner Stokes
Randall Richardson	Karla Waldon	Sarah Davidson	Cathy Stover
Mary Fossey	Billy Joe Sells	Evan Hayes	Craig Story
Lonnie Melton	Landry Parrott	Kenneth Harvey	Christy Fox
Veola Hammock	Wanda White	Scott Sells	Paul Ledbetter
Christy Richardson		Jeremy Reeder	

*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!

September 21, 2025



*REMINDER: The ARK ENCOUNTER trip will be on Oct. 10th.

If you have any questions, see Ruth Wilson

Thank you!

THE LORD'S WORK			
Wednesday Night, Sept. 24th 6:30p.m.			
<u>SONG LEADER</u>		<u>FIRST PRAYER</u>	
JAMES WILSON		COY JOHNSON	
Sunday Morning, at Sept. 28th 10:00a.m.			
<u>SONG LEADER</u>		<u>PRAYER</u>	
KEVEN REEDER		JACK PARROTT	
Preaching today: Mark Garner			
Sunday Morning, Sept. 28th 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>	<u>LORD'S TABLE-ASSIST</u>	
KASEN KENNEDY	DONALD WILSON JAMES WILSON	MIKE COLEMAN MAC JOHNSON	
<u>LORD'S SUPPER</u> <u>SCRIPTURE READING</u>	WESTON PARROTT	<u>CLOSING PRAYER</u>	MARK GARRETT
Sunday Evening, Sept. 28th at 6:00p.m.			
<u>SONG LEADER</u>		<u>FIRST PRAYER</u>	
STEVE MARTIN		LARRY MELTON	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

James Wilson & Salmen Baijo on Sept. 21st.
Francis Hargis on Sept. 23rd.
Chris Coil on Sept. 25th.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mr. & Mrs. Chris Winningham on Sept. 24th.
Mr. & Mrs. Ryan Rogers on Sept. 27th.

Upcoming Church Events...

Ladies Bible Study will be at Lisa Ramsey's Home on Thursday, Oct. 2nd at 6:00p.m.
Nursing Home Visitation Sunday, Oct. 5th @ 2pm.

Attendance for last week...	
Sunday A.M. Bible Study	80
Sunday A.M. Worship	96
Sunday P.M.	58
Wed. Bible Study	64

Saul's Conversion by Keith Greer

I watched a DVD that contained a religious debate between Brother Larry Hafley and his opponent, a man whose last name is Ross. The subject of the debate: "Is baptism necessary for salvation?" One of the passages considered deals with Saul's conversion. Brother Hafley presented a powerful chart showing the impact of the teaching in Acts 9. This article communicates my understanding of that chart and the Acts 9 text. If Paul was saved on the road to Damascus,... The Lord didn't know it. "... Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting Me? And he said, Who are You, Lord? Then the Lord said, I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. It is hard for you to kick against the goads. So he, trembling and astonished, said, Lord, what do You want me to do? Then the Lord said to him, Arise and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do" ([Acts 9:4-6](#)). If Saul was already saved, why did he need to go into Damascus? What information would he receive there? Notice the Lord's statement, "what you must do." Jesus appeared to Saul, but that didn't save him. He needed more information. Saul had been persecuting the church ([Acts 8:3](#)). To make a complete turnaround, he needed a reason that he would find in Damascus, not on the road. Saul didn't know it. "Then Saul arose from the ground, and when his eyes were opened he saw no one. But they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. And he was three days without sight, and neither ate nor drank" ([Acts 9:8-9](#)). Saul was the most miserable saved person I've ever seen. Others who obeyed the gospel went on their way rejoicing ([Acts 9:39](#); [16:34](#)). Why would he fast and pray for three days instead of rejoicing over his salvation from sin? The text seems to reinforce the notion that Saul was unsure about his condition. He was praying for more answers and fasting to demonstrate repentance and remorse over his previous conduct ([II Corinthians 7:8-11](#)). Ananias didn't know it. "Then a certain man Ananias, a devout man according to the law, having a good testimony with all the Jews who dwelt there, came to me; and he stood and said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight.' And at that same hour I looked up at him. Then he said, 'The God of our fathers has chosen you that you should know His will, and see the Just One, and hear the voice of His mouth. For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard. And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord'" ([Acts 22:12-16](#)). In Acts 9, we read that Ananias had to be convinced to go and speak to Saul. Why? Ananias knew of Saul's conduct among the Jews and his hatred for Christians, whom he believed to be opposed to God. He was on his way to Damascus to find them, bind them, and take them back to Jerusalem to be cast into prison. Ananias instructed Saul to call on the Lord's authority by being baptized to wash away his sins. Sin separates men from God ([Isaiah 59:1-2](#)). If Saul's sins had already been forgiven, it was news to Ananias! Saul's conversion shows the necessity of baptism and harmonizes perfectly with all other scripture passages that discuss baptism. Mr. Ross was unable to get around the plain teaching in these passages. Could you?



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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.

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