

INDEPENDENCE CHURCH OF CHRIST~  
MARCH 15, 2020

**SYMPATHY:** **Debby Farrow** passed away on Tuesday, the funeral was Friday. Let us continue to keep her family in our prayers! Let us also pray for **Allene** and **Paul Baldwin** in the losses of their cousin **Dorothy Grose** and **Allene's** brother-in-law **Kenneth Baldwin**.

**SICK/TEMPORARY:** Both **Jessica** and **Madison Young** were sick midweek. **Paul Brown's** mother, **Juanita Brown**, will be seeing a cardiologist after her recent tests. **Nona Williams** (sister-in-law of **Allene Baldwin**) has been in the hospital recently.

**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' 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' 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' friend**); **Tiffany Taylor** (the **Browns' 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' 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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**Services:** Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 4:45 p.m. (pew-packers), 5 p.m.  
Wednesday 7:15 p.m.

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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 1

Charles Harris

Our world is on edge. Many around the world are afraid, anxious, and concerned. The coronavirus has been called a pandemic virus. Schools in various places around the world are closing. Christian universities are sending their international students home early, airlines are canceling flights, countries are closing their borders, and even places of worship are instituting precautionary plans.

Lives have been lost and people have been quarantined. We don't yet know how far-reaching this virus may be now or may become in the future. Some say it could be the most harmful virus to the world we've seen in many years. Some say this virus has been manufactured by governments or drug companies. Many believe the media, politicians, and others are over reacting. Those who have lost loved ones to the virus or who have been infected would have something different to say! The CDC has issued extensive guidelines to help protect those who have not been infected. Yet, there is much that we do not know.

However, there is another disease that we know much more about and we know many details. It is infinitely more deadly. It infects and affects people on every continent, in every country in the world. It reaches from the largest metropolitan cities to the smallest villages on earth. This disease touches every family and the results are devastating.

This disease harms individuals, it divides families, and it causes wars between nations. It drives people to make devastating decisions, it ruins churches, it brings anyone it touches to their knees, and it results in death.

The Word of God calls it "*hamartia*," or sin. No government agency, no drug company, no institution of higher learning, no CDC precautions, no hand washing, no quarantine laws, and certainly no individual on the face of this earth has a cure. The Good News is that there is a cure. A known cure, a proven cure, a fail-proof cure that works every time. It can cure those who have the worst case of the Sin virus. In no way would we ever diminish the harm that has come to families and individuals because of the coronavirus, or the concern of those who have been affected. *(To be continued next week)*

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*"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: In what did James' audience rejoice?

Last week's question: The governor under which "king kept the city of the Damascenes with a

garrison"?

Last week's answer: Aretas (2 Corinthians 11:32)

**SERMONS:** "Cleanse Your Hands" (*James 4:8*)

Moral Issues Facing America 5: Humaneness 1 (*Isaiah 5:20*)

**DAILY BIBLE READING (March 16-22):**

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
<b>Joshua</b>	16-18	19-21	22-24				
<b>Judges</b>			1-4	5-8	9-12	13-15	

**SCRIPTURE READING (MARCH):** Garrett Young (*James 4:6-10*)

(*APRIL*): Dan Cates

**PRESIDE LORD'S SUPPER MORNING AND EVENING (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

**CLOTHING GIVEAWAY:** Thanks to all who donated to or helped in any way with the clothing giveaway!

**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 28

**Youth Day** at Forest Hill beginning at 9:30 A.M.

March 29-April 2

**Lectureship** at MSOP on *Magnify His Name*. We have been asked to provide 25 cakes for that Monday (March 30)

April 7

**Tennessee Children's Home** truck will be here

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