

CHURCH of CHRIST

March 31, 2020

IN OUR PRAYERS: Jerry & Erma Endly, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Tina Keith, Kathy Mayo and Flavil Miller.

SHUT-INS: Audrey Burns, Jack Mitchell and Shirley Patterson.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS: Nellie Richard, Weston Boulet, (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Dan Doudna (Wilma Roe's relative), Bob & Patty Eddy, Carmie Green (Flavil Miller's sister), Herb Hamilton (friend of the Starrett's), Bob & Donna Henthorn (Laura Jamiel's parents), Collene Keister, (Mo Smith's sister), Les McCollum (friend of Deb McGath), Erica Rich, Shirley Roe, Mona Stoffer (Flavil Miller's daughter), Mitch Vick, Bob & Marge Watson and remember to pray for one another.

- **Cathy Mayo** spent a few days in the hospital in Myrtle Beach, SC but has been released. She a Richard got home Monday evening.
- **Richard Lambert** has a tumor and was to begin chemotherapy on April 1st.
- Our spring *Gospel Meeting* with **Roger Rush** and also, **The Silent Sister** gathering is postponed until further notice.

Greetings, brethren and friends.

I certainly pray this finds you well and that you are coping with the stay-at-home order in good spirits. It seems that it has been so long since Tina and I have gotten to see you all. With the new recommendations from the White House and the C.D.C., it seems that it will be sometime in May before we get to assemble for worship with one another.

This certainly is a trying time, and be sure that Satan is working overtime to try us, to discourage us and to convince us that we don't really need Christ or His church. He wants us to think that since we are not meeting for worship and we haven't suffered major catastrophe, that it's just not important. Don't fall for it!

Some of you have expressed to me on the phone, or on *Facebook* that you have missed the assembly; I have missed it too! I need that fellowship! And without it a major part of life is missing. I encourage you to continue reading your Bibles and studying the life-giving word of God. As a reminder, sermons from past services are available on the church web site and I plan to deliver lessons on *Facebook Live* each Sunday and Wednesday evenings. The only reason I am not doing Sunday mornings is because there are so many congregations live streaming at that time, that there have been problems with "drag" from all the live presentations. I will not be making any announcements during these live broadcasts in an effort to avoid violating HIPAA privacy laws. Further announcements regarding the congregation will be handled in this newsletter. I realize that not all of you have a *Facebook* account and at the moment I'm not sure how to address that; I'm open to suggestions.

Please continue to follow the state and federal guidelines until we get past this pandemic. If you need anything, or know somebody that is in need, please let me know. Too many of us have too much to let somebody go without. Be blessed and I pray God's richest blessings upon you all—JK.

THE BIBLE AND SCIENCE: QUARANTINE

Our lives are full of "firsts". First day at school, first day on the job; first date, first child, and on, and on. This is the first time I, and many of you, have been, more or less, *quarantined*. According to the *Center for Disease Control*,

The practice of quarantine, as we know it, began during the 14th century [A.D.] in an effort to protect coastal cities from plague epidemics. Ships arriving in Venice from infected ports were required to sit at anchor for 40 days before landing. This practice, called quarantine, was derived from the Italian words *quaranta giorni* which mean 40 days (<https://www.cdc.gov/>).

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....7 p.m.

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It must have seemed like a major, medical breakthrough when the first physician(s) discovered this phenomenon. One wonders how much pleading was involved to convince the people of the day, much less the authorities, that the simple practice of isolation could prevent, or at least retard, the spread of infectious disease. Imagine the elation when quarantine was finally held as the standard practice for infectious disease control and folks who experienced infection and had lost loved ones now had a ray of hope for when the next epidemic broke out!

Question: why did it take until the 1300's for us to seize upon this simple practice to save lives and prevent untold misery? Some might say, "Why wouldn't it? What are you getting at, John"? Note following from the writings of Moses:

And the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron, saying: "When a man has on the skin of his body a swelling, a scab, or a bright spot, and it becomes on the skin of his body *like* a leprous sore, then he shall be brought to Aaron the priest or to one of his sons the priests. The priest shall examine the sore on the skin of the body; and if the hair on the sore has turned white, and the sore appears *to be* deeper than the skin of his body, it *is* a leprous sore. Then the priest shall examine him, and pronounce him unclean. But if the bright spot *is* white on the skin of his body, and does not appear *to be* deeper than the skin, and its hair has not turned white, then the priest shall **isolate** *the one who has* the sore seven days. And the priest shall examine him on the seventh day; and indeed *if* the sore appears to be as it was, *and* the sore has not spread on the skin, then the priest shall **isolate** him another seven days (Lev. 13:1-5 emp. added).

When we consider that God gave Moses this law sometime between the 16th and 13th centuries B.C., does it not seem incredible that man didn't "discover" the benefits of "isolation" (quarantine) until some twenty-nine centuries later?

The Bible is an amazing book—accurate in every detail, and what's more, is that the Bible has given man the answers to problems way ahead of man finding the solutions on his own. We call this, scientific foreknowledge and it is very compelling evidence that the Bible is an inspired document and worthy of our trust—*JK*.

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