

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST March 15, 2020



harmatia

A Widespread Disease

Written by 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,

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
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politicians, and others are over overreacting. 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 "harmatia," 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.

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.

Charles Harris preaches for the Beattie Road Church of Christ in Albany, GA

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Seth & Jan Daniel; **Mary Alice Arnold**, recovering from cataract surgery; **Wiley Tuggle**; **Jason Bayless**, allergic reaction to antibiotic; **Terry Davis**; **Sammy Williams**; **Inez Neyman**; **Clarence & Faye Edwards**.

Far East Missions Fishers of Men NetCasters

Family & Friends

Crutcher Comer, grandson of Ginger's friends, born premature and battling several health complications; **Terry Cummings**, friend of Faye Edwards, at DiversaCare where Sherry resides; **Jack Tidwell family**, Mischel's grandfather; **Gin Phillips**, Mischel's mom, doing well following breast cancer surgery; **Leah Savage**, Lara's mom, doing well recovering from back surgery; **Martha Williams**, Amanda Lyon's grandmother, dementia.

Birthdays

3/6	Emma Wofford
3/9	Ginger Bayless
3/9	Jan Daniel
3/13	Carl Zluticky
3/15	Leah Angel
3/24	Johnny Bayless
3/29	Payton Jackson

Get Involved!

Bible Bowl @ Collierville: Mar 21, 4 PM
Ephesians 4, 5, 6

Youth Day @ Forest Hill: Mar 28
See flyer/brochure on bulletin board

MSOP Lectureship: Mar 29 – Apr 2
See flyer on bulletin board

Sign up to TEACH 2nd Qtr, begins Apr 5

New Digital Directory Is Available
See John Wofford for details to access

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, March 15

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Jim Jackson
Announcements	John Wofford
Song Leader	Noah Davis
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Billy Bland
	Jim Jackson
Assist	Jerry Davis
	Davis Johnson
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Tim Wilkes, II

Afternoon

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Opening Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Billy Bland
	Jim Jackson
	Kevin Dixon
Closing Prayer	

Wednesday, March 18

Song Leader	Noah Davis
Prayer	John Wofford
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Tim Meredith

TECH:	John Wofford
HALL:	Jim & Mischel Jackson