

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~
MARCH 22, 2020

SYMPATHY: **Judy Weeks** (former co-worker of **Suzanne Brown**) passed away on Thursday.

SICK/TEMPORARY: **Joey Hadley** was sick last week. **Jessica Young** is feeling a lot better after having to leave services last Sunday morning. The blood clot is being treated with blood thinner.

PROTRACTED: **Janice Bailey**—Alzheimers; **Scooter Birmingham** (friend of **Destiny Clayton**); **Brian Brown** (**Paul Brown's** nephew)—epilepsy; **Shelly Cates**—fibromyalgia; **Gladys Marie Elrod** (**Mary Ray's** son-in-law's mother)—congestive heart failure; **Addliae Farrow** (**Tabatha Clayton's** great niece)—heart; **Bubba Farrow** (**Emma Farrow's** son)—Alzheimer's; **Jerry Floate** (of this community)—liver transplant; **Kaylie Hadley**—UCTD; **Brook Hale** (**Tracy Roberts's** niece)—Grave's Disease; **Paula Harrison**—Meniere's Disease; **Wanda Jackson**—a-fib; **Brenda Jones**—Lupus; **Stan Jones**—Meniere's Disease; **Garrett Lentz** (son of a co-worker of **Cody Hadley**)—seizures; **Becky Munns** (**Tabatha Clayton's** aunt)—heart problems, Crohn's Disease; **Robert Rawson** (preacher at **Crockett**)—diabetes; **Ray Reynold's** (**Sheila Massey** and **Mary West's** dad)—memory trouble; **Brett Rutherford** (**Dan Cates's** friend)—MS; **Tammy Turner** (a preacher's wife whom we support)—dementia; **Francis Wallace** (friend of **Mary Ray**); and **Madison Young**—laryngomalacia.

CANCER: **Clifton Angel** (preacher at **Coldwater**)—thyroid; **Sherry Brown** (retired MSOP secretary); **Alicia Busby** (from the community); **Earl Carlton** (son of a friend of **Syble Embrey**)—esophageal; **Gary Darnell** (**Ella Darnell's** son)—leukemia as well as diabetes; **Brenda Davis** (a grandmother of **Edra** and **Ryan Farrow**); **Tom Gordon** (**Cody Hadley's** grandfather); **Nathan Jones** (the **Hounshell's** neighbors' 16 year old family member)—brain; **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; **Tommy Pierce** (the **Browns's** friend); **Tiffany Taylor** (the **Browns's** friend); and **Tabby Waters** (**Tabatha Clayton's** sister-in-law)—leukemia.

SHUT-IN: **Marie Crockett** (home), **Emma Farrow** (in a care facility in **Sardis**), **Orelia Ferguson** (home), and **Annette Cates** (**Dan Cates's** mother who is at home in **Pensacola, FL**).

SERVING: **Dylan** and **Maggie Cooper** (Air Force, Offut AFB, Neb.), **Cameron Hadley** (**Grayson Hadley's** dad—Marines, Camp Lejeune, NC), **Jacob Petrowski** (grandson of former members here—Marines, Romania). 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 (I Timothy 2:1,2).

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Missions [the latest reports from these works are on the bulletin board in the foyer]

Independence Mission Fund (next: tbd)

Memphis School of Preaching (Jonathan Jenkins)

Brown Trail School of Preaching (Spanish Department)

Jim and Tammy Turner (Fairfield, North Carolina)

Trent Kennedy family (Four Seas Bible College, Singapore)

Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, India [Providing Bibles]

Netcasters and Fishers of Men (Tim Wilkes, II)

Tennessee Children's Home, West

Pablo Horna (Costa Rica) [Overseeing funds]

Many one-time, domestic and overseas, mission efforts

HAMARTIA: A WIDESPREAD DISEASE, Part 2

Charles Harris

(Continued from last week) But, what if ... What if our world was as minutely on-edge, concerned, and cautious about the sin virus as we are about the coronavirus? We would make sure we received the cure, we would be certain that we made it available to our children, and we would broadcast in on every media outlet and every social media platform known to man.

You are way ahead of me. You know the cure, don't you? The answer is Jesus. He is the only answer, the only solution, and the only way to be protected from the sin virus.

No amount of money can pay for the cure, no government agent can educate the public enough, and no degree from an institution of higher learning can ensure that we will be cured.

Knowing and understanding Jesus is extremely easy. Choosing to follow Him, as well as committing our lives to Him, require us to love Him, listen to Him, learn from Him and lean upon Him in every aspect of our life.

The only cure that is available for the sin virus says, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).

The Savior of the world once said to John, "The blind receive sight and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up and the poor have the Gospel preached to them. And blessed is he who does not take offense at Me" (Matthew 11:5-6).

Anyone who comes to Jesus with a willingness to follow Him and obey Him can be cured of the sin virus (Matthew 7:21; John 14:15; Luke 13:3; Mark 16:15-16). We can remain protected by clinging to Jesus and the Word. David said, "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against You" (Psalm 119:11).

If you've been cured, praise God. Live the abundant life. If you've been cured, tell everyone, as often as possible, as loudly as possible, as quickly as possible about the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

"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: Who asked the disciples, "Where is your faith"?

Last week's question: In what did James' audience rejoice?

Last week's answer: In their boasting (James 4:16)

SERMONS: "Let Us Go Over" (Luke 8:22-25)

We will not meet on Sunday evenings or Wednesday nights for the foreseeable future.

DAILY BIBLE READING (March 23-29):

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Judges	16-18	19-21					
Ruth		1-4					
1 Samuel			1-3	4-7	8-10	11-13	

SCRIPTURE READING (MARCH): Garrett Young (Luke 8:22-25)

(APRIL): Dan Cates

PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING (MARCH): Dan Cates

(APRIL): Carl Hounshell

ASSIST LORD'S SUPPER (MARCH): Cody Hadley and Ray Stanford

(APRIL): Paul Brown and Sonny Stewart

CLEAN BUILDING (MARCH): Suzanne Brown and Katie Brown

(APRIL): The Hounshells

PREPARE COMMUNION (MARCH): Tabatha Clayton

(APRIL): Kim Arrington

PANTRY NEEDS: Please see the list of children's home's needs in the foyer. April 7 is pick-up.

UPCOMING EVENTS (For particular details, check the bulletin board for flyers):

March 29

We will **NOT** have our 5th Sunday Q&A or Potluck. Also, the **Lectureship** at MSOP has been postponed till 2021; accordingly, we will **NOT** need to have cakes here Sunday.

April 7

Tennessee Children's Home truck will be here

May 2

Ladies' Day at **Southaven** with T.J. Clarke speaking on *Joy, the Gift of God*

May 3-6

Gospel meeting at Nesbit

May 31-June 4

Vacation Bible School at Coldwater

June 7-10

Gospel meeting with Tom Wacaster

June 12-14

Gospel meeting at Looxahoma with Aaron Ownbey preaching

July 11

Tentative date for our **Vacation Bible School**

July 13-17

Vacation Bible School at Nesbit

October 11-14

Gospel meeting at Coldwater