

March 13, 2020

Greetings Saint Mark family,

We have been closely tracking the progression of the current coronavirus/COVID-19 outbreak. In the last 24 hours, the number of confirmed cases has climbed to six in the Central Arkansas area. This has prompted changes in our health and safety precautions released on March 11.

After careful consideration and prayer, the Board of Elders and I have decided to revise our upcoming weekly service schedule. As leaders, it is our spiritual and civic duty to make decisions that are in the best interests of our congregation and community. Please know that we take very seriously your physical health as much as your spiritual health and do not make these changes lightly. It is our greatest desire for each of you to remain safe and healthy during this season.

Following the recommended precautions of our city's leadership and health professionals, we are limiting our gatherings to fewer than 200 people. We want to be a part of the solution to suppress exposure to the highly contagious disease. The following outlines changes to our worship, meeting and event schedules:

- **We will have ONE service at 10 a.m. on Sunday, March 15, TO BE VIEWED VIA FACEBOOK AND LIVESTREAM ONLY.** This means our campus will NOT host members and guests on Sunday, in order to keep our live in-sanctuary attendance at a minimum.
- **We will only have evening Bible Study on Wednesday, March 18, TO BE VIEWED VIA FACEBOOK AND LIVESTREAM ONLY.** We will NOT host members and guests on campus on Wednesday.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO REGULARLY SUPPORT SMBC FINANCIALLY** through your consistent giving of tithes and offerings through use of your giving envelopes, the Saint Mark app, and the PushPay app, both of which can be downloaded from the app store of your digital device. The church offices will be open during regular business hours for those who want to bring their contributions and leave them in the giving boxes in the Atrium.

Those who choose to mail their contributions to the church should use this mailing address:

Saint Mark Baptist Church
5722 W. 12th Street, Little Rock, AR 72204
ATTN: SMBC FINANCE COMMITTEE

- **ALL OTHER MINISTRY MEETINGS, REHEARSALS, AND ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Please continue to pray for our world, our leaders, and health professionals, as well as the most vulnerable among us. Continue to look for regular church updates via e-Blasts, social media, and the Saint Mark app.

With all Christian Sincerity,


Pastor Phillip L. Pointer, Sr. D.Min.

