

May 8, 2020

Greetings Saint Mark family,

I hope that you and your family are well and staying safe during this COVID-19 crisis. It has been an adjustment not being able to gather and fellowship with everyone on a weekly basis, but we know that taking the necessary precautions and staying socially responsible by distancing will help in our collective fight against this highly infectious disease.

As many of you know our state officials have begun to ease restrictions for small groups to begin operating regular activities with many precautions. As we continue to consider the safety and health of our members and guests, the Board of Elders and I have decided to maintain our current status of online services only. This decision comes as we consider the advice of our health professionals, and the guidelines for continued social distancing set forth by the CDC. Please know that we take very seriously your physical health as much as your spiritual health and make our decisions seeking wisdom from God.

Thank you to everyone who has remained faithful in your online worship attendance, some connecting in that way for the first time during this season. It is my prayer that you are finding creative ways to worship together with your family. And your response to the call of faithfulness in giving is amazing! Your weekly gifts are helping us impact families and businesses throughout Central Arkansas at a time when they need it most and we are grateful for your participation in the efforts of The Restoration Project.

As we move forward, please continue to follow our guidelines for worship:

- **We will have ONE service at 10 a.m. on Sundays and our Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. until further notice, TO BE VIEWED VIA FACEBOOK, YOUTUBE, AND LIVESTREAM ONLY.** This means our campus will NOT host members and guests on Sunday or Wednesday.
- **PLEASE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT SMBC FINANCIALLY** through your consistent giving of tithes and offerings. You may give electronically through 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 ON CAMPUS 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.

