## SICK IN THE COMMUNITY ...

Judy England has been in CRMC for several days with fluid around her left lung, had a procedure that removed over a liter of fluid, & is now recovering at home. Prayers. **Ronnie England** had some food poisoning & has serious ongoing breathing issues. Prayers. **Diann Harvey** had a procedure last week to remove a spot on her face. Prayers. **Lisa Ramsey** was not feeling well Sunday. Christy Harris was sick on Sunday. Lisa Coil was not feeling well on Sunday night. Mike Taylor has been having some significant back pain. Prayers. **Connie & Nancy Smith** hav been sick with covid. Kathy Sells has been sick with covid. Geraldine Stover has been in the Lebanon Hospital for around 2 weeks for fluid on her legs. Prayers Edwin Garrett had a better day on Saturday & was able to do some physical therapy. Prayers.

**David England** (Ronnie's brother) has stage 4 brain cancer & went to the oncologist Thursday. Prayers. Judy Adcock came home from the hospital and has been moved to Roe Rehab after suffering a mild stroke. Pravers.

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

**Lonnie Melton** has ecophagus cancer and will be starting treatments. Prayers. Gerlene England is now in Rehab after suffering a stroke. Prayers.

Julie Poston (Larry Melton's sister) is taking treatments & doing well. Prayers.

**Emma Coil** goes back to the Hip Institute in Nashville on Jan. 4th & has started therapy. Prayers. **Howard Gibson** had triple bypass surgery & is having some lung issues & is very sick. Prayers. Theresa Riley will recheck bloodwork in January due to increased Leukemia numbers. Prayers. Dakota Bean has 2 blood clots & a mass in his heart & has started treatments. Prayers. Lucas White had a cyst found on his brain at a check up & will be monitored for 3 months. Pravers.

Robert Stover has pancreatic cancer. Prayers. Chris Conner started chemo on July started 25th due to cancer coming back. Pravers.

Kenneth Conner has been diagnosed with cancer. 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

Prayer List	(Those who have an	extended illness, in	njury, o	or has asked fo	r prayers)

Donald Norrod	Howard Gibson	Larry Coleman	Glenn & Theresa Ríley
Scott Mullíns	James Wíníngham	Robert Leach	Evan Hayes
Aníta Beason	Chrís Conner	Danny Baíley	Betty Winningham
Míchael Garrett	Elaína Conner	Roy Dailey	Alva Dean Seber
Donald Wells	Ben Walker	Sheila Tedford	Joyce Wakefield
Místy Waller	Jessíca Jackson	Carl Reagan	Lísa Wallen
Ann Allred	Dave Medeiros	Edwin Garrett	Kím Reagan
Melva Nunnery	Aníta Short	Brandon Walker	Ríchard Newman
Lucas White	Rebecca Sullívan	Bill Hill	Tony Robbins
Julie Poston	Jonelda Sells	Rex Tompkins	Míssie Ríchardt
Debbie Little	Emma Coíl	Kenneth Conner	Chrísty Lee
Mary Bell	Dean Mayberry	Jack Dale	Trací & Míke Taylor
Randall Ríchardson	Howard Nolen	Ronnie & Judy England	James Nelson
Wayne Reeder	Tina Melton	Robert Stover	David England

\*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!

	THE LORD'S WORK				
Dec. 24th, 2023	Wednesday Night, Dec. 27th at 6:30p.m.				
0	SONG LEADER	FIRST PRAYER	<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>		
PEACE LOVE JOY FORGIVENESS	TANNER LACY	JACK PARROTT	MARK GARRETT		
	Sunday Morning, Dec. 31st at 10:00a.m.				
		SONG LEADER	PRAYER		
Hope		MASON RAMSEY	DALE BOULDIN		
MERCY FAITH Faithfulness GOODNESS BELIEVE INJESUS	Sunday Morning, Dec. 31st at 11:00a.m.				
	ANNOUNCEMENTS	SONG LEADERS	FIRST PRAYER		
	DONALD WILSON	LARRY MELTON	<b>TEDDY DAILEY</b>		
	SCRIPTURE	LORD'S TABLE-	LORD'S TABLE-		
FOR <b>GOD</b> SO level the world	READING	<u>SERVE</u>	ASSIST		
THAT HE GAVE	JAMES WILSON	STEVE MARTIN MARK GARRETT	SCOTT GUNNELS EMMITT GUNNELS		
	LORD'S SUPPER	KASEN	CLOSING LOGAN		
	SCRIPTURE READING	KENNEDY	PRAYER RAMSEY		
	Sunday Evening, Dec. 31st at 6:00p.m.				
	SONG LEADER	FIRST PRAYER	<b>CLOSING PRAYER</b>		
	KEVEN REEDER	ROGER HARVEY	DAMION MCCANN		

# happy Birthday

Steve Thrasher, Blake McCormick, & Kaci Garrett on Dec. 26th. Shelly Gilpatrick & Asher Smith on Dec. 29th. **HAPPY ANNIVERS** 

Mr. & Mrs. Keith McCormick on Dec. 30th.

Edwin Garrett C/O Bethesda Health Care Center Room 205 444 One Eleven Place Cookeville, TN 38506



Willa Dean Mayberry's address: C/O Jeff Mayberry 10599 N. Keppel Lane Mooresville, IN 46158

> David England 410 Poplar Point Lane Rickman, TN 38580

### Listening For God's Voice By Mike Riley

A Native American and his friend were in downtown New York City, walking near Times Square. It was during the noon lunch hour and the streets were filled with people. Cars were honking their horns, taxicabs were squealing around corners, sirens were wailing, and the sounds of the city were almost deafening. Suddenly, the Native American said, "I hear a cricket." His friend said, "What? You must be crazy. You couldn't possibly hear a cricket in all this noise!" "No, I'm sure of it," the Native American said, "I heard a cricket." "That's crazy," said the friend. The Native American listened carefully for a moment, and then walked across the street to a big cement planter where some shrubs were growing. He looked into the bushes beneath the branches, and sure enough, there was a small cricket. His friend was utterly amazed. "That's incredible," said his friend. "You must have super-human ears!" "No." said the Native American. "My ears are no different from yours. It all depends on what you're listening for." "But that can't be," said the friend. "I could never hear a cricket in all this noise." "Yes you can," came the reply. "Here, let me show you." He reached into his pocket, pulled out a few coins, and discreetly dropped them on the sidewalk. And then, with the noise of the crowded street still blaring in their ears, they noticed that every person's head within twenty feet turned and looked to see if the money that tinkled on the pavement was theirs. "See what I mean?" asked the Native American. "It all depends on what's important to you, and what you're listening for." What's important to us? What do we listen for? Are there times that we fail to listen to God, because we are focused on other things that are more important to us? Regarding the Jews, Jesus said, "For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, so that I should heal them. But blessed are your eyes for they see, and your ears for they hear." (Matthew 13:15-16; cf. Isaiah 6:9-10; Acts 28:26-27). Brethren, amid the distractions of the world all around us, may our ears always be open, not only ready to listen for, but to hear and be obedient to God's voice as He speaks to us through His word (1 Samuel 3:9-10; cf. John 8:47; John 10:4; John 10:27; 1 John 4:6).

On <u>Sunday</u>, <u>Dec. 31st</u> Brother Joshua Lance will be a guest speaker at Free Communion at the <u>10:00a.m.</u>, <u>11:00a.m. & 6:00p.m. services</u>. \*<u>Fellowship meal will follow the 11:00a.m. services on Sunday</u>!

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# Free Communion CHURCH of CHRIST



"For where two or three have gathered together in My name, I am there in their midst." Matthew 18:20



"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