

witnessing and what we can learn from it. At the mere suggestion of infection, just the possibility of a threat to our health and safety, people are mobilizing to raid stores for groceries and medical supplies. It's an indication that people take their health seriously and are willing to do what is necessary to protect it. They are willing to spend money from savings. They are willing to cancel travel plans and vacations. They are willing to isolate themselves for weeks at a time, to prevent exposure to the virus or the spread of it. They are sharing what they know, to warn others and educate those that may not be aware of the concern. They are willing to make adjustments to diet and exercise, in order to strengthen the body and minimize the effects. All of that for something we don't yet fully understand.

There is another problem we face, far worse than Covid-19. God calls it sin, a transgression of His will (1 John 3:4). It may not kill the body, but it does kill the soul (Matt. 10:27-28). It eats away at the heart of mankind, like a cancer (2 Tim. 2:17-18)—searing the conscious (1 Tim. 4:1) and disrupting fellowship with our Creator (Rom. 3:23). Ultimately, it kills us (Rom. 6:23).

Yet, where is the alarm? Where are the scores of people running to bookstores for Bibles? Where is the movement to filter out the grotesque content on our televisions and computers, lest our hearts be corrupted by filth? Where is the effort to strengthen our spiritual immune system, through regular communication with God and worshipping with the saints? Where is the willingness to dig deep in our pockets and give sacrificially, in order to warn people of sin's dangers and preach its cure? Where is the endless media coverage about the sacrifice of Jesus, and how His blood can make us whole? Where is the conviction to refuse certain activities and places because of exposure to sin? Where is the overwhelming sorrow for sin in this world, evidenced in humble and contrite hearts?

Do you see the problem? I'm not saying that people should give up on efforts to protect themselves physically. Health is important. Take precautions. Pray for healing and a treatment. But whatever this new virus is or isn't, sin is far worse. The way we often we treat physical threats, with an all-consuming passion, reveals so much about where our heart is at. This world is not our home. We aren't going to stay here forever. It would be a shame to win one battle but lose the one that is most important (Matt. 16:26). So in all the hustle and bustle over Covid-19, let's remember that there's a more pressing and eternal consideration.

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday: 9:30am (Bible Classes), 10:30am & 5pm (worship); Wednesday: 7pm (Bible classes)
Minister's Office Hours: Monday through Thursday, 9:00 - Noon



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“Covid-19 and Sin” David B. Smith

Have you been to the store for hand-sanitizer and toilet paper yet? Don't bother; it isn't there. People far and wide are purging the shelves of stores for things they can stock in preparation for the Coronavirus (Covid-19). I'm sure you've seen panic like this before. It happens from time-to-time. Something transpires, then reports are issued (even before we understand it completely) and we all rush out to buy every drop of gas or every jar of Germ-x we can find. I am certainly no virologist. I'm not a consultant for the CDC. And I'm not giving people advice one way or another about the new virus that's going around. I do want to reflect on the panic we are

The Past Week

Bible Class: 105
PM Worship: 111

10:30 Worship: 168
Wednesday: 96
Contribution: \$7,427

Sunday's Sermon

AM: Guest Speaker Kirk Eason, South Africa Bible College

Men to Serve

AM: Opening Prayer – Bobby Haynes Announcements – Art Greer
PM: Opening Prayer – Carroll Oxford Closing Prayer – Chris Randolph
Wednesday: Opening – Tom Greer Closing – Toby Ward
All Week: Lock Building – Brad Jones Hall Monitor – Keith Herron

(Men, check duty roster on bulletin board and let George Farmer or Curt Stewart know if unable to serve)

Prayer List

James Anderson	Judy Germ	Loretta Leffew
Patricia Anthony	Tommie Grandfield	Judy Lusk
Jim Bethune	Sarah Grasham	Tony Miller
Nancy Birch	Bill Greer	Lexi Owens
Mike Bouldin	Fred Hafley	Carlos Shannon
Jennifer Bradford	Kathy Hamilton	Janice Smith
Marjorie Cagle	Susie Hargis	Bessie Smithson
Isaac Cooper	Grayson Ledbetter	Diane Stacy
Danny Curvin		John Webster

Our Sick and Recovering

- **James Actkinson** is scheduled for release from Erlanger Hospital on Friday and then will move to Life Care of Hixson for physical therapy.
- **Clint Hopkins** remains in Life Care of Hixson under hospice care. Remember Clint and his family in prayer during this difficult period.

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

April's calendar is on the table in the foyer. Please check that your family's birthdays and anniversaries are correct and included, but do not remove it.

Birthdays

15 – Becky Tumblin
16 – Jayce Scoggins
17 – Nathaniel Bellomy, Talen Dupree
19 – Carlidine Pell, Larry Nave

Anniversaries

None this week

Announcements

- **Guest Speaker:** This morning, we are glad to welcome Kirk Eason who is with us from South Africa Bible College speaking at both our Sunday School and Worship hours.
- **Mission Trip:** Those who are interested in traveling to Panama for a VBS Mission trip this summer should contact Allen Womack at the East Ridge congregation. Currently there are four spaces still open.
- **Disaster Relief:** This week North Hamilton sent much needed funds to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief to assist victims of the recent tornados in and near Nashville. Funds provided specifically for this by members were also sent.
- **Cancellation:** The previously announced Ladies' Day at East Ridge that many here had planned to attend has been cancelled.

Upcoming Events

Additional information for these events is available on the bulletin board.

March 27 – 7:00 PM, Gospel Singing at the Middle Valley

March 29 – Quarterly fellowship meal, sign-up sheet to help on the table in the foyer.

March 29-31 – Gospel Meeting at Hall Church of Christ in Dunlap

April 5-8 – Gospel Meeting at Big Spring in Decatur, TN, with speaker Eddy Craft

April 5-8 – Gospel Meeting at White Oak with speaker Stephen Sutton

April 17-19 – East Ridge Lectureship with speakers Cliff Goodwin, Eric Garner, and Kyle Butt

April 18 – Ladies Day at East Main in Murfreesboro

April 25 – Ladies' Day at Soddy with speaker Laura Boyd